

(ATtribution REQUIRED)

WARSAW, AUG.25, REUTER - THE POLISH ARMY'S FIRST DEPUTY POLITICAL CHIEF SAID TODAY THAT "ZIONIST FORCES" SHARED THE BLAME FOR "THE REAL THREAT OF TRANSITION FROM SOCIALISM TO CAPITALISM" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

MAJOR-GENERAL JAN CZAPLA, WHO VISITED POLISH OCCUPATION TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TWO DAYS AGO, MADE THE CLAIM IN AN ARTICLE IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER TRYBUNA LUDU.

HE SAID DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA SINCE LAST JANUARY--WHEN MR. ALEXANDER DUBCEK'S REFORMIST COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP OUSTED THE CONSERVATIVE REGIME OF FORMER PARTY CHIEF ANTONIN NOVOTNY-- "IRREFUTABLY INDICATED THE ORGANISED ANTI-SOCIALIST ACTIVITY OF REVISIONIST, NATIONALIST AND ZIONIST FORCES."

GENERAL CZAPLA COMPARED CZECHOSLOVAK DEVELOPMENTS WITH STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN POLAND LAST MARCH AND SAID THAT IN BOTH PROCESSES THERE WAS "AN EXTREMELY VIGOROUS COMBINATION OF REVISIONISM AND ZIONISM."

THIS WAS A COMMON ELEMENT IN THE "ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES" IN BOTH COUNTRIES, CONSTITUTING AN INTERNATIONAL BRIDGEHEAD OF IMPERIALISM, AND DOING EVERYTHING TO "UTILISE ITS EXTENSIVE INFLUENCE THROUGH ANTI-SOCIALIST INFILTRATION", GENERAL CZAPLA SAID.

BUT IN POLAND ZIONIST EFFORTS WERE EFFECTIVELY NIPPED IN THE BUD, WHILE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THEY WENT SO FAR AS TO DIRECTLY THREATEN THE FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIALISM, AIMING TO CREATE A BREACH IN THE WARSAW PACTS SOUTHERN FLANK, HE ADDED.

"ZIONISTS" - POLISH JEWS - ALLEGED TO BE DISLOYAL - WERE HEAVILY ATTACKED EARLIER THIS YEAR, ALONG WITH "REVISIONISTS", AND DISCREDITED FORMER STALINISTS AFTER STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT POLAND IN MARCH.

MANY JEWS WERE EXPELLED FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND LOST THEIR JOBS. THEY WERE ACCUSED OF TRYING TO OVERTHROW THE LEADERSHIP OF PARTY CHIEF WLADYSLAW GOMULKA UNDER COVER OF A CAMPAIGN FOR INTELLECTUAL AND POLITICAL FREEDOM. (P) PRW/U 2011/6813