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X/4 C/S - VLTAVA CONDEMNS FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

MUNICH, AUG. 31 (CMD)- THE SOVIET-SUPPORTED RADIO STATION IN CZECHSLOVAKIA, VLTAVA, HAS DECLARED THAT "FREEDOM OF THE PRESS" IS A "WEAPON IN THE HANDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOURGEOISE."

"THE SLOGAN ABOUT FREEDOM OF THE PRESS," THE RADIO CONTINUED, "IS PART OF THE IMPERIALIST SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, IT IS PART OF THE MAIN SLOGAN OF LIBERALIZATION..."

"FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS NATURALLY AN INSTRUMENT OF POWER, AND POWER IS NOTHING TO PLAY WITH, BECAUSE WE HAVE ACHIEVED RULE BY THE PEOPLE WITH GREAT SACRIFICES.

"FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, WHICH THE WEST RECOMMENDS TO US, IS AN ATTEMPT ON THE ABILITY TO THINK FREELY, TO CHOOSE FREELY, TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM OR TO DEFEND FREEDOM; THIS MEANS IT IS AN ATTEMPT ON FREEDOM ITSELF, AND ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS ONES..."

"OBJECTIVITY OR NEUTRALITY CANNOT EXIST TOWARD THE ENEMIES OF MANKIND. HOWEVER BELIEVES THAT IT DOES NO HARM TO LISTEN TO ANTIDEMOCRATIC RADIO OR TELEVISION TRANSMITTERS OPENS HAS EARS TO THE DEADLY ENEMY. WHOEVER GRANTS HIS COUNTRY FREEDOM OF PRESS AND SPEECH OPENS THE FRONTIERS AND COMMITS SUICIDE."

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