

X/13 CS -- HERMANSSON REJECTS SOVIET CRITICISM OF HIS VIEWS

STOCKHOLM, SEPT 2 -- (RFE SPECIAL/HENRY) -- SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER C.H.HERMANSSON REJECTED AS "UNWORTHY OF COMMENT" CRITICISM OF HIS VIEWS ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK INVASION AS VOICED OVER RADIO MOSCOW YESTERDAY.

SWEDISH NEWSMEN IN MOSCOW REPORTED THE CRITICISM, WHICH WAS THAT HERMANSSON WAS "A LOUD-MOUTH WHO HAD DEMANDED THAT SWEDEN BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA" AS A RESULT OF THE INVASION.

THE CRITICISM CAME ABOUT IN A SHOW DONE BY TWO RADIO MOSCOW STAFFERS ON REACTIN TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION AMONG FOREIGN COMMUNIST PARTIES.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE RADIO MOSCOW MEN SAID HERMANSSON HAD MARRIED A MILLIONAIRESS, AND THAT HE ONCE TOLD ONE OF THEM THAT HE WAS A "HYBRIDIZATION OF SOCIALISM AND CAPITALISM."

HERMANSSON TODAY SAID THE CLAIM THAT HE MADE SUCH A STATEMENT ON BEING A CROSS BETWEEN SOCIALISM AND CAPITALISM WAS "PURE FALSEHOOD". HIS WIFE, HE SAID, HAD INHERITED SOMETHING LESS THAN HALF A MILLION CROWNS (ROUGHLY 80,000 DOLLARS) FROM HER BUSINESSMAN FATHER AND THEY LIVED OFF HIS PARLIAMENTARY SALARY OF 10,000 DOLLARS A YEAR ANYWAY.

HE ALSO SAID HE HAD URGED A "FREEZING DOWN" BUT NOT A BREAK IN SWEDISH-SOVIET TIES.

"IT IS NEXT TO LAUGHABLE," HERMANSSON SAID, "THAT THEY COUNTERED MY CRITICISM OF THE SOVIET INVASION WITH SUCH LUDICROUS STATEMENTS."

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