

## ATTRIBUTION REQUIRED

X/4 C/S - LITERARNI LISTY ON CS NEUTRALITY

MUNICH, AUGUST 23 (CMD)-- THE CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS UNION WEEKLY LITERARNI LISTY SAID TODAY THAT IF CZECHOSLOVAKS NOW CALLED FOR CSSR NEUTRALITY, IT WAS BECAUSE "THEY ARE AWARE OF THE FACTUAL NEUTRALITY INTO WHICH THE COUNTRY HAS TIME AND AGAIN BEEN THROWN THROUGH THE VIOLENCE OF HISTORY."

THE COMMENTARY WAS CONTAINED IN A SINGLE-PAGE ISSUE OF THE WEEKLY WHICH APPEARED ON THE STREETS TODAY, ACCORDING TO A BROADCAST BY RADIO FREE PRAGUE.

LITERARNI LISTY SAID IT SEEMED TO BE A FACT THAT THE COUNTRY HAD BEEN PSYCHOLOGICALLY PREPARED FOR NEUTRALITY FOR YEARS.

THE ARTICLE NOTED THE EXAMPLE OF THE ARMY WHICH LIKE ARMIES EVERYWHERE HAD BEEN BUILT-UP AND MAINTAINED FOR YEARS "BUT MOMENTS FOR WHICH THE ARMY IS CREATED WE BEHAVE LIKE A NEUTRAL STATE." HE SAID THIS REACTION WAS QUITE INVOLUNTARY, AND WITHOUT THE ADVANTAGES THAT A FORMAL STATUS OF NEUTRALITY WOULD BRING.

LITERARNI LISTY SAID THE QUESTION OF WHETHER NEUTRALIZATION WAS THE CORRECT SOLUTION WAS NOW THEORETICAL.

"HOWEVER, WHAT WAS INVOLVED IN THE PAST THREE DAYS WAS NEITHER PACIFISM NOR COWARDNESS OR ABSTRACT REFLECTIONS, BUT RATHER A SIMPLE EXPRESSION OF DISPAIR OVER OUR POSITION.

"IF PEOPLE CALL FOR NEUTRALITY DE JURE IT IS BECAUSE THEY ARE AWARE OF THE FACTUAL NEUTRALITY INTO WHICH WE ARE PARADOXICALLY TIME AND AGAIN THROWN THROUGH VIOLENCE OF HISTORY," THE COMMENTARY SAID. (RADIO FREE PRAGUE DOMESTIC/M, AUG 23, 1962)

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