

X/4 C/S - BRATISLAVA: 15 MEN FOR EACH "COUNTER REVOLUTIONARY"
(RELEADS CN - 88)

MUNICH, SEPT 2 (CMD) - RADIO BRATISLAVA TODAY MOCKED SOVIET CLAIMS THAT THERE WERE 40,000 COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BUT SAID THAT IF TRUE IT MEANT THAT 15 OCCUPATION TROOPS WERE NEEDED FOR EVERY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY.

THE SLOVAK-LANGUAGE BROADCAST BEGAN BY SAYING: "ACCORDING TO THE MOSCOW RADIO THERE ARE 40,000 COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THIS WAS DETERMINED WITHOUT ANY CENSUS OF THE PEOPLE, WITHOUT ANY QUESTIONNAIRES AND WITHOUT ANY POLLS OF PUBLIC OPINION. THEY IN MOSCOW NICELY SORTED OUT THE THOUGHTS OF OUR 14 MILLION PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE CHILDREN AND BABIES, AND PROCLAIMED: EXACTLY 40,000 PEOPLE AND NOT MORE."

RADIO BRATISLAVA SAID "THE FIGURE APPEARED FROM GOD KNOWS WHERE, BUT MOST LIKELY SOMEBODY READ IT RIGHT OUT OF THE STARS."

THE FIGURE OF 40,000 SEEMED VERY LOW FOR A POPULATION OF 14 MILLION, SAID THE RADIO "AND ALSO RATHER LOW TO REQUIRE THE CALLING INTO ACTION OF TANKS, AIRCRAFT, ARMED ARMoured VEHICLES AND OF ALL THOSE 600,000 ARMED MEN READY FOR ANYTHING."

THE COMMENTATOR CONTINUED: "AND THIS IS WHERE REASON AND LOGIC FLUNDERS. I WAS TAUGHT TO COUNT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND THUS I ALSO ARRIVED AT A NICE ROUND FIGURE. BE SURPRISED, WORLD: THESE 40,000 COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES ARE SO STRONG THAT 15 MEN MUST BE BROUGHT IN FOR EVERY ONE OF THEM. AND THESE 15 MUST EVEN COME FROM DIFFERENT NATIONS. THIS IS CAUTION. HATS OFF TO IT."

"BUT IF ONE THINKS THIS THROUGH IT RAISES THE QUESTION: IS THE COMBAT READINESS OF THESE TROOPS FIGHTING OUR COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES SO LOW ? OR IS THERE MORE TO THIS COUNTER-REVOLUTION THAT WE DO NOT KNOW. (BRATISLAVA/F, 0710, SEPT 2)