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X/4 C/S -- DISPUTE WITH YUGOSLAV MEDIA ON MOSCOW TV

MUNICH, AUG 31 (CMD)-- RADIO MOSCOW'S POLITICAL OBSERVER, VIKTOR SHRAGIN, SAID ON MOSCOW TELEVISION YESTERDAY THAT YUGOSLAV PROPAGANDA CONTINUED ITS "UNFRIENDLY CAMPAIGN" AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM SHRAGIN'S COMMENTARY, WHICH WAS ALSO BROADCAST BY RADIO MOSCOW LAST NIGHT:

"THE FACT THAT THE WEST CONTINUES ITS HYSTERICAL ANTI-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA IS NOT RPT NOT SURPRISING. STRANGE IS SOMETHING ELSE. THE UNFRIENDLY CAMPAIGN IN RELATION TO THE U.S.S.R. AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES CONTINUES TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE YUGOSLAV PROPAGANDA.

"IN THIS CONNECTION ONE WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT SOME ORGANS OF THE YUGOSLAV PRESS, ESPECIALLY THE NEWSPAPER BORBA, REACTED IN AN EXTREMELY ANGRY WAY TO OUR SPEECH ON THE CENTRAL TELEVISION ON AUGUST 27, IN THE PROGRAM CALLED 'TIME'.

"AT THAT TIME, IF OUR LISTENERS REMEMBERS, WE SAID THAT THE LEADERS OF YUGOSLAVIA AND RUMANIA ESSENTIALLY JOINED THE IMPERIALIST CHORUS IN THE APPRAISAL OF THE DEEPLY INTERNATIONALIST ACTIONS OF THE FIVE ALLIED COUNTRIES, TAKEN FOR STRENGTHENING THE POSITIONS OF SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"OU TALK WAS APPRAISED BY THE NEWSPAPER BORBA, BY THE WAY, FOLLOWING THE WESTERN AGENCIES REUTER AND FRANCE PRESSE AS 'ATTACKS ON YUGOSLAVIA.' THE NEWSPAPER ALSO CLAIMS THAT IN THAT TALK, AS WELL AS IN THE PRESS AND RADIO MATERIALS IN THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AN OBJECTIVE PRESENTATION OF THE YUGOSLAV STAND WAS LACKING.

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