

C/S -- BORBA: OCCUPATION DESTROYED UNITY

BELGRADE, AUG 29, REUTER -- THE YUGOSLAV SOCIALIST ALLIANCE NEWSPAPER BORBA SAID TODAY THAT THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD DESTROYED THE IDEA OF SOCIALIST UNITY AS PREVIOUSLY CONCEIVED.

BORBA ADDED IN AN EDITORIAL THAT THE INFLUENCE OF WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES HAD PLAYED A PART IN PREVENTING EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA FROM TAKING A WORSE TURN THAN THEY HAD.

ALMOST THE ONLY GOOD THING TO COME OUT OF THE CRISIS WAS THAT IT WAS NOW LESS POSSIBLE THAN EVER BEFORE FOR ANYONE TO IDENTIFY THE WRONG ACTION OF A SOCIALIST STATE WITH SOCIALISM AS A WHOLE.

BORBA SAID THAT THE PREVIOUS IDEA OF UNITY -- DESTROYED BY THE OCCUPATION -- HAD BEEN ACHIEVED AT VERY HIGH COST.

IT SAID THAT, FACED WITH EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE FORMER INSISTENCE ON UNANIMITY -- WHICH HAD USUALLY MEANT AGREEMENT WITH WHAT SOMEONE ELSE HAD PLANNED AND ALREADY CARRIED OUT -- HAD GIVEN WAY, CONFIRMING THAT THE SITUATION IN THE COMMUNIST WORLD HAD CHANGED.

PREVIOUSLY, BORBA COMMENTED, A SOCIALIST STATE COULD ALWAYS JUSTIFY A WONG ACTIONBY MEAN OF THAT MAGIC AND MUCH-ABUSED FORMULA THAT ONLY CAPITALISTS AND REACTIONARIES OPPOSED IT.

THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT UNITY COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE STRUGGLE OF IDEAS, AND THAT THE REACTION OF SO MANY COMMUNIST PARTIES TO EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS A SIGN OF A RENAISSANCE WHICH WOULD MAKE COMMUNIST PARTIES READIER TO DEAL WITH THE COMPLE-
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