

X/4 C/S - PRAVDA ATTACKS CHOU FOR REMARKS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

MOSCOW, AUG 25 (CMD) -- THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER PRAVDA TODAY SHARPLY CRITICISED CHINESE PREMIER CHOU EN LAI FOR ATTACKING THE SOVIET UNION OVER THE INVASION OF CHINA.

(CMD: ON AUGUST 23 CHOU EN LAI SAID AT A RECEPTION MARKING RUMANIA'S NATIONAL DAY THAT THE INVASION AMOUNTED TO "FASCIST POWER POLITICS", AND WARNED HIS HOSTS THAT "RUMANIA IS NOW FACING THE DANGER OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND AGGRESSION.")

TODAY, PRAVDA COMMENTATOR YURI ZHUKOV SAID THAT CHOU'S SPEECH "OPENLY PROCLAIMED THE COMPLETE AND UNRESERVED SOLIDARITY OF THE PAKING LEADERS WITH THE ANTI-SOCIALIST COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES OPERATING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND COLLUDING WITH IMPERIALIST REACTION.

"BY TAKING SUCH A POSITION," HE SAID "MAO TSE TUNG'S GROUP IN WHICH, AS IS KNOWN, CHOU EN LAI PLAYS ONE OF THE MAIN ROLES, OPENLY SHOWED THE WHOLE THE REAL WORTH OF ITS LOUD HARANGUES DIRECTED AGAINST IMPERIALISM.

"THIS GROUP LASHES OUT VERBALLY AGAINST IMPERIALISM, BUT IN ITS DEEDS SUPPORTS ACTIONS UNLEASHED BY IMERIALISM'S AGENTS IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY."

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