

BERLIN, SEP 4 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH) -- AN EAST GERMAN ARMY COLONEL WRITING IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND TODAY PRAISED THE "FULL READINESS FOR BATTLE, HIGH DISCIPLINE AND REVOLUTIONARY VIGILANCE" OF THE EAST GERMAN TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN HIS COMMENTARY IN THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST (SED) DAILY, THE COLONEL SAID THE SOLDIERS HAD, IN FACT, PROVED THEMSELVES AS "CLASS FIGHTERS AND INTERNATIONALISTS." THIS WAS ALSO REFLECTED IN SED PARTY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS TURNED IN BY MANY OF THESE SOLDIERS IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS, HE SAID.

"THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THE GDR TAKE JUSTIFIED PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT THE UNITS OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S ARMY OPERATING SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE SOVIET ARMY (AND) THE FRATERNAL ARMIES (OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES) HAVE, CONSCIENTIOUSLY MEETING THEIR MILITARY DUTY, ENGAGED IN A DECISIVE CLASS BATTLE," THE MILITARY COMMENTATOR SAID.

THE AUTHOR ADDED THAT THE EAST GERMAN TROOPS KNEW ALSO THAT "NOT RPT NOT ONLY THE SOCIALIST ARMIES AND THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN THE CSSR ARE FACING EACH OTHER AT THE FRONT OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE. THE EVENTS IN OUR BROTHER COUNTRY ARE NO ISOLATED DEVELOPMENTS. THE MAIN ENEMY IS AND REMAINS WEST GERMAN IMPERIALISM."

THE EVENTS IN RECENT WEEKS HAD "EMPHATICALLY CONFIRMED THAT THE IMPERIALISTS ARE STEPPING UP THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WAR, ORGANIZING NEW REVANCHIST PROVOCATIONS AND SPEEDING UP PREPARATIONS FOR THE MILITARY AGGRESSION," THE COMMENTARY SAID.

BUT THE OFFICER ADDED THAT IT HAD ONCE MORE BECOME CLEAR IN THESE DAYS: "TO FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE SOVIET ARMY MEANS TO FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF THE VICTOR."

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