

X/13 C/S -- SWEDISH CP WEEKLY CONDEMNS CSSR OCCUPATION

STOCKHOLM, AUG 28 -- (RFE SPECIAL) -- SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY WEEKLY "NY DAG" TODAY EXPRESSED STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE PAPER SAID THAT THIS OCCUPATION HAD DESTROYED ALL THE GOODWILL THE SOVIET UNION HAD ACQUIRED IN RECENT YEARS.

"FRIENDSHIP HAS TURNED INTO HATE," NY DAG WROTE, "SYMPATHY INTO DISPUTATION, CONTACTS INTO ISOLATION. THE INTERVENTION WAS SAID TO BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE GAME OF IMPERIALISM. THE REALITY IS THAT REACTION HAS GAINED NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTING. DEFENCE OF SOCIALIST ACHIEVEMENTS WAS MENTIONED. IN REALITY IT IS A TRAGEDY NOT ONLY FOR THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BUT ALSO FOR THE SOVIET PEOPLE AND CONSTITUTES A HEAVY BLOW AGAINST ALL SOCIALIST AND PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS."

THE PAPER CLAIMED THAT THERE HAD BEEN "ANTI-SOCIALIST" FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS WELL AS "IMPERIALIST INTRIGUES".

"BUT NONE OF THIS," IT SAID, "GIVES THE SOVIETS THE SLIGHTEST RIGHT TO INTERFERE. DOWN TO EVERY DETAIL THESE THINGS ARE INTERNAL CZECHOSLOVAK AFFAIRS. THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP DOES NOT HAVE THE SLIGHTEST RIGHT TO ESTABLISH ITSELF AS SOME SORT OF SOCIALIST POLICE."

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