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BERLIN, AUGUST 30 (CMD) -- EAST GERMANY'S OFFICIAL PARTY ORGAN "NEUES DEUTSCHLAND" SAID IN A MAJOR EDITORIAL TODAY THAT THE PREVENTION OF "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MACHINATIONS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA" HAD BEEN "AN IMPORTANT DEED FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY."

IN WHAT WAS CALLED A "FUNDAMENTAL ARTICLE" (GRUNDSATZARTIKEL), NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID IT WAS THE OFFICIAL VIEW OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC THAT "THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAS DELIVERED A GRAVE BLOW TO THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THEIR IMPERIALIST BACKERS" (HINTERMAENNER).

THE NEWSPAPER ALSO SAID "THE PLAN OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE BONN GOVERNMENT COALITION TO TURN PRAGUE INTO A CENTRE FOR ANTI-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA UNDER THE GUISE OF THE NEW EASTERN POLICY (OF THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT - CMD) HAS FAILED.

ACCORDING TO THIS PLAN, POISONOUS "BOURGEOIS-IMPERIALIST IDEOLOGY" WAS TO BE SPREAD FROM PRAGUE TO HUNGARY, POLAND AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES," AND THUS TO ISOLATE EAST GERMANY.

THE ASSISTANCE OF TROOPS OF THE UNITED ARMED FORCES AND THEIR COOPERATION WITH THE COMMAND OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLES ARMY" HAD RELIABLY SECURED THE WESTERN BORDERS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IT HAD BEEN THE INTENTION OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID, TO LEAD THE COUNTRY BACK TO A SYSTEM "A LA MASARYK AND BENES, WHICH HAD LED TO THE MUNICH DIKTAT."

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