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C/S - PRAVDA : SHOTS FIRED AT SOVIETS (AMPLIFIES CN 5)

MOSCOW, SEPT. 1, REUTER - TASS THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY REPORTED TODAY THAT DESPITE THE NORMALISATION OF LIFE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SEVEN SHOTS HAD BEEN FIRED FROM A MOVING CAR IN BRATISLAVA AT A GROUP OF SOVIET SOLDIERS.

THE AGENCY REPORT WAS QUOTING FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER PRAVDA, WHICH SAID REACTIONARY FORCES WERE DISRUPTING THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF BRATISLAVA IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PROVOKE DISCONTENT AMONG THE POPULATION.

TASS ALSO QUOTED PRAVDA AS SAYING THAT THE SOONER LITERARNY LISTY -- A CZECHOSLOVAK REVIEW WHICH PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN ADVOCATING REFORMS IN THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL LIFE BEFORE THE WARSAW PACT INVASION -- WAS LIQUIDATED, THE BETTER IT WOULD BE FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE.

PRAVDA SAID LITERARNY LISTY CONTINUED "TO PLAY ITS ABJECT ROLE AS ONE OF THE MAIN IDEOLOGICAL CENTRES OF COUNTER REVOLUTION." IT SAID THE POST-INVASION ISSUE, WHICH APPEARED ON AUGUST 28, WAS "PERMEATED WITH POISON IN EVERY LINE."

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