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BERLIN, AUG 30 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH) -- IN SOME 2,000 WORDS, THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST (SED) DAILY NEUES DEUTSCHLAND TODAY REPORTED AND SUMMED UP THE PARTY'S MAIN ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE WARSAW PACT INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE 2000- WORD ARTICLE, WHICH FILLED HALF OF THE PAPER'S FRONT PAGE UNDER THE RED-UNDERLINED HEADLINE "THE VIEWPOINT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC" AND WAS CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO, WAS UNSIGNED, THUS REPRESENTING THE OFFICIAL LINE OF THE SED.

NEUES DEUTSCHLAND REEMPHASIZED THE CLAIM THAT "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY" AND "ANTI-SOCIALIST" FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ENCOURAGED BY THE AMERICAN AND, PARTICULARLY, THE WEST GERMAN "IMPERIALISTS," WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT.

NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SPECIFICALLY BLAMED THE MASS MEDIA IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHICH THE "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES" HAD TURNED INTO THE "MAIN INSTRUMENT OF ANTI-SOCIALIST SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES," FOR THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY.

THE ARTICLE DECLARED THAT WHILE "SOME PEOPLE" BELIEVED THAT "DEMOCRACY AS SUCH" WAS THE MAIN QUESTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE POINT AT ISSUE NOW WAS THE DEVELOPMENT OF "SOCIALIST" DEMOCRACY.

THE WARSAW PACT INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON AUG. 21 THWARTED "THE PLAN OF THE U.S.A. AND THE BONN COALITION GOVERNMENT TO TURN PRAGUE, UNDER THE DISGUISE OF THE 'NEW OSTPOLITIK,' INTO A CENTER OF ANTI-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA, TO CARRY THE POISON OF THE BOURGEOIS-IMPERIALIST IDEOLOGY FROM THERE TO HUNGARY, PEOPLE'S POLAND AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND TO ISOLATE THE GDR," THE SED ORGAN SAID. N

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