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PROBLEM

THE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER, TRYBUNA LUDU, CHARGED THAT RUMANIA'S STAND HAD WIDENED WHAT IT CALLED THE CRACK BETWEEN EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

IT SAID THAT THE CRACK APPEARED WHEN RUMANIA ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH WEST GERMANY AND HAD ITS EXTENSION BECAUSE OF THE RUMANIAN POLICY OVER ISRAEL.

THE PAPER CHARGED THAT THIS CRACK HAD BEEN MADE EVEN DEEPER BY THE STANCE OF THE RUMANIAN LEADERS ON THE CRISIS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IN EAST BERLIN, THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, CLAIMED TODAY THAT COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS ARE STILL ACTIVE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ARE PLOTTING TO UNDERMINE THE MOSCOW AGREEMENTS.

NEUES DEUTSCHLAND CHARGED THAT CALLS FOR LYNCH JUSTICE AGAINST DECENT COMMUNISTS ARE PART OF THE DAILY LIFE OF PRAGUE.

IT CLAIMED THAT THE NEXT TARGETS FOR WHAT IT CALLED WESTERN-INSPIRED COUNTER-REVOLUTION WOULD HAVE BEEN EAST GERMANY, POLAND AND HUNGARY IF THIS HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO TAKE HOLD IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

MEANWHILE, TWO YUGOSLAV PUBLICATIONS WERE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK OCCUPATION BY SOVIET-POLISH, EAST GERMAN, HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN TROOPS.

BORBA, THE NEWSPAPER OF THE YUGOSLAV SOCIALIST ALLIANCE CHARGED THE OCCUPATION HAD DESTROYED THE IDEA OF SOCIALIST UNITY AS PREVIOUSLY CONCEIVED.

IT ALSO SAID THAT THE INFLUENCE OF WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES HAD PLAYED A PART IN PREVENTING THE SITUATION FROM TAKING A WORSE TURN THAN IT DID.

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