

X/13 CS -- BONN REPUDIATES SOVIET COMPLICITY CHARGES

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BONN, AUG. 30 ( RFE SPECIAL/DEWITT ) -- BONN TODAY SHARPLY REPUDIATED A COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO MAKE WEST GERMANY THE SCAPEGOAT FOR THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS HARD INFORMATION THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN UP ITS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO JUSTIFY ITS INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITH THE CALL FOR HELP OF CZECHOSLOVAK CIRCLES" THE DEPUTY GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CONRAD AHLERS TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE TODAY. AHLERS SAID IN THESE EFFORTS THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAD NOT BEEN MENTIONED.

"NOWADAYS IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS AND THE OTHER WARSAW PACT STATES INVOLVED IN THE MILITARY INTERVENTION ARE INCREASINGLY HOLDING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTION. THEY CLAIM THAT THE BONN GOVERNMENT HAS SUPPORTED THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY FORCES BOTH BEFORE AND DURING THE OCCUPATION. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STATES IN THE FACE OF THIS THAT IT STRICTLY ADHERED TO ITS POLICY OF NON-INTERVENTION AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO" AHLERS DECLARED. HE ALSO REJECTED AS FALSE SOVIET CHARGES THAT UNITS OF THE BUNDESWEHR HAD PARTICIPATED IN PROPAGANDA AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE OCCUPATION FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT THERE WAS HARD INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT SED CHIEF WALTER ULBRICHT HAD BEEN "ONE OF THE LEADING FORCES IN URGING THE INVASION AND THE SUBJUGATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

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