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BERLIN, AUG 26 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH) -- EDITORIALS IN EAST GERMANY'S TWO LEADING NEWSPAPERS, THE OFFICIAL SED ORGAN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AND THE SEMI-OFFICIAL (EAST) BERLINER ZEITUNG, TODAY VIOLENTLY ATTACKED TWO OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S PROMINENT REFORMERS, OTA SIK AND IVAN SVITAK.

SIK, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND CHARGED, WANTED TO INTRODUCE "THOSE CAPITALIST ELEMENTS INTO SOCIALIST ECONOMIC POLICY WHICH HIT THE LIVING STANDARD OF THE PEOPLE." HE WANTED TO "PRODUCE MASS UNEMPLOYMENT, FOLLOWING THE YUGOSLAV EXAMPLE WHERE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS ARE BEING 'EXPORTED' TO WEST GERMAN FACTORIES EVERY YEAR."

SVITAK WAS ACCUSED BY THE SED CENTRAL ORGAN OF HAVING "CALLED FOR WAR IN THE CSSR ON WEST GERMAN TELEVISION IN A JOINT BROADCAST WITH KIESINGER AND BRANDT."

BERLINER ZEITUNG SAID "A CERTAIN IVAN SVITAK" HAD ADDRESSED "WILD APPEALS OVER RADIO AND TELEVISION TO COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY GANGS IN THE CSSR" FROM VIENNA. SITTING IN "A COMFORTABLE ARMCHAIR HE CALLED UPON THEM TO COMMIT SABOTAGE, MURDER, TERROR AND ALL CONCEIVABLE ILLEGAL ACTS."

THE PAPER IDENTIFIED SVITAK AS THE FOUNDER OF "THE ORGANIZATIONAL CENTER OF THE REACTIONARIES, THE SO-CALLED CLUB OF ENGAGED NON-PARTISANS -- HE WAS ITS CHAIRMAN."

AS EARLY AS ON APR. 18, 1968, SVITAK "DISCLOSED THE SUBTLE PROGRAM TO OVERTHROW THE PEOPLE'S AUTHORITY" IN A LECTURE AT THE CLUB. BERLINER ZEITUNG QUOTED STATEMENTS OF "THIS 'PHILOSOPHER' OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION" TO OUTLINE HIS PROGRAM WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL, WAS PENULTIMATELY AIMING AT "THE BLOODY DAY OF RECKONING AND THE RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE SIK HAD TALKED ABOUT "A NEW COMMUNISM," NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID, BUT THIS "'NEW COMMUNISM' IS BASED ON ANTI-SOVIET AGITATION AND LIVES ON IT."

"MESSRS. SIK AND SVITAK WERE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FANNING AN IGNOMINIOUS ANTI-SOVIET HATE CAMPAIGN FOR MONTHS, WHICH DIFFERED FROM THE CAMPAIGNS OF THE (WEST GERMAN) SPRINGER CONCERN ONLY BY ITS FORM," THE SED CENTRAL ORGAN CHARGED IN ITS EDITORIAL.

THE "OLD COMMUNISM" CRITICIZED BY SIK AND SVITAK WAS "THE COMMUNISM OF MARX, ENGELS AND LENIN," IT WAS "THE SUM OF THE EXPERIENCES OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS," THE PAPER SAID.

THE "NEW COMMUNISM" FORMULA, HOWEVER, WAS NOTHING BUT "THE OLD AND DEEPLY ANTI-HUMANITARIAN IMPERIALIST POLICY." JON/A 2101/68 AUG