

X/4 C/S - ADN CLAIMS STRAUSS PLANNED ANTI-SOCIALIST PARTY IN CSSR

BERLIN (EAST), SEPT 2 (CMD) - THE EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY ADN CLAIMED TODAY THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHRISTIAN SOCIAL UNION (CSU), FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS HAD PLANNED TO SET UP AN ANTI-SOCIALIST PARTY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

ADN CLAIMED STRAUSS TOLD A "MORE INTIMATE CIRCLE" OF CSU OFFICIALS IN MUNICH LAST JULY THAT THE "SITUATION WAS MATURE : IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARTY OF BOURGEOIS CHARACTER WHICH AIMS AT THE ELIMINATION OF THE LEADING ROLE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY."

"THE DEVELOPMENT IN THIS DIRECTION COULD NO LONGER BE STOPPED," HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE SAID.

ADN SAID STRAUSS DESCRIBED IT AS A SINGLE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A PARTY IN A SOCIALIST COUNTRY WHICH ORIENTATES ITSELF ON THE POLICY OF THE CHRISTIAN PARTIES IN THE WEST AND REGARDS THEM AS ITS MODEL."

"THE CSU MUST NOT LET THIS OPPORTUNITY PASS," STRAUSS ALLEGEDLY SAID ACCORDING TO ADN. (ADN, SEPT 2)

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