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X/4 C/S - IZVESTIA ON MOSCOW TALKS

MOSCOW, AUG 27 (CMD) - IZVESTIA EXPRESSED HOPE TODAY THAT THE MOSCOW TALKS WOULD HELP ELIMINATE "WITH THE LEAST COST" ALLEGED IMPERIALIST AND COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY THREATS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S "COMMUNIST GAINS."

TASS QUOTED THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER'S CORRESPONDENTS IN PRAGUE AS WRITING:

"THERE IS A FULL POSSIBILITY FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF ALL PATRIOTIC FORCES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FOR THEIR COHESION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA (AND) ITS CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

"THE MATTER NOW IS TO TURN THIS POSSIBILITY INTO A REALITY, TO CREATE A POWERFUL UNITED FRONT CAPABLE OF NORMALIZING THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

ANOTHER IZVESTIA ARTICLE REPEATED ALLEGATIONS THAT "IMPERIALISTS" WERE TRYING TO FAN HYSTERIA IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO COVER THEIR CAMPAIGN OF SUPPORTING ALLEGEDLY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS THERE.

"IT IS CLEAR," WROTE M. ZUBKO, "THAT IMPERIALIST FORCES ARE INTENTIONALLY ADDING FUEL TO THE FLAMES AND DOING THEIR HARDEST TO AGGRAVATE INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS."

ACCORDING TO TASS, HE SAID: "MILITARY UNITS ARE BEING PUT IN COMBAT READINESS IN NATO COUNTRIES, ARMS RACE INTENSIFIED. BONN IS ESPECIALLY ACTIVE IN THIS."

(TASS IN ENGLISH, AUG 27, 1968)

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