

X/4 C/S - IZVESTIA ADMITS STRUGGLE CONTINUING DESPITE NORMALIZATION

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MOSCOW, AUGUST 31 (CMD) -- THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA CLAIMED TODAY THAT WHILE AN "EVER-GROWING" NUMBER OF CZECHOSLOVAKS NOW SUPPORTED THE INVASION OF THEIR COUNTRY, IT SEEMED REACTIONARY FORCES WERE GOING TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE.

IZVESTIA CORRESPONDENT N. NOVIKOV IN A REPORT FROM BRAITISLAVA QUOTED BY TASS SAID THAT "IN THE PAST FEW DAYS AN EVER-GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE COME TO REALISE THE TIMELY NATURE AND THE RELEVANCE OF THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE FIVE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO DEFEND SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"HONEST, HARD-WORKING PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SOVIET FORCES AND THE FORCES OF THE OTHER ALLIED COUNTRIES CAME TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS CLASS BROTHERS, AS TRUE FRIENDS," HE SAID.

TWO OTHER CORRESPONDENTS REPORTED FROM PRAGUE THAT THE SITUATION THERE WAS RETURNING TO NORMAL, BUT ADDED: "YET PUBLIC LIFE IS STILL NOT FREE FROM THE EFFECT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF REACTIONARY FORCES WHICH, JUDGING BY EVERYTHING, ARE NOT GOING TO LAY DOWN ARMS."

ANOTHER IZVESTIA CORRESPONDENT REPORTED FROM PRAGUE THAT MORE FACTS WERE COMING TO LIGHT TO "PROVE THE DIRECT ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR CZECHOSLOVAK COUNTER-REVOLUTION FROM WEST GERMAN REACTIONARY FORCES."

IN PARTICULAR THE CORRESPONDENT CLAIMED THAT THE "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY" FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA "AS ADMITTED BY THE WEST GERMAN PRESS," WERE EQUIPPED BY WEST GERMANY WITH RADIO TRANSMITTERS, WEAPONS ETC. BY MONEY WITH SPECIAL FUNDS.

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