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X/4 C/S -- TASS ATTACKS SVITAK, WASHINGTON MEETING (W/CN 31)

MOSCOW, AUG 31 (CMD) -- THE SOVIET AGENCY TASS SAID TODAY THAT THE CURRENT WASHINGTON CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES WAS A GATHERING OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES.

PHILOSOPHER IVAN SVITAK, WHO APPEALED YESTERDAY FOR INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL SUPPLORT FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WAS CALLED BY TASS AN ANTI-SOCIALIST IDEOLOGICAL LEADER.

HERE IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE TASS DISPATCH:

"THE REACTIONARY-MINDED PART OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMIGRATION HAS ACTIVATED IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS SHOWN, SPECIFICALLY, BY A CONGRESS OF THE SO-CALLED "CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ART AND SCIENCE" THAT IS BEING HELD IN WASHINGTON NOW. THOSE WHO FLED FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA TOGETHER WITH THE RETREATING HITLERS TROOPS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND WHO FOUND SHELTER IN THE UNITED STATES TAKE PART IN THE CONGRESS. AMONG THEM IS IDEOLOGICAL LEADER OF THE ANTI-SOCIALIST ORGANISATION "CLUB OF NON-PARTY ACTIVISTS," IVAN SVITAK WHO WAS IN THE PAST EXPELLED FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"IT IS NOT RPT. NOT SUPRISING LIES AND SLANDER AT THE COMMUNITY OF SOCIALIST STATES ARE BEING VOICED FROM THE ROSTRUM OF THE GATHERING. ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO SLANDER SOCIALIST GAINS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE. APPEALS ARE MADE TO WESTERN POWERS TO RESTORE "FREEDOM AND PROGRESS" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"SPEAKING YESTERDAY AT THE CONGRESS, SVITAK ADDRESSED "HIS FRIENDS" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITH AN INCENDIARY CALL TO STRUGGLE UNTIL THE COUNTRY "BREAKS AWAY FROM THE SOCIALIST CAMP."

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