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BERLIN, SEP 3 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH) -- THE SUDETEN GERMAN LANDSMANNSCHAFT IN WEST GERMANY AND THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) HAVE BEEN COLLABORATING ON PLANS TO PREPARE THE "COUNTER-REVOLUTION" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, A MUNICH-DATELINED ITEM OF THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY ADN IN THE NEWSPAPER NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID TODAY.

THE SUDETEN GERMAN LANDSMANNSCHAFT IN MUNICH WAS ONE OF THE "LIAISON AGENCIES" IN THE WEST WHICH WERE "GUIDING THE ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES IN THE CSSR," THE REPORT CLAIMED AND ADDED THAT THE ORGANIZATION WAS COOPERATING SYSTEMATICALLY WITH "OFFICIAL U.S. CIRCLES."

LANDSMANNSCHAFT CHAIRMAN AND CSU BUNDESTAG DEPUTY WALTER BECHER HAD REPEATEDLY MET WITH "LEADING AMERICAN POLITICIANS, SENATORS AND HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE ...CIA" IN BONN AND WASHINGTON "IN RECENT YEARS," ADN SAID. IT CLAIMED THAT IN THESE TALKS "PLANS TO ESTABLISH COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY CENTERS IN THE CSSR WERE COORDINATED AND THEIR TASKS DETERMINED."

THUS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LANDSMANNSCHAFT "JOINTLY WITH THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SERVICE" HAD REGISTERED ALMOST ALL GERMANS LIVING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA "WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN PRAGUE." THE REPORT MAINTAINED. IN THIS CONNECTION "THE AMERICANS" ALLEGEDLY REQUESTED THE LANDSMANNSCHAFT TO ORGANIZE "FORMER MEMBERS OF THE FASCIST KAMERADSCHAFTSBUND" LIVING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE RECRUITMENT OF "AGENTS WHO WERE TRAINED FOR ESPIONAGE AND SUBVERSIVE MISSIONS." THE ADN REPORT SAID THESE AGENTS WERE TOLD THAT IN CASE OF POSSIBLE OPERATIONS THEY COULD MAKE USE OF SECRET ARSENALS OF WEAPONS SET UP IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"FOR THIS THE SUDETENDEUTSCHE LANDSMANNSCHAFT WAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE SUMS BY AMERICAN SOURCES," THE REPORT SAID IN CONCLUSION.

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