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BELGRADE, SEPT 1 (CMD)- THE YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY TANJUG TONIGHT CRITICISED POLISH, BULGARIAN AND SOVIET REACTION TO YUGOSLAV REPORTS ON EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

TANJUG SAID THE PRESS, NEWS AGENCIES AND RADIO-TELEVISION NETWORKS OF THESE COUNTRIES "SEEM TO BE INCREASINGLY ANNOYED BY THE OBJECTIVE REPORTING OF YUGOSLAV INFORMATION MEDIA", ABOUT CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

TANJUG ACCUSED THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY NOVOSTI OF INVENTING STATEMENTS SAID TO BE INCLUDED IN TANJUG REPORTS. IT SAID THESE FALSE ATTRIBUTIONS HAD BEEN REPRINTED IN THE SOVIET TRADE UNION NEWSPAPER TRUD, AND IN ALMOST ALL DAILY NEWSPAPERS IN BULGARIA.

TANJUG SAID THAT NOVOSTI HAD AT ITS DISPOSAL ALL THE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT AND OTHER BODIES BUT APPARENTLY PREFERRED TO MAKE USE OF UNTRUE REPORTS ATTRIBUTED TO TANJUG "SO AS TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THE ACCUSATION THAT TANJUG CORRESPONDENTS IMPEDE THE NORMALIZATION OF EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND SPOIL RELATIONS BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."

HOWEVER, IT SAID, NOVOSTI WAS "NOT ALONE IN ATTEMPTS TO BLAME YUGOSLAVIA FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

ANOTHER WAS MOSCOW TELEVISION WHOSE COMMENTATORS HAD ATTACKED THE SPEECH ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

"AS IN OTHER CASES, THE COMMENTATOR NEGATED THE RIGHT OF THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLES TO EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS, AND THE RIGHT OF THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT TO SOVEREIGN DETERMINATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION."

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