

BERLIN, SEPT 2 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH) -- EAST GERMANY'S MAJOR COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS REPORTED FROM PRAGUE TODAY THAT AS A RESULT OF "CONTINUING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES" THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS "STILL COMPLICATED."

AT THE SAME TIME COVERAGE OF CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS, WHICH TOOK UP THE BETTER PART OF THE PAPERS THROUGHOUT LAST WEEK, WAS CONSIDERABLY REDUCED TODAY ALTHOUGH IT WAS STILL A MAJOR TOPIC.

IN THEIR CORRESPONDENTS REPORTS FROM THE CZECHOSLOVAK CAPITAL, BOTH THE OFFICIAL SED ORGAN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AND THE SEMI-OFFICIAL (EAST) BERLINER ZEITUNG WERE CRITICAL OF CZECHOSLOVAK NEWSPAPERS SUCH AS RUDE PRAVO AND PRACE.

NEUES DEUTSCHLAND NOTED THAT RUDE PRAVO PUBLISHED A STATEMENT OF ARTISTS, JOURNALISTS AND SCIENTISTS CONTAINING THE "REVISIONIST DEMAND" THAT EVEN IN THE PRESENT SITUATION THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE "SHOULD NOT RPT NOT RENOUNCE 'THE IDEAS OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM'." NEUES DEUTSCHLAND EMPHASIZED THAT "NO PROMINENT ARTISTS" WERE AMONG THE SIGNERS OF THE STATEMENT WHO INCLUDED PRIMARILY JOURNALISTS WORKING FOR CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION AND "THE ANTI-SOCIALIST MAGAZINE LITERARNY LISTY."

SIMILARLY, BERLINER ZEITUNG REPORTED THAT PRACE WAS "WHIPPING UP NATIONALIST PASSIONS AND MAKING PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE MOSCOW AGREEMENTS, ON THE ONE HAND, WHILE CALLING ON PEOPLE TO KEEP CALM AND GO TO WORK, ON THE OTHER."

THE EAST GERMAN DAILY SAID THAT "OBVIOUSLY SUCH A 'SCHIZOPHRENIC' POLICY IS...BEING ENCOURAGED BY ELEMENTS OUTSIDE THIS 'EDITORIAL OFFICE'."

BOTH NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AND BERLINER ZEITUNG, WHICH -- LIKE THE OTHER MAJOR EAST GERMAN DAILIES -- HAVE MAINTAINED FREQUENTLY SINCE AUG. 21 THAT THE "FREE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO STATIONS" WERE BROADCASTING FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, TODAY REPORTED THAT "IT WAS LEARNED HERE (IN PRAGUE) THAT THE ILLEGAL STATIONS WERE ORGANIZED BY THE NOW-DISMISSED RADIO CHIEF HEJZLAR."

NEUES DEUTSCHLAND'S PRAGUE CORRESPONDENT, REPORTING ABOUT CONTINUED RESISTANCE AGAINST THE WARSAW PACT INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SAID THAT YESTERDAY "ANTI-SOCIALIST ELEMENTS" BURNED NEWSPAPERS "WHICH PRESENT THE TRUTH AND THE VIEWPOINT OF THE SOCIALIST FORCES" IN VENCESLAV SQUARE. IN RURAL AREAS "ARMED ROWDIES" WERE TRYING TO EXERT PRESSURE ON THE VILLAGE POPULATION WHILE "A UNIT OF THE ALLIED (WARSAW PACT) ARMED FORCES WAS FIRED ON FROM A MOVING RAILROAD TRAIN."

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