

X/4 C/S - BULGARIA DENOUNCES CHOU OVER ANTI-SOVIET SPEECH

PEKING, SEPT 3 (CMD) - BULGARIA'S OFFICIAL BTA NEWS AGENCY TODAY DESCRIBED CHINESE PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI'S ANTI-SOVIET SPEECH AT A NORTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSY RECEPTION YESTERDAY AS BEING "PERMEATED WITH HATRED AND RAGE."

BTA SAID THAT WHEN CHOU BEGAN "SLANDERING" THE USSR, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF BULGARIA, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, MONGOLIA, POLAND, THE USSR AND HUNGARY HAD LEFT THE EMBASSY RECEPTION, AS HAD THE REPRESENTATIVES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

BTA SAID THAT CHOU'S SPEECH FOLLOWED CHINESE "DISAPPOINTMENT" OVER THE "POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. CHOU EN-LAI ALSO ATTACKED THE LEADERS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHO HAD SIGNED THE MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE."

(CMD - BTA DOES NOT RPT NOT REPORT THE REACTION, IF ANY, OF WHATEVER RUMANIAN DIPLOMATS MAY HAVE ATTENDED THE RECEPTION, NOR WAS MENTION MADE OF THE REACTION OF THE NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS.)

(PREMIER CHOU HAD CALLED THE MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE WHICH FOLLOWED SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS AS "ABSURD." HE ALSO LUMPED THE SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERSHIP TOGETHER AS "REVISIONIST.")

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