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C/S -- "VOLKSSTIMME" SAYS "IZVESTIA" ATTACK WAS DIRT (WITH CN 56)

(EDS: THIS ITEM IS ESPECIALLY USEFUL)

VIENNA, SEP 4 (CNR/RFE SPECIAL "KOSTRBA")-- THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, VOLKSSTIME, TODAY BRANDED AS DIRT THE ATTACK ON CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK PUBLISHED IN THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA LAST NIGHT.

UNDER A HEADLINE "UNBEARABLE" VOLKSSTIME QUOTED THE IZVESTIA ARTICLE ACCUSING HAJEK OF "INSISTER REVISIONIST AND ZIONIST CRIMES."

THE NEWSPAPER PARTICULARLY ATTACKED THOSE PASSAGES OF THE IZVESTIA ARTICLE ALLEGING THAT HAJEK "USED TO WRITE SERVILE LETTERS TO THE GESTAPO AND HAD TO WORK HARD FOR THE NAZIS."

"THE REJECTION OF THIS DIRT CANNOT BE SHARP AND ENERGETIC ENOUGH", "VOLKSSTIMME" SAID, STRESSING THAT IT WAS AN OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WHICH MAINTAINS THAT "ONLY FOR THESE REASONS THE CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER HAD TO CHANGE HIS NAME FROM KARPELES TO HAJEK."

AFTER HAVING CLARIFIED THE MAJOR POINTS OF HAJEK FOREIGN POLICIES IN ITS ARTICLE, "VOLKSSTIMME" SAID THAT "THE KARPELES STORY REMINDS OF THE WRITINGS OF THE NAZI PAPER STUERMER."

"BAD ENOUGH THAT THERE EXISTS A MISTER KORSHEW WHO PUTS SOMETHING LIKE THIS ON PAPER. EVEN WORSE THAT IT IS PRINTED BY "IZVESTIA", "VOLKSSTIMME" SAID.

IN A SEPARATE EDITORIAL, VOLKSSTIME SAID THE ^EREACTION OF THE MILITARY INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA EVOKED A WAVE OF DISCUSSIONS WITHIN WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES AND WOULD ALSO LEAD TO DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF THE FIVE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.