

X/4 C/S -- PRAVDA DENIES SOVIET-AMERICAN COLLUSION ON CS

MUNICH, SEP 4 (CMD)-- THE SOVIET PARTY ORGAN PRAVDA TODAY DENIED THERE HAD BEEN SOVIET-AMERICAN "COLLUSIONS" CONCERNING THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

TASS REPORTED THAT THE PRAVDA DENIAL, WRITTEN BY COMMENTATOR YURI ZHUKOV, SAID:

"FOR SOME TIME PAST, THE ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM HAVE NOT RPT NOT DARED TO EXPLOIT SO ARROGANTLY AND UNCEREMONIOUSLY THE VENOMOUS WEAPON OF LIES AND SLANDER AS THEY ARE DOING NOW.

"THEIR AIM IS TO DECEIVE PEOPLE, TO DISTRACT THEIR ATTENTION FROM CZECHOSLOVAK COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES CAUGHT RED-HANDED AND THE PATRONS OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION FROM IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES, TO SOW PANIC AND DISCORD IN THE CAMP OF REVOLUTIONARY FORCES."

TASS SAID ZHUKOV THEN REFERRED "TO THE WILD LIES PUT OUT BY THE U.S. NEWSPAPER 'NEW YORK TIMES' AND THE LONDON 'DAILY TELEGRAPH' THAT THE SOVIET UNION -- WHILE TAKING -- JOINTLY WITH OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES -- THE DECISION TO RENDER EMERGENCY AID TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE 'HAD BEFOREHAND INFORMED' WASHINGTON ABOUT THIS AND SECURED AN ASSURANCE THAT THE 'U.S.A. WOULD NOT RPT NOT REACT TO THIS.'"

ZHUKOV ADDED: "ELABORATING ON THIS PIECE OF CALUMNY, THE PRESS SERVICE OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF GERMANY ANNOUNCED THAT A 'JOINT AMERICAN-SOVIET DECLARATION' WAS PREPARATION AIMED AT NOTHING LESS TAN THE PARTITION OF THE WORLD."

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