

X/4 C/S - PRAVDA: DIFFICULT TIMES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

MUNICH, AUG 26 (CMD)- THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER, PRAVDA, PUBLISHED A DISPATCH FROM PRAGUE TODAY THAT SAID CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS NOW LIVING THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES.

TASS SAID THE DISPATCH WAS WRITTEN BY PRAVDA CORRESPONDENTS VASILY ZHURAVSKY AND VIKTOR MAYEVSKY.

"THEY WRITE," TASS SAID, "THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS NOW LIVING THROUGH TRYING AND TROUBLED DAYS.

"BUT THOSE WHO TRY TO CONVINCE PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THAT THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE TROOPS OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES ENTERED CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE TRYING TO PASS THE EFFECT FOR THE CAUSE.

" THE REAL CAUSE OF THE COMPLICATION OF THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY IS THE RAMPAGE OF ANTI-SOCIALIST COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS, THEIR CONSPIRACY AGAINST SOCIALISM AND PEACE INSTIGATED BY REACTIONARY FORCES BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

TASS SAID PRAVDA ALSO PUBLISHED A DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON, BY CORRESPONDENTS G. RATIANI AND B STRELNIKOV, WHICH DESCRIBES "THE CAMPAIGN OF SLANDER" NOW BEING WAGED IN THE UNITED STATES AGAINST "THE MEASURES" WHICH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TOOK IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA MACHINE," THE WASHINGTON DISPATCH SAID, "IS WORKING IN FULL GEAR SO AS TO BRING BACK THE CLIMATE OF 'COLD WAR' TO THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, TO SLANDER THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND TO CREATE THE ATMOSPHERE OF ANTI-COMMUNIST HYSTERIA.

"THE AIMS OF THIS CAMPAIGN ARE OBVIOUS. THE AGGRESSIVE CIRCLES OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD LIKE TO DISTRACT THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD PUBLIC FROM THE CRIMES COMMITTED IN VIETNAM."
(TASS IN ENGLISH, AUG 26)