

X/13 C/S - BULGARIAN DEPUTY MINISTER INTERVIEWED ON INVASION

STOCKHOLM, AUG 30 (CNR/ RFE SPECIAL HENRY) - BULGARIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GERO GROZEW WAS QUOTED IN A DANISH NEWSPAPER YESTERDAY AS SAYING THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF ITS POSSIBLE IMPACT ON THE WEST.

THE DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DAILY AKTUELTS CORRESPONDENT ANDERS TANDRUP CABLED FROM BULGARIA THAT HE HAD INTERVIEWED GERO GROZEW AND ASKED IF THE INVADING COUNTRIES HAD TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THAT ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ENTIRE WEST WOULD BE DAMAGED AND THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF THE WEST WOULD BE HURT BY THE INVASION.

TANDRUP QUOTED GROZEW AS REPLYING: "NATURELY WE DISCUSSED ALL THESE POSSIBILITIES, AND THAT IS WHY, AMONG OTHER REASONS, WE HAD WAITED SO LONG TO CHOOSE SUCH A SOLUTION (INVASION)".

TANDRUP THEN QUOTED GROZEW INDIRECTLY AS HAVING ADMITTED THIS WAS THE PRICE THE INVADERS AGREED THEY MIGHT HAVE TO PAY FOR THE SECURITY GUARANTEES THE ACTION WOULD BRING TO THE EASTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES.

GROZEW ALSO SAID "A NUMBER OF MEMBERS" OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GO HAD ASKED FOR INTERVENTION AND SAID THE IDENTITY OF THEM WOULD BE REVEALED "SOMETIME LATER".

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