

X/4 CS - TODOROV: CURRENT DEVELOPMENT JUSTIFIES INTERVENTION

MUNICH, AUG 25 (CMD)- BULGARIAN POLITBURO MEMBER STANKO TODOROV ACCUSED YUGOSLAVIA, RUMANIA, AND CHINA TODAY OF PLAYING AN UNENVIABLE ROLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS.

TODOROV ALSO SAID THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA NOW PROVED THE CORRECTNESS OF THE INTERVENTION.

TODOROV MADE A SPEECH NEAR SLIVEN, CENTRAL BULGARIA ON THE OCCASION OF A FESTIVITY IN MEMORY OF UPRISERS AGAINST THE TURKS 100 YEARS AGO, RADIO SOFIA REPORTED.

REFERRING TO THE DECISION OF FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES TO MEET "THE REQUEST OF A GROUP OF CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY AND STATE LEADERS" FOR HELP, TODOROV SAID:

"COULD WE REFUSE TO RESPOND? COULD WE REMAIN INDIFFERENT OBSERVERS OF A REPRISAL AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS, OF A LIQUIDATION OF THE SOCIALIST ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLES? COULD WE STAND IDLE AND WAIT FOR THE ENEMIES TO TEAR OUT THE C.S.S.R. FROM THE SOCIALIST CAMP, TO INFLICT A HARD BLOW IN THE HEART FO SOCIALISM? WE COULD NOT RPT NOT.

"HESITATION, WAITING, AND IDLING AT SUCH A DECISIVE, HISTORICAL MOMENT WOULD BE EQUAL TOA BETRAYAL OF OUR GREAT CAUSE," TODOROV ADDED.

"WE KNEW VERY WELL, COMRADES, THAT THE PROPAGANDA CENTRES OF THE BOURGEOISIE WILL RAISE A HOWL UP TO THE SKIES. THAT HOWL IS UNDER- STANDABLE.

"IT IS NOT RPT NOT UNDERSTANDABLE WHY THAT CHORUS OF WOLVES IS JOINED BY SOME OTHERS WHO ARE CONSIDERED TO BE OUR FRIENDS. WITH THEIR ACTIONS THEY TAKE A GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE THEIR PARTIES AND NATIONS, BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, BEFORE THE CAUSE OF THE WORLD PROGRESS," HE SAID.

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