

X/4 C/S - IZVESTIA ON EUROPEAN BALANCE-OF-POWER

MOSCOW, SEPT 3 (CMD) - IZVESTIA, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT PAPER, TODAY REJECTED "IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA" CLAIMS THAT THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY WARSAW PACT FORCES MEANT A CHANGE IN THE EUROPEAN "STATUS QUO."

THE NEWSPAPER, AS QUOTED BY TASS, ARGUED THAT IMPERIALIST FORCES HAD ATTEMPTED TO ALTER THE "EXISTING SITUATION" IN EUROPE BY "NEUTRALIZING" CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID:

"THE EXISTING SITUATION IN EUROPE IS THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR. AND ONE OF THE MAIN RESULTS WAS THE TRANSITION OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH-EAST EUROPE TO THE RAILS OF SOCIALISM. THE EXISTING SITUATION IN EUROPE MEANS THE EXISTING BORDERS ON THE CONTINENT BETWEEN SOCIALISM AND CAPITALISM. IMPERIALISM HAS DECIDED TO ACHIEVE THIS AT THE EXPENSE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, I.E. TO CHANGE THESE BORDERS BETWEEN SOCIALISM AND CAPITALISM IN EUROPE, TO REVISE THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR. THESE PLANS WERE THWARTED BY THE JOINT EFFORTS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."

"NOBODY WILL EVER BE ALLOWED," THE NEWSPAPER WENT ON TO SAY, "TO RIP OUT A SINGLE LINK FROM THE COMMUNITY OF SOCIALIST STATES ... THOSE WHO LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT CHANGING THE STATUS QUO IN EUROPE SHOULD BETTER REMEMBER THIS WELL."

IZVESTIA'S ARTICLE BY M. MIKHAILOV, ALSO ASSERTED THAT "IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA ... IS WITH GROWING SPEED ... DISCLOSING THE GENUINE PLANS OF WESTERN POWERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA." THERE ARE STRONGER VOICES TODAY "WHOSE SPECIALITY IS TO USE ANY MEANS JUST TO PRESERVE AND AGGRAVATE INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS." MIKHAILOV CLAIMS THAT "WESTERN CAPITALS ARE COMPETING IN CIRCULATING REPORTS ABOUT THE NEED TO INTENSIFY NATO'S MILITARY PLANS." (TASS, SEPT 3)