

X/4 C/S -- PRAVDA CONFIRMS DEATH OF TWO SOVIET JOURNALISTS

MUNICH, AUG 26 -- (CMD) -- THE OFFICIAL SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER PRAVDA, REPORTED TODAY THE DEATH OF TWO SOVIET JOURNALISTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE NEWSPAPER NAMED THEM AS KARL NEPOMYASHCHIY AND ALEXANDER ZWERKYN.

RADIO MOSCOW QUOTED SOVIET WRITER SERGEY BORZENKO AS SAYING IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "WATER AND BLOOD" IN PRAVDA TODAY:

"THEY (THE CZECHOSLOVAKS) ARE CALLING US OCCUPIERS AND MURDERERS ALTHOUGH THE CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS ARE ALIVE AND HEALTHY", AND ADDED THAT, AT THE SAME TIME, TWO SOVIET JOURNALISTS, KARL NEPOMYASHCHIY AND ALEXANDER ZWERKYN ALREADY "OFFERED THEIR LIVES" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

(CMD -- SERGEY BORZENKO, IS A WELL-KNOWN SOVIET WRITER. MOST OF HIS NOVELS DEAL WITH EVENTS DURING WORLD WAR TWO AND SOME OF HIS RECENT STORIES DEALT WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA.)

HE ALSO SAID IN HIS ARTICLE THAT "IT IS A REAL ACT OF HEROISM FOR A CZECHOSLOVAK TO OFFER A SOVIET SOLDIER A DROP OF WATER".

"DEAD BODIES OF 140,000 SOVIET SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN DISPERSED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND BECAME ALREADY A COMPONENT OF ITS SOIL BUT THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY GANG AIMING TO COME INTO POWER DOES NOT RPT NOT ALLOW TO GIVE THE SOVIET SOLDIERS EVEN A DROP OF WATER", BORZENKO SAID.

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