

X/13 CS -- GDR PAPERS FORESEE "LONG, COMPLICATED PROCESS" IN CSSR
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BERLIN, AUG 29 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH) -- TODAY'S MAJOR EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST DAILIES, WHICH REPORTED ABOUT "STEPPED-UP COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND CONTINUED TO BLAME THEM ESSENTIALLY ON ALLEGED WEST GERMAN "SUBVERSION," UNANIMOUSLY PREDICTED IN THEIR EDITORIALS THAT THE "NORMALIZATION OF CONDITIONS" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL BE A DIFFICULT AND TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS.

THE PAPERS ALL EMPHASIZED THAT IN THEIR TALKS IN MOSCOW THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS HAD PLEDGED TO CRUSH THE "COUNTERREVOLUTION" IN THEIR COUNTRY BY ALL NECESSARY MEANS AND TO CONSISTENTLY IMPLEMENT THE DECISIONS TAKEN IN CIERNA AND BRATISLAVA.

THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WAS A DECISIVE MOVE IN ROUTING THE "ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES" IN THE COUNTRY FOR GOOD, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND OBSERVED.

BUT IT ADDED THAT "THE KPC AND ALL SOUND FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA STILL HAVE THE BATTLE AGAINST THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION ...AHEAD OF THEM."

THE AFFIRMATION "BY BOTH SIDES" IN THE SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE THAT IT WAS THE FOREMOST TASK NOW TO CONSISTENTLY IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES LAID DOWN IN CIERNA AND BRATISLAVA WAS TAKEN AS PROOF BY NEUES DEUTSCHLAND THAT "THE DECISIONS OF CIERNA AND BRATISLAVA WERE CORRECT."

THE OFFICIAL SED DAILY SAID THE "EXCESSES AND CRIMES OF THE ANTI-SOCIALIST ELEMENTS" WERE CONFIRMING ANEW EVERY DAY THAT IT WAS "HIGH TIME TO TAKE MEASURES WHICH GUARANTEE AN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDELINES AND PRINCIPLES OF BRATISLAVA IN PRACTICE." IT WAS NECESSARY TO UNDERSTAND THE PLAN OF THE "CLASS ENEMY" IN ITS WORLD-WIDE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN ORDER TO FULLY COMPREHEND "THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND THE URGENCY OF SWEEPING MEASURES."

"IF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION HAD GOTTEN A FOOTHOLD IN PRAGUE, HUNGARY, POLAND AND THE GDR WOULD HAVE BEEN THE NEXT TARGETS," NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ARGUED AND ADDED THAT "THE CIERNA AND BRATISLAVA DECISIONS" COULD HAVE CHECKED THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION, BUT THEY WERE NOT RPT NOT IMPLEMENTED IN THE CSSR."

"NOW BETTER PRE-CONDITIONS EXIST TO HAVE THEM CARRIED OUT," THE SED PAPER OBSERVED.

THE SEMI-OFFICIAL COMMUNIST (EAST) BERLINER ZEITUNG ALSO SAID IN ITS LEAD EDITORIAL THAT THE TASK NOW WAS TO APPLY THE CIERNA AND BRATISLAVA PRINCIPLES TO PRACTICAL LIFE, AS AGREED IN THE MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE AFTER THE SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK NEGOTIATIONS.

THE PAPER DESCRIBED THIS COMMUNIQUE AS "A DOCUMENT OF REASON, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIRECTION WHICH MUST BE FOLLOWED NOW IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN AND CONSOLIDATE SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONCE AND FOR ALL IN SUCH A MANNER THAT A REPETITION OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY WILL NEVER BE POSSIBLE AGAIN."

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