

X/4 CS - KONEV SAYS RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM WANTED IN CS

MOSCOW, SEPT 2 (CMD)- FORMER WARSAW PACT MILITARY COMMANDER, SOVIET MARSHAL IVAN KONEV, SAID TODAY THAT WEST GERMANY AND CZECHOSLOVAK COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES WANTED TO SEE A RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TASS SAID.

WRITING IN THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA, KONEV, WHO IS AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF PRAGUE, SAID:

"THE HITLERITE GENERALS WHO ARE NOW SHAPING NATO'S MILITARY POLICY WOULD LIKE TO SEE CZECHOSLOVAKIA ISOLATED FROM COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY.

"BUT FOR THEM THIS IS ONLY A FIRST STEP. WITH THE HELP OF SUBVERSIVE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES, SUPPORTED BY THE RULING QUARTERS OF THE GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC, THEY WOULD LIKE THE RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND THAT COUNTRY'S SUBORDINATION TO THEIR WILL."

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(REUTER)- KONEV ARGUED THAT SOVIET FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE NOT OCCUPATION FORCES BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT BEHAVING AS THE GERMANS DID DURING WORLD WAR TWO.

CZECHS, SLOVAKS, YOU WELL KNOW WHAT OCCUPATION MEANS," HE WROTE. "I WAS IN THE VILLAGE OF LIDICE, WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, THE GERMANS ANNIHILATED IN ONE NIGHT.

"THE WHOLE VILLAGE WAS SIMPLY WIPED FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH TOGETHER WITH ITS INHABITANTS, AS IF IT HAD NEVER EXISTED. THIS IS HOW OCCUPIERS ACTED."

MARSHAL KONEV ALSO ASKED VETERANS OF THE SLOVAK AND PRAGUE UPRISINGS, "WHY HAVE YOU BEEN UNABLE TO EXPLAIN TO YOUR SONS THE TRUE MISSION OF OUR TROOPS?"