

THE TARGET WAS CLEAR, BERLINER ZEITUNG STATED, BUT IT WARNED: "TO REACH IT WILL BE A COMPLICATED PROCESS, FULL OF STRUGGLE ('KAMPFREICH'), AND SURELY LONG DRAWN-OUT AS WELL. THE DAMAGE DONE BY THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN MONTHS OF SYSTEMATIC AND SUBTLY-ARRANGED SUBVERSION CANNOT RPT NOT BE REPAIRED OVERNIGHT." THE NEWSPAPER SAID THE "FORCES HONESTLY DEVOTED TO SOCIALISM" WERE BEGINNING TO RALLY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. BUT THIS WAS ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE PICTURE, BECAUSE "AT THE SAME TIME THE MOST REACTIONARY MOST HOSTILE, MOST VICIOUS OPPONENTS OF SOCIALISM, THE ENEMIES OF CALM AND ORDER, THE ENEMIES OF A SECURE LIFE UNDER SOCIALIS COME TO LIGHT EVEN MORE OPENLY. THEY ARE UNLEASHING AN UNRESTRAINED CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE MOSCOW DECISIONS, INTENSIFY THEIR TERROR AND KEEP TRYING TO INCITE THE PEOPLE."

BUT ON THE BASIS OF THE MOSCOW DECISIONS "NORMAL CONDITIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE CSSR," AND NOBODY WOULD "HAVE A TEAR FOR THOSE WHO GET STUCK WITH THE IMPERIALIST LOSER SIDE IN THIS PROCESS."

JUNGE WELT, THE DAILY OF THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION "FREE GERMAN YOUTH" (FDJ), ALSO EMPHASIZED THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS HAD TAKEN UPON THEMSELVES IN THE MOSCOW NEGOTIATIONS TO "TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES IN THE INTEREST OF THE SOCIALIST AUTHORITY, THE LEADING ROLE OF THE WORKING CLASS AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY."

THE NEWSPAPER COMMENTED THAT "THIS INCLUDES MEASURES TO CRUSH THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION FOR GOOD," BUT IT ADDED:

"IT WILL NOT RPT NOT BE EASY. DESPITE MASSIVE BLOWS AND DEFEATS (WHICH IT HAS BEEN SUFFERING), THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION IS NOT RPT NOT READY TO GIVE UP VOLUNTARILY. THE REPORTS FROM PRAGUE CONFIRM THISM."

SIMILARLY NEUE ZEIT, THE NEWSPAPER OF THE EAST GERMAN CDU, SAID IT WOULD "MEAN TO SIMPLIFY MATTERS IF ONE WERE TO ASSUME THAT ALREADY AS A RESULT OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE COMMUNIQUE, WHICH HAS BEEN SEALED WITH THE SIGNATURES OF THE LEADING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CSSR, THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES WILL GIVE IN." REPORTS ARRIVING FROM PRAGUE WERE, ON THE CONTRARY, SPEAKING OF THEIR INCREASED ACTIVITY, THE PAPER SAID.

BUT THOSE "MACHINATIONS" WERE ONLY FURTHER EVIDENCE TO PROVE "HOW GOOD AND CORRECT IT WAS TO AGREE ON CONCRETE MEASURES IN MOSCOW, WHOSE OBJECTIVE IT IS -- AS THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS LITERALLY -- TO NORMALIZE THE SITUATION IN THE CSSR AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE."

NEUE ZEIT EMPHASIZED IN CONCLUSION THAT "THIS (MOSCOW) AGREEMENT IS AN OBLIGATION."

PRW/ O 1734/68 AUG 29. JCR