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CS -- PANKOW REJECTS PARALLEL WITH HITLER

EAST BERLIN, AUG 26 REUTER -- THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER NEUES DEUTSCHLAND TODAY REJECTED WESTERN ARGUMENTS WHICH COMPARED WARSAW PACT INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITH HITLERS ANNEXATION OF THE COUNTRY IN 1938.

IN AN EDITORIAL HITTING OUT AT WHAT IT CALLED THE HYPOCRITICAL ATTITUDES OF WESTERN NATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES AND WEST GERMANY, THE PAPER SAID SUCH ATTACKS WERE AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT EAST GERMAN TROOPS WERE TAKING PART IN THE PRESENT "SOLIDARITY ACTION TO PROTECT SOCIALISM".

OF 1938 NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID, "THEN THE EXPANSION OF GERMAN IMPERIALISM WAS TURNED AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THEN, TOO, THE SOVIET UNION WAS READY TO HELP.

"IF AT THAT TIME THERE HAD BEEN A GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (EAST GERMANY) AND A NATIONAL PEOPLES ARMY TO STAND BESIDE THE SOVIET UNION IN THE DEFENCE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGAINST IMPERIALISM, THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A BAD THING," THE PAPER SAID.

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