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BERLIN, AUG 31 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH) -- EAST GERMANY'S MAJOR COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS TODAY CONTINUED THEIR EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF CZECHOSLOVAK DEVELOPMENTS AND, AS ON PREVIOUS DAYS, PLACED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON REPORTS ABOUT INTENSIFIED RESISTANCE OF "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS" TO THE SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK AGREEMENT OF AUG. 26.

A NEW NOTE WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE REPORTING AS ALL MAJOR DAILIES QUOTED TWO REPORTS OF THE WEST GERMAN SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG AND THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG IN A STRICTLY FACTUAL MANNER AND WITHOUT COMMENT.

THE PAPERS QUOTED IN DETAIL A REPORT OF THE PRAGUE CORRESPONDENT OF THE SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG GIVING DETAILS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS IN MOSCOW, SPECIFICALLY ABOUT A RESHUFFLE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, AND CITED A FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG REPORT ABOUT A SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT WORKED OUT BY THE NEGOTIATORS IN MOSCOW IN ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.

THE INFORMATION WAS BASED ENTIRELY ON THE TWO WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS AND NOT RPT NOT QUESTIONED IN THE EAST GERMAN REPORTS. THE EAST GERMAN PAPERS ONLY NOTED THAT WHILE THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE HAD SAID THE SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT WAS NOT RPT NOT SIGNED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPRESENTATIVES THE "SEMI-OFFICIAL" WEST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY DPA HAD REPORTED THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION HAD PLACED THEIR SIGNATURES UNDERNEATH THE DOCUMENT.

IN REPORTS OF THEIR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS IN PRAGUE, BOTH THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIST (SED) DAILY NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AND THE SEMI-OFFICIAL (EAST) BERLINER ZEITUNG HEAVILY UNDERLINED THE CONTINUING "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES" OF THE "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THEY HAD "FURTHER INTENSIFIED" THEIR EFFORTS, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND REPORTED, AND WERE TRYING "WITH ALL AVAILABLE MEANS TO FAN NATIONALIST SENTIMENTS." THEY WERE OPENLY CALLING "FOR LYNCH MURDERS OF UPRIGHT WORKERS FUNCTIONARIES AND PRESIDUM MEMBERS OF THE KPC CENTRAL COMMITTEE" AND HAD ALREADY PLACED MORE THAN HALF OF THE "REGULARLY ELECTED MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRESIDUM AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT" ON BLACKLISTS WHICH "THREATEN ALL 'TRAITORS' WITH THE DEATH SENTENCE," THE OFFICIAL SED ORGAN SAID.

A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE BERLINER ZEITUNG, WHO ARRIVED IN PRAGUE YESTERDAY, SAID THAT "EVEN AFTER ONLY A FEW HOURS THE SHARP, DIFFICULT INTERNAL STRUGGLE IN THE CSSR BETWEEN THE FORCES OF REASON AND THOSE OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION BECOMES CLEARLY DISCERNIBLE."

THE CORRESPONDENT SAID THAT WHILE THE SITUATION ON THE ROADS FROM THE EAST GERMAN-CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER TO PRAGUE APPEARED NORMAL, ALL ROAD SIGNS AND TOWN IDENTIFICATIONS WERE MISSING ALL ALONG THE WAY. "SABOTAGE GROUPS REMOVED THEM UPON INSTRUCTION OF THE CLANDESTINE RADIO STATIONS, AND NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR TO RESTORE THEM."

LIFE IN THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES APPEARED TO BE GOING ON IN NORMAL FASHION, BUT ON BUILDINGS, WALLS AND ROCKS "EVEN IN THE SMALLEST VILLAGE" THE "HANDWRITING OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION" WAS IN EVIDENCE IN SLOGANS.

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