

X/4 C/S - SIK SAYS DUBCEK TOOK PART IN MOSCOW TALKS

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SIK TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE TODAY THAT PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK TOOK PART IN MOSCOW TALKS BETWEEN SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS, TANJUG REPORTED.

THE YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY SAID SIK'S STATEMENT ON DUBCEK'S PARTICIPATION IN THE KREMLIN TALKS "WAS AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTRY."

TANJUG SAID THAT SIK RETURNED TO BELGRADE AFTER TALKS YESTERDAY IN BUCHAREST WITH RUMANIAN LEADERS. HE WAS IN YUGOSLAVIA WHEN WARSAW PACT TROOPS INVADED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

SIK TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS "A HEAVY BLOW FOR OUR PEOPLE," TANJUG SAID.

"RUMOURS ABOUT THE ALLEGED STRENGTHENING OF ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA," TANJUG QUOTED HIM AS SAYING, "HAVE BEEN MERELY A POLITICAL CAMOUFLAGE.

SIK SAID CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S WARSAW PACT ALLIES DID NOT RPT NOT FEEL "JEOPARDIZED BY ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES BUT BY THE STRENGTHENING OF THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA," TANJUG REPORTED.

THE YUGOSLAV AGENCY QUOTED HIM AS SAYING THAT EVERY SOCIALIST COUNTRY IS ENTITLED TO "DETERMINE SPECIFIC NORMS FOR ITS SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT THAT SUIT IT BEST".

ONLY SELF-SEEKING "DOGMATICIANS AND POLITICIANS" DO NOT RPT NOT RECOGNIZE THIS CONCEPT, SIK WAS QUOTED AS TELLING THE REPORTERS.

"THE DOGMATIC FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA," SIK SAID, "TRIED TO RENDER IMPOSSIBLE THE HOLDING OF THE 14TH CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY AND TO MAKE IMPOSSIBLE DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS FOR ALL LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF OUR SOCIETY."

TANJUG SAID THAT SIK WARNED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE WOULD NEVER "RECONCILE THEMSELVES TO THE OCCUPATION BY FOREIGN TROOPS." CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS, HE SAID, WILL ALSO NEVER ALLOW THE LIBERALIZATION TO BE STOPPED.

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