

C/S -- 1230 INTRO -- COMMUNIST COMMENT ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

MUNICH, SEP 4 (CNR/CMD/AGENCIES)-- NEWS MEDIA OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONTINUED TODAY TO INSIST THAT THE SITUATION IS BECOMING NORMALISED BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF THE WARSAW PACT TROOPS, THE NEWS MEDIA TAKE THE LINE THAT ANTI-SOVIET AND ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES STILL AT WORK IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE PREVENTED COMPLETE NORMALIZATION.

(THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK AND SOVIET LEADERS DECLARES THAT THE OCCUPYING TROOPS WILL BE WITHDRAWN GRADUALLY FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA "AS THE SITUATION NORMALIZES.")

RADIO MOSCOW TODAY DECLARED THAT A NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS IN PRAGUE WERE STILL PUBLISHING ANTI-SOVIET AND ANTI-SOCIALIST ARTICLES, AND HAD NOT YET STOPPED PROVOCATIVE PROPAGANDA AS A RESULT OF THE MOSCOW TALKS.

RADIO BUDAPEST TODAY QUOTED THE HUNGARIAN NEWS AGENCY MTI AS SAYING THAT THE FACT THAT NO ONE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TOOK A STAND IN PUBLIC AGAINST THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT DID NOT YET MEAN THAT OPPOSITION DID NOT EXIST.

HOWEVER, MTI WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, A NUMBER OF LOCAL PARTY ORGANISATIONS AND SOME MASS AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS HAD PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT TO THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT.

IN WARSAW, THE PARTY DAILY TRYBUNA LUDU CLAIMED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS AND RADIO WAS NOT IMPLEMENTING FULLY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERSHIP FOR NORMALIZATION AND POLITICAL CONSOLIDATION.

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