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X/4 CS - TASS QUOTES CASTRO AS BLAMING YUGOSLAVIA (W/CN-89)

MUNICH, AUG 24 (CMD)- THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS TODAY QUOTED CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO AS SAYING THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST PARTY WAS THE "PRINCIPAL INSPIRER, UPHOLDER AND PROMOTER OF THE DEPARTURE FROM MARXISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

THE TASS DISPATCH ALSO SAID:

"THE CUBAN PRIME MINISTER REFERRED IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE ROLE OF IMPERIALISM IN THE DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE STRESSED THAT WASHINGTON WAS SUPPORTING THE SO-CALLED LIBERAL TRENDS IN ORDER TO BREED RESENTMENT AND OPPOSITION TO SOCIALISM. CASTRO SAID THAT THE STATEMENTS AND EXPLANATIONS PUBLISHED BY THE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE SENT THEIR FORCES TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONTAIN NO RPT NO DIRECT CHARGES AGAINST AMERICAN IMPERIALISM."

(CMD)- CASTRO ALSO SAID CZECHOSLOVAK SOVEREIGNTY HAD BEEN "FLAGRANTLY" VIOLATED AND THAT THIS COULD NOT RPT NOT BE "DEFENDED LEGALLY." THE TASS REPORT DID NOT RPT NOT MENTION THIS PORTION OF HIS SPEECH.

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