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X/4 C/S - TANJUG: CASTRO SURPRISES

MUNICH, AUG.24 (CMD)- THE YUGOSLAV AGENCY TANJUG SAID TODAY THERE HAD BEEN "SURPRISE" THAT CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO BLAMED THE UNITED STATES AND YUGOSLAVIA FOR THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN A SPEECH DELIVERED LAST NIGHT BY CASTRO, TANJUG QUOTED THE PREMIER AS SAYING THE INTERVENTION OF WARSAW PACT TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS POLITICALLY CORRECT ALTHOUGH LEGALLY IT WAS A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL NORMS OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF COUNTRIES.

THE TANJUG DISPATCH ON CASTRO'S SPEECH SAID:

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"CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO STATED LAST NIGHT THAT THE INTERVENTION OF THE TROOPS OF THE WARSAW PACT AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS POLITICALLY CORRECT AND THE ONLY ONE POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH FROM THE LEGAL POINT OF VIEW IT WAS A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL NORMS ON SOVEREIGNTY OF COUNTRIES.

"TO THE GREAT SUPRISE OF FOREIGN OBSERVERS IN HIS SPEECH, WHICH LASTED OVER THREE HOURS, FIDEL CASTRO SHIFTED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO THE UNITED STATES AND YUGOSLAVIA. FIDEL CASTRO CHARGED THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS OF YUGOSLAVIA WITH BEING THE MAIN IMPERIALIST AGENT IN THE COMMUNIST WORLD,... ACCORDING TO CASTRO'S ASSESSMENT RAPID PLUNGING OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA INTO CAPITALISM AND THE HANDS OF IMPERIALISTS, IS A LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE OF THE COURSE OF LIBERALIZATION, ECONOMIC REFORMS AND INTERNATIONAL COEXISTENCE WHICH, HE SAID, ARE BEING ALSO FOLLOWED BY THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT.

"THIS IS WHY FOR RESTORING THE SITUATION BACK TO NORMAL, CASTRO RECOMMENDED TO THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES THE CUBAN ROAD INCLUDING THE GIVING UP OF ECONOMIC REFORMS, LIBERALIZATION AND ESPECIALLY THE POLICY OF COEXISTENCE.

"WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE LECTURES TO ANYONE, CASTRO SAID FURTHER ON, "BUT THAT WHICH WORRIES US THE MOST IN THIS WHOLE MATTER ROUND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IS NOT THE OCCUPATION, SINCE THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY OUT FOR THE SOCIALIST CAMP, BUT THE FACT THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT ARE FORGETTING IN THEIR ANALYSES THAT ALL THIS IS THE DOING OF THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS AS WELL AS OF THE INFLUENCE OF IMPERIALIST AGENTS FROM THE SO-CALLED LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS OF YUGOSLAVIA.

(TANJUG IN ENGLISH, AUG.24)

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