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MOSCOW, SEPT. 1 (UPI)--THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY TODAY DEMANDED EVEN TOUGHER MEASURES AGAINST "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY" FORCES SEEKING TO "POISON" THE MINDS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S PEOPLE.

"COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES MUST BE CURBED AND WILL BE CURBED," THE PARTY NEWSPAPER PRAVDA DECLARED.

PRAVDA CALLED FOR "LIQUIDATION" OF PRAGUE'S LITERARNI LISTY MAGAZINE, SAYING IT WAS ENTRENCHED BY "THE MOST VICIOUS AND ADVENTURIST GROUP OF POLITICIANS."

PRAVDA BLASTED BRITISH TOURISTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA BECAUSE "MOST OF THEM SEEMED LEAST OF ALL CONCERNED WITH TOURISM."

AN INFLUX OF TOURIST BEFORE THE INVASION, PRAVDA SAID, WAS "PROOF THAT IMPERIALIST PLANS HAD BEEN HATCHED LONG AGO." THE PAPER SINGLED OUT BRITISH JOURNALISTS AND CECIL PARROT, A FORMER BRITISH AMBASSADOR THE PRAGUE, WHO "UNDER GUISE OF TOURISTS CAME TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES."

PRAVDA ALSO CHARGED THAT "A GROUP OF ITALIAN FASCISTS" WAS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HELPING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES.

IN THIS SITUATION WHERE "A COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY CONSPIRACY CONVERGING WITH EXTERNAL FORCES HOSTILE TO SOCIALISM" THREATENED CZECHOSLOVAKIA, "IT WAS THE DUTY OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO COME TO THE ASSISTANCE OF A FRATERNAL PEOPLE IN DISTRESS," PRAVDA SAID.

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