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C/S - SOVIET RUSSIA: " SCUM" STILL ACTIVE

MOSCOW, SEPT. 3, REUTER - A TOP SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER CHARGED TODAY THAT "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY SCUM" WERE STILL ACTIVE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND CALLED FOR VIGILANCE BY ALL COMMUNISTS.

SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIA ORGAN OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, ALSO CHARGED THAT A WEAKENING OF REVOLUTIONARY VIGILANCE IN PRAGUE BEFORE THE SOVIET OCCUPATION HAD LED TO THE "UNLEASHING OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION."

THE RENEWED CRITICISM OF EARLIER CZECHOSLOVAK POLICIES CAME AS THE SOVIET PRESS REPORTED FOR THE FIRST TIME THE ELECTION OF PRAGUE'S NEW COMMUNIST PARTY PRESIDIUM CONTAINING A MAJORITY OF PRE-OCCUPATION SUPPORTERS OF PARTY CHIEF ALEXANDER DUBCEK.

BUT PRAVDA, THE MAIN SOVIET PARTY ORGAN, DID NOT COMMENT ON THE NEW PRAGUE PRESIDIUM.

SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIA SAID THE MOST FATEFUL ASPECT OF PRAGUE'S EARLIER POLICIES WAS "THE SO-CALLED FREEDOM OF SPEECH" ENJOYED BY CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALISTS IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

THIS HAD MEANT "FREEDOM TO SLANDER IN THE PRESS AND ON THE RADIO ALL THE SOCIALIST ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND THE RULING ROLE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, THE FREEDOM FOR SLANDEROUS ATTACKS AGAINST THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION," IT SAID.

CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY LEADER DUBCEK HAS ANNOUNCED REIMPOSITION OF PRESS CENSORSHIP AND THE PRAGUE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY DISCUSSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CENSORS OFFICE.

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