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BELGRADE SEPT 2 (UPI)--SOVIET NEWSMEN HAVE LEARNED HOW "VERY BITTER" THE JOURNALISTIC PROFESSION CAN BE SINCE THEY WERE ASKED TO SERVE "INJUSTICE AND UNTRUTH" IN REPORTING THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE YUGOSLAV NEWSPAPER BORBA SAID TODAY.

BORBA'S COMMENTS WERE CARRIED IN A LENGTHY ARTICLE ON SOVIET PROPAGANDA AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA, HEADED "IN THE SERVICE OF VIOLENCE."

IT SAID SOVIET JOURNALISTS "WERE ASKED TO DEPICT MILITARY INTERVENTION AS AN ACT OF INTERNATIONAL BROTHERLY ASSISTANCE, TO DEPICT DEVOTING TO SOCIALISM AND THE UNITED RESISTANCE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, WORKING CLASS AND COMMUNISTS AGAINST FOREIGN MILITARY OCCUPATION AS AN ACT OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION.

"THEY WERE ASKED NOT TO TELL THE SOVIET PEOPLE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE REAL FEELINGS OF THE WORLD, ABOUT THE REACTION FROM MANY WORKERS AND COMMUNIST MOVEMENTS ON THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

THE NEWSPAPER SAID THESE JOURNALISTS ALSO HAD A "VERY UNENVIABLE JOB" WHEN THEY BEGAN SLANDERING YUGOSLAVIA AND ITS LEADERSHIP.

SOVIET NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND TELEVISION ARE INCREASING THEIR ATTACKS ON YUGOSLAVIA EVERY DAY, BORBA SAID.

IT SAID THERE WAS NOTHING NEW IN THESE ATTACKS COMPARED WITH THE 1948 ANTI-YUGOSLAV PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN, WHEN STALIN CONDEMNED YUGOSLAVIA FOR "REVISIONISM" AND EXCOMMUNICATED IT FROM THE MOSCOW-CONTROLLED COMMUNIST BLOC.

THE SOVIETS ARE USING THE SAME "PRIMITIVE PROPAGANDA WHICH, WITH ARROGANT AND INSULTING LANGUAGE, TRIES TO COMPENSATE FOR A LACK OF ARGUMENT, DEPENDING MAINLY ON THE LACK OF INFORMATION AMONG THEIR PEOPLE ABOUT THE REAL SITUATION," THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

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