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X/4 C/S - BORBA SAYS CRITICISM REMINISCENT OF 1948 (CN 10)

BELGRADE, SEPT 2 (CMD)-THE YUGOSLAV NEWSPAPER BORBA SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SOVIET PRESS WAS ATTACKING YUGOSLAVIA FOR ITS STAND ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK INVASION WAS REMINISCENT OF 1948.

BORBA, QUOTED BY TANJUG, NOTED THAT THE CRITICISM WAS INCREASING FROM DAY TO DAY, AND ADDED: "THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN THIS; NOTHING THAT WAS NOT KNOWN FROM THE 1948 RESOLUTION OF THE COMINTERN AND LATER.

"THE SAME QUITE PRIMITIVE PROPAGANDA IS BEING USED; PROPAGANDA WHICH ENDEAVOURS TO MAKE UP FOR THE LACK OF ARGUMENTS WITH ARROGANT AND INSULTING WORDS WHICH DEPEND FOR ACCEPTANCE ON THE LACK OF INFORMATION AMONG THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE REAL STATE OF AFFAIRS".

BORBA ALSO NOTED THAT THE SOVIET PRESS HAD ATTACKED YUGOSLAVIA FOR ITS STAND ON THE INVASION AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

"YUGOSLAVIA IS NOT TO BLAME BECAUSE THE QUESTION CAME UP BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL; IT IS THE FAULT OF THOSE WHO SENT THEIR TANKS AND CANNONS TO PEACEFUL CZECHOSLOVAKIA," SAID BORBA.

THE NEWSPAPER CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD NOT SUCCUMB TO PRESSURE BUT "WILL CONTINUED TO CO-OPERATE WITH ALL THOSE STATES AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN THE WORLD WHICH ACT IN THE DIRECTION OF PRESERVING PEACE AND OVERCOMING THE CRISIS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"NO PROPAGANDAIST CAMPAIGN, OR SPREADING OF LIES AND SLANDERS ABOUT OUR COUNTRY OR LEADERSHIP CAN LEAD US ASTRAY."

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