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(CN 45) XXX SAID

TITO SAID THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP HAD OBVIOUSLY NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE <sup>E</sup>REACTION OF COMMUNIST PARTIES AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, NOR THE FACT THAT THE INVASION WOULD PROVIDE A HANDLE FOR THE ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM.

"IN A WORD, THE LEADERS OF THE USSR VISUALISED THE CONSEQUENCES VERY INCORRECTLY. IT IS SIMPLY INCREDIBLE THAT THEY COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT."

TITO EMPHASISED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERSHIP HAD NO INTENTION OF ALLOWING ANY REVIVAL OF A MULTI-PARTY SYSTEM, AND WHILE IT HAD SEVERAL IDEAS ABOUT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS "THERE WERE NO JUSTIFIED REASONS FOR THE INVASION."

TITO "DID NOT DENY THAT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THERE WERE ELEMENTS HOSTILE TO SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT." SAID TANJUG. "HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE SUCH ELEMENTS IN ALL COUNTRIES, EVEN IN THE SOVIET UNION."

TITO ALSO SAID THAT "THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY, PEOPLE AND ARMY HAD STRENGTH ENOUGH TO PREVENT ANY EXCESSES BREAKING OUT."

(TANJUG AUG 24)

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