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"THERE HAS BEEN TALK IN ITALY ABOUT AN 'INFORMATION BRIDGE' ESTABLISHED BETWEEN GROUPS OF CZECHOSLOVAK COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES, ON THE ONE HAND, AND BONN, VIENNA AND ROME, ON THE OTHER. A CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEWSPAPER 'STAMPA' REPORTED, FOR INSTANCE, THAT HE HAD CONTACTED COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS WHO WERE ALREADY THROUGH THE PERIOD OF ORGANISING INTO A SINGLE BODY. A LEAFLET SHOWN TO THE CORRESPONDENT CONTAINED AN APPEAL TO WESTERN COUNTRIES TO INTERFERE IMMEDIATELY IN CZECHOSLOVAK AFFAIRS.

"ABOUT THREE THOUSAND BRITISH TOURISTS WERE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHEN THE AUGUST EVENTS BEGAN AND MOST OF THEM SEEMED LEAST OF ALL CONCERNED IN TOURISM," OLEG ORESTOV WRITES FROM LONDON. ONE OF SUCH 'TOURISTS' WAS FORMER BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA CECIL PARROT WHO SAID PUBLICLY THAT HE AND HIS SUCCESSORS IN PRAGUE HAD REPORTED LONG AGO ON COMING 'CHANGES IN THE REGIME.'

"THE DAILY EXPRESS CORRESPONDENT DENIS BLUETT AND DAILY MAIL CORRESPONDENT GEORGE VEIN OPENLY BOAST OF THEIR CONNECTIONS WITH CLANDESTINE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS. ALL THIS LEAVES NO RPT NO DOUBT OF THE FACT THAT BRITISH JOURNALISTS WERE INFORMED ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THESE GROUPS THEMSELVES, ORESTOV SAYS.

"THE FACTS CITED ABOVE SHOW ONCE MORE,' PRAVDA SAYS, 'THAT THE PLANS OF IMPERIALIST CIRCLES AGAINST THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD BEEN HATCHED FOR A LONG TIME AND THAT THESE CIRCLES HAVE NOT RPT NOT ABANDONED THEIR DESIGNS TO THIS DAY DESPITE THEIR DEFEAT. THEY STAKE AS BEFORE ON TRAITORS WHO ARE FAVNING ON THE SUCCESSORS OF THOSE WHO SOLD OUT CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO HITLER IN 1938'." (TASS, SEPT 1)

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