

X/4 C/S - IZVESTIA SAYS SOVIETS DETERMINED TO CRUSH COUNTER-

REVOLUTION

MOSCOW, AUGUST 23 (CMD)- THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT PAPER IZVESTIA SAID IN REPORTS FROM PRAGUE TODAY THAT "SOVIET SOLDIERS ARE FULLY RESOLVED TO FULFILL THEIR INTERNATIONALIST DUTY, TO HELP THE CZECHOSLOVAK BROTHERS CRUSH THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION AND UPHOLD THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM."

THE STATEMENT FOLLOWED SEVERAL REFERENCES TO PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS BY PRAGUE "HOOLIGANS" AND COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES, WHO, "IN SOME PLACES...OPENED FIRE."

HOWEVER, IZVESTIA CORRESPONDENT VAL. GOLTSEV ADDED, THAT "SOVIET SOLDIERS REMAINED CALM DESPITE THE DANGER."

THE REPORT WAS CARRIED BY TASS.

THE CORRESPONDENT ALLEGED THAT PRAGUE PROVOCATEURS "ARE NOT RPT NOT SCRUPULOUS" IN THEIR CHOICE OF METHODS IN SEEKING TO "AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION. THUS THEY ORGANISE FREQUENT RIDES OF AMBULANCES THROUGH THE STREETS WITH THE AIM OF CREATING THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE ARE MANY WOUNDED IN THE TOWN."

HE ALSO WROTE THAT "SUCH PUBLICATIONS AS 'PRACE' AND 'LITERARNI LISTY' CAME OUT YESTERDAY WITH SLANDEROUS ATTACKS ON THE SOVIET UNION AND COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW TREATY ORGANISATION."

GOLTSEV ALSO CHARGED "THE PROVOCATEURS, THE JOURNALISTS OF THESE PUBLICATIONS" WITH PRINTING FALSEFIED STORIES AND PHOTOGRAPHS. HE CITED A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING A TANK AND A NEARBY WRECKED CAR, WHICH HAD APPEARED IN A NEWSPAPER WITH THE CAPTION "NO COMMENT." GOLTSEV SAID THE CAR HAD RAMMED THE IMMOBILE TANK. THIS HAD EVIDENTLY BEEN DONE "IN STRICT COORDINATION WITH THE CAMERAMAN WHO, NATURALLY, WAS ON THE SPOT TO TAKE THE PICTURE."

HE ACCUSED PROVOCATEURS OF INCITING THE PEOPLE IN PRAGUE. AND ALSO SAID THAT "THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES ARE NOT RPT NOT GIVING UP THEIR POSITIONS WITHOUT A FIGHT."