

BERLIN, AUG 30 (RFE SPECIAL/WULF) -- THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION AGAIN WAS THE DOMINATING TOPIC IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND TODAY AND ALSO RECEIVED MUCH ATTENTION IN THE OTHER MAJOR EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS, ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT LESS THAN ON PREVIOUS DAYS.

NEUES DEUTSCHLAND DEVOTED FIVE OF ITS EIGHT PAGES ALMOST ENTIRELY TO REPORTS AND COMMENTS ON THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND CONNECTED DEVELOPMENTS.

ON ITS FRONT PAGE NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, EAST GERMANY'S OFFICIAL PARTY PAPER, CARRIED A DETAILED REPORT, DATED PRAGUE, ON THE SLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS NOTING THAT A NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD BEEN ELECTED AND THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S DEPUTY MINISTER PRESIDENT GUSTAV HUSAK WAS APPOINTED NEW FIRST SECRETARY.

THE PAPER SAID "THE CONGRESS, IN WHICH 94.6 PERCENT OF THE ELECTED DEPUTIES PARTICIPATED, IN RESOLUTIONS EXPRESSED ITS INTENTION TO CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENTS BEGUN IN JANUARY...BUT EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS ONLY POSSIBLE IF THE AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED IN MOSCOW WERE FULFILLED."

AT THE SAME TIME, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES" WERE INCREASING AND THE INTENTION OF THESE CIRCLES TO "DANGEROUSLY AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION" BECAME MORE AND MORE OBVIOUS, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID.

IN THIS CONTEXT THE PAPER REPORTED THAT POSTERS WITH THE "TEN COMMANDMENTS" (OF PASSIVE RESISTANCE) WERE APPEARING ON THE WALLS OF CZECHOSLOVAK HOUSES BEARING "POISONOUS AGITATION SLOGANS." THE SEMI-OFFICIAL (EAST) BERLINER ZEITUNG ON ITS PAGE FIVE CARRIED AN ITEM ON THE SAME SUBJECT HEADLINED "SPRINGER'S TEN COMMANDMENTS," SAYING THAT WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER AXEL SPRINGER WAS TRYING TO INSTIGATE A NEW "ANTI-COMMUNIST WAVE" USING ALL HIS PUBLICATIONS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

BELOW THE FOLD NEUES DEUTSCHLAND PUBLISHED EXCERPTS FROM HUSAK'S SPEECH IN BRATISLAVA AND A SMALL ITEM SAYING THAT CZECHOSLOVAK PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT JOSEF MSRKOVSKY HAD SAID IN A RADIO SPEECH THAT THE KPC WOULD NOT RPT NOT PERMIT THE FOUNDING OF NEW POLITICAL PARTIES.

HALF OF NEUES DEUTSCHLAND'S FRONT PAGE WAS DEVOTED TO A LENGTHY ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE STANDPOINT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC" ON THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH WAS CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO.

ALSO ON PAGE TWO THE PAPER CARRIED AN ADN ITEM SAYING "CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS HAVE ASKED THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN PRAGUE TO ...CONVEY THEIR HEARFELT THANKS TO THE FIVE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THEIR SOLDIERS...WHO HAVE COME TO THE HELP OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

IN SHORT ITEMS NEUES DEUTSCHLAND REPORTED THE OUSTING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION AND RADIO NETWORKS, PELIKAN AND HEJZLAR, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF JINDRICH SUK TO NEW CHIEF OF CTK. IT ALSO REPORTED THAT THE "FREE MINISTERS RETREAT TO VIENNA" AND NOTED THAT "SOVIET SOLDIERS HELP BRING IN THE HARVEST."

(CMD)-- THE ONLY PREVIOUS SUGGESTION THAT PELIKAN AND HEJZLAR HAD LEFT THEIR POSTS CAME IN A BROADCAST THURSDAY BY RADIO CENTRAL BOHEMIA WHICH QUOTED RADIO VIENNA. THE RADIO VIENNA BROADCAST, AS QUOTED, SAID THAT THE TWO OFFICIALS HAD ASKED FOR LEAVE.)