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THE ARTICLE BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND POLITBURO MEMBER FRANZ WEST, WAS DEVOTED TO THE COUNTRY-WIDE DISCUSSIONS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CIRIS ORGANIZED BY AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LOCAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

ACCORDING TO WEST, THE DISCUSSIONS REVEAL THE EXISTENCE OF THREE MAJOR TRENDS .

THE MAJORITY OF AUSTRIAN COMMUNISTS SUPPORT THE OFFICIAL PARTY RESOLUTION PROTESTING AGAINST THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE INTERVENING ARMIES, HE SAID.

SOME AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST FUNCTIONARIES CONSIDER THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA "TOO MILD AND WOULD PREFER A STRONGER REJECTION OF THE MILITARY INTERVENTION," WEST SAID.

THERE ARE OTHERS, WHO ARE CRITICAL OF THE PARTY'S PROTEST AGAINST THE OCCUPATION AND CONSIDER THE INTERVENTION BENEFICIAL FOR THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM, WEST WROTE.

IN ADDITION, "VOLKSSTIMME" CARRIED AN EXTENSIVE ARTICLE ABOUT THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION BASED ON OFFICIAL NEWS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ON A REPORT BY ITS PRAGUE CORRESPONDENT.

"AT PRESENT THE CZECHOSLOVAK POPULATION MUST BE CONTENT WITH SMALL BITS OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM OF THE PRESS - A STATE OF AFFAIRS WHICH ONLY A FORTNIGHT AGO WAS ALREADY BELONGING TO THE PAST," THE "VOLKSTIMME" CORRESPONDENT REPORTED AND ADDED THAT "RUDE PRAVO" AND "VECERNI PRAHA" EDITORS "ARE ASKING ALL THEIR COMMUNIST COLLEAGUES ABROAD TO PROMOTE PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM BASED ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRACY AND FREE OPINION."

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