

X/13 GDR - SED: SUCCESS OF BONN OSTPOLITIK TANTAMOUNT TO WAR

BERLIN, AUG. 24 (RFE SPECIAL/WULFF)- EAST GERMANY'S NEWSPAPERS TODAY CONTINUED TO DEFEND THE MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN THEIR EDITORIALS.

THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN PARTY NEWSPAPER NEUES DEUTSCHLAND CLAIMED THAT A SUCCESS OF BONN'S OSTPOLITIK WOULD HAVE LED TO A CATASTROPHY.

"THROUGH THE AID GIVEN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGAINST THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION THE WEST GERMAN IMPERIALISTS HAVE SUFFERED A SERIOUS DEFEAT. OUR MUTUAL CAUSE, THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM, REGISTERED A SUCCESS," NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID.

THE ACTION BY THE FIVE WARSAW PACT STATES WAS "EFFECTIVE FAR BEYOND THE BORDERS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA...A CATASTROPHY WAS PREVENTED. HAD THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA SUCCEEDED, HAD IMPERIALISM BEEN ABLE TO BREAK CZECHOSLOVAKIA AWAY FROM THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND HAD NATO POSITIONS BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS -- THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A CATASTROPHY, THAT WOULD HAVE MEANT WAR," NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID.

BECAUSE OF THIS, THE "DETERMINED AND EFFECTIVE ACTION AIMING AT STRENGTHENING SOCIALISM IN OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTRY WAS CLEARLY IN LINE WITH THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND EUROPEAN SECURITY," THE PAPER SAID.

NEUES DEUTSCHLAND QUOTED FROM THE "APPEAL FOR HELP OF THE PATRIOTIC AND INTERNATIONALISTIC FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA" WHICH SAID "ONLY AS A SOCIALIST STATE IN FIRM ALLIANCE WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND WITH THE PEOPLES OF ALL COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY COULD CZECHOSLOVAKIA SUCCEED IN DEVELOPING INTO A SOVEREIGN STATE AND COULD ANOTHER MUNICH BE PREVENTED."

THE SEMI-OFFICIAL (EAST) BERLINER ZEITUNG SAID "SOMEBODY WANTED TO EAST BOHEMIAN KNOEDEL. THE FORK WAS READY, AND THERE WAS ALSO A SHARP KNIFE. BUT THE ARMS WERE TOO SHORT. THE POLICY OF SOCIALIST BROTHER STATES MAKES THAT THE DANGEROUS ARMS OF THE IMPERIALISTS ARE TOO SHORT. SOCIALIST POLICY IS GOOD. THE STRONGER THE ARMS OF THE WORKERS ARE THE MORE SUCCESSFUL IT IS."

THE PAPER EMPHASIZED THAT EAST GERMANY'S POLICY WAS AIMING AT SECURING PEACE, AT STRENGTHENING SOCIALISM AND AT SERVING THE PEOPLE. THEREFORE "IT WAS AND IS NECESSARY TO BEAT THE ENEMIES OF THE WORKERS."

NEUE ZEIT, THE NEWSPAPER OF THE PRO-REGIME EAST GERMAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, SAID "LIKE ON AUG 13, 1961 (WHEN THE WALL WAS BUILT IN BERLIN) MILITARY FORCES HAD TO SECURE PEACE TO PREVENT OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTRY FROM FALLING IN LINE WITH THE IMPERIALIST CAMP," ADDING THAT ONLY AFTER AUG. 13 EAST GERMANY HAD BECOME A PROSPERING COUNTRY WHICH HAD CONTRIBUTED TO STRENGTHENING THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

THE NEWSPAPER OF THE WEST BERLIN COMMUNIST PARTY, SED, "DIE WAHRHEIT," TODAY SAID IN AN EDITORIAL "THE NEW OSTPOLITIK (OF THE BONN GOVERNMENT) WAS UNABLE TO DELIVER ITS MASTERPIECE. THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS NO LONGER FREE TO ACT."

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