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CS - SOVIET TV ATTACKS RUMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA

MOSCOW, AUG 27, REUTER -- OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS MEDIA LAST NIGHT STEPPED UP THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST RUMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA FOR THEIR HOSTILE REACTION TO THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

A MOSCOW TELEVISION COMMENTATOR CHARGED TONIGHT THAT "THE OFFICIAL POLICIES OF YUGOSLAVIA AND RUMANIA ARE NOW COMPARABLE WITH THOSE OF NATO AND SIMILAR POWERS" AND HAD "NOTHING IN COMMON WITH MARXIST-LENINIST INTERNATIONALISM."

HE ALSO CRITICISED BOTH NATIONS, WHICH HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH WEST GERMANY, FOR BEING TOO SOFT TOWARDS THAT COUNTRYS REVANCHIST POLICIES."

THE COMMENTATOR, VIKTOR SHRAGIN, CHARGED THAT BOTH HAD ENCOURAGED WESTERN REPORTS THAT THEY WEREABOUT TO BE INVADED BY SOVIET AND BULGARIAN TROOPS.

"IT IS STRANGE THAT BUCHAREST AND BELGRADE HAVE RESORTED IN THIS CONNECTION TO A POSITION OF SILENCE OR, WHAT IS EVEN MORE BEWILDERING, ARE EVEN APPARENTLY READY, THROUGH SOME STATEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE THERE, TO ENCOURAGE THIS RUMPUS STARTED IN THE WEST BY ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM," THE COMMENTATOR SAID.

TONIGHTS ATTACK, ACCOMPANIED BY A SIMILAR ARTICLE IN THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA DEALING WITH RUMANIA ONLY, FOLLOWS A DECLARATION BY THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS TWO DAYS AGO THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE ENCOURAGING "ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

YESTERDAY, THE SOVIET PRESS CRITICISED RUMANIAN PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUCESCU BY NAME.

TONIGHT IZVESTIA ALSO BERATED HIM FOR RECEIVING OTA SIK AND FRANTISEK VLASAK IN BUCHAREST.

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