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IT SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECOMMENDED LOCAL AUTHORITIES COOPERATE WITH THE OCCUPYING SOVIET TROOPS, SUCH AS SEEKING THEIR HELP IN "MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER."

TASS NOTED CZECHOSLOVAK MOVES TOWARD A PRESS CONTROL BOARD AND SAID "THE NEED FOR SUCH AN ORGAN IS OBVIOUS, THE MORE SO SINCE A NUMBER OF PAPERS AND MAGAZINES THAT APPEAR IN PRAGUE STILL CONTINUE PUBLISHING MATERIAL, ANTI-SOCIALIST AND ANTI-SOVIET IN CONTENTS, AND CONTINUE OPENLY ADVOCATING TEARING CZECHOSLOVAKIA OUT OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND LAUNCHING IT ON THE ROAD OF CAPITALIST DEVELOPMENT."

THE NEWSPAPERS IT LISTED, TASS SAID, CARRIED SUCH PROPAGANDA.

IZVESTIA ALSO REJECTED WHAT IT CALLED "IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA" CLAIMS THAT THE STATUS QUO HAS BEEN CHANGED IN EASTERN EUROPE BY THE HEAVY INFLUX OF WARSAW PACT TROOPS INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IZVESTIA COMMENTATOR M. MIKHAILOV SAID SUCH CLAIMS WERE "A SMOKE SCREEN." HE SAID "THE EXISTING SITUATION IN EUROPE" WAS SETTLED BY THE RESULTS OF WORLD WAR TWO. WHICH MOVED "SEVERAL COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST EUROPE TO THE RAILS OF SOCIALISM."

HE SAID THE STATUS QUO IN EUROPE "MEANS THE EXISTING BORDERS BETWEEN SOCIALISM AND CAPITALISM" AND SAID IT WAS THE WEST WHICH TRIED TO CHANGE THE STATUS QUO BY MAKING CZECHOSLOVAKIA CAPITALIST.

"THESE PLANS WERE THWARTED BY THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES," HE WROTE.

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