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THE PRAGUE CORRESPONDENT OF THE PAPER OBSERVED THAT "THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE CSSR CONTINUES TO BE COMPLICATED. THERE ARE ONLY VAGUE INDICATIONS OF HOW MATTERS WILL DEVELOP, ALTHOUGH POLITICAL STABILIZATION IS URGENTLY NEEDED."

WHILE THE REPORT SAID THAT THE "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES" WERE DOING THEIR PART TO CAUSE FURTHER CONFUSION, IT ADDED THAT "THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS HAVE MADE AN ORGANIZED RETREAT INTO THE UNDERGROUND IN ORDER TO REGROUP THEIR FORCES." THE FACT THAT THEY WERE CAPABLE AT ALL OF AN "ORGANIZED" RETREAT MADE IT EVIDENT THAT "SO FAR THE BASIS OF THEIR OPERATIONS HAS NOT YET BEEN ELIMINATED."

IN ADDITION TO THEIR REPORTS ABOUT EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE EAST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS TODAY CONTINUED TO HEAVILY PLAY UP STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR THE WARSAW PACT INTERVENTION. THIS INCLUDED STATEMENTS BY COMMUNIST AND PRO-COMMUNIST GROUPINGS AND INDIVIDUALS IN SUCH COUNTRIES AS MALI, URUGUAY, MEXICO, GUINEA AND CANADA AS WELL AS STATEMENTS OF EAST GERMANS WHO LINKED THEIR EXPRESSIONS OF SOLIDARITY WITH PLEDGES TO FURTHER INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS TO TURN OUT MORE AND BETTER PRODUCTS.

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