

X/4 C/S - EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SAYS PRAVDA

MUNICH, AUG. 26 (CMD)- PRAVDA DECLARED TODAY THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD BECOME THE SCENE FOR AN EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION.

AS QUOTED BY TASS, PRAVDA SAID:

"CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS NOW BECOME AN IMPORTANT SECTOR OF STRUGGLE BETWEEN FORCES OF IMPERIALIST REACTION AND COUNTER-REVOLUTION, ON THE ONE HAND, AND FORCES OF SOCIALISM, ON THE OTHER.

"NOT RPT NOT DARING AN OUTRIGHT CONFRONTATION WITH THE MAIN FORCES OF SOCIALISM, IMPERIALISM IS TRYING TO DISRUPT THE UNITY OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY, TO UNDERMINE THE SOCIALIST SOCIETY FROM THE INSIDE.

"THIS WAS THE IMPERIALIST STRATEGY IN RESPECT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA FROM THE OUTSET. BUT IT ENCOUNTERED A RESOLUTE REBUFF ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."

PRAVDA ADDED:

"FRUSTRATED IN THE CENTER OF EUROPE WAS ONE OF THE BIGGEST ACTIONS BY MEANS OF WHICH INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM HAD HOPED TO BREACH A GAP IN THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND CHANGE THE ALIGNMENT OF FORCES IN THE WORLD."

THE NEWSPAPER DESCRIBED THE "PRESENT SITUATION" AS "DIFFICULT" AND SAID IT IS "A REAL TEST THAT SHOWS WHO IS A REAL FIGHTER AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND WHO JUST JUGGLES REVOLUTIONARY PHRASES."

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