

X/4 CS - TASS ON CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION

MOSCOW, SEPT 3 (CMD)- TASS, THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TODAY DESCRIBED AS "OBVIOUS" THE NEED FOR CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF THE PRESS IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUED APPEARANCE OF "ANTI-SOCIALIST AND ANTI-SOVIET" REPORTS.

A NUMBER OF CZECHOSLOVAK PAPERS AND MAGAZINES, TASS SAID, "CONTINUE OPENLY COMING OUT IN FAVOUR OF TEARING CZECHOSLOVAKIA AWAY FROM THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND LAUNCHING IT ON THE ROAD OF CAPITALIST DEVELOPMENT; SUCH A PROGRAMME, FOR INSTANCE, WAS PUBLISHED SEVERAL DAYS AGO BY 'FREE TELEVISION NEWS', 'KULTURNY ZIVOT' AND 'MLADY SVET' AND SOME OTHER PAPERS."

THE NEWS AGENCY SAID THAT "PUBLICATIONS OF THIS KIND" ARE TRYING TO "ENCOURAGE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES WHICH CONTINUE THEIR PROVOCATIVE PROPAGANDA AIMED AGAINST THE RESULTS OF THE SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS IN MOSCOW."

THEY ARE ALSO TRYING TO "SPREAD HATRED FOR THE ALLIED SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND ATTACK THOSE LEADERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND ATTACK THOSE LEADERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC WHO TAKE A STAND FOR CONSISTENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS ADOPTED AS A RESULT OF THE MOSCOW TALKS," TASS SAID.

TASS GOES ON TO ACCUSE THESE PUBLICATIONS OF ATTEMPTING "TO INTIMIDATE AND HOUND TRULY PATRIOTIC FORCES, HONEST PEOPLE, WHOM THEY LABEL 'COLLABORATIONISTS', WHILE THEY DEFEND TRUE COLLABORATIONISTS WHOSE CONTACTS WITH IMPERIALIST INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WERE PROVED."

THE NEWS AGENCY WENT ON TO DENY THAT CERTAIN CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS HAD BEEN ARRESTED. IT SAID "THESE PEOPLE ARE EITHER SAFELY LIVING IN PRAGUE OR, APPARENTLY ON SENSING THEIR GUILT TO THEIR HOMELAND, HAVE RUN AWAY -- SOME TO MUNICH, OTHERS TO VIENNA AND BELGRADE."

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