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MOSCOW, AUG. 30, REUTER - THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER PRAVDA TODAY TOLD ITS READERS FOR THE FIRST TIME OF HOSTILE REACTION BY AFRO-ASIAN COUNTRIES TO THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY WARSAW PACT FORCES.

IN A LONG ARTICLE, MOST OF IT AN ATTACK ON THE WEST FOR ITS SUPPORT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES", THE NEWSPAPER CLAIMED AFRO-ASIAN REACTION HAD BEEN INSPIRED BY WASHINGTON.

"SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF AFRO-ASIAN COUNTRIES OBVIOUSLY IN HASTE, MADE INARTICULATE STATEMENTS ABOUT AGGRESSION AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA," THE ARTICLE SAID.

BUT, IT ADDED, SEVERAL DAYS HAD PASSED, AND NEW STATEMENTS FROM AFRO-ASIAN AND LATIN-AMERICAN NATIONS HAD SHOWN THAT THE "THIRD WORLD" HAD CHANGED ITS POSITION.

TO SUPPORT THIS CLAIM, PRAVDA QUOTED STATEMENTS FROM AN ARGENTINE TRADE UNION, AND BAGDAD AND BEIRUT NEWSPAPERS.

THE ARTICLE ALSO PRAISED THE "REALISTIC POSITION" TAKEN BY INDIA, PAKISTAN AND ALGERIA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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