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X/4/9 C/S -- POLES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA APPEAL TO POLISH WRITERS

MUNICH, AUG 27 (CMD)-- RADIO FREE NORTH MORAVIA YESTERDAY BROADCAST AN APPEAL BY POLES LIVING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO POLISH WRITERS AND SCIENTISTS, ASKING THEM TO TELL THE POLISH PUBLIC THERE WAS NO RPT NO COUNTERREVOLUTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE APPEAL SIGNED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND THE MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF THE POLISH CULTURAL EDUCATIONAL UNION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA SAID:

"WE TURN TO THE POLISH WRITERS AND SCIENTISTS TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION IN POLAND THAT THERE WAS NO COUNTERREVOLUTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THAT THE REPORTS ON THE INTERFERENCE OF WEST GERMAN IMPERIALISM ARE INVENTED AND DIRECTED AT THE MOST SENSITIVE SPOT OF THE POLISH PSYCHE.

"WHAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA WANTED WAS ONLY TO GO ALONG ITS OWN ROAD IN THE BUILDING OF SOCIALISM, ALONG THE ROAD OF HUMANISM AND RESPECT OF MAN.

"SHOULD THIS ASSISTANCE TO A FRATERNAL NATION -- AS WHICH THIS INTERVENTION IS BEING PRESENTED -- TAKE THE FORM OF CLOSING UNIVERSITIES AND ARRESTING PEOPLE FOR WHOM THE NATION WOULD GO INTO FLAMES?

"NEVER WAS THERE SUCH UNITY AMONG THE NATIONS AND NATIONALITIES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. A TRAGIC ERROR WAS COMMITTED WITH THIS INTERVENTION, AN ERROR WHICH WILL LEAVE IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE AN INDELIBLE MARK.

"THIS APPEAL IS NOT THE WORK OF COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY FORCES, ALTHOUGH TO BE SURE, IT WILL BE INTERPRETED IN SUCH A WAY BY SOME ELEMENTS IN POLAND AND OUTSIDE IT."

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