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WARSAW, SEPT. 4, REUTER - A LEADING WARSAW NEWSPAPER, WHICH LESS THAN A FORTNIGHT AGO BRANDED CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK AS A "REVISIONIST" TODAY PUBLISHED A PEN-PICTURE OF HIM AS AN HONEST MAN DEVOTED TO THE COUSE OF SOCIALISM.

A DESPATCH FROM MR. WOJCIECH DUBICKI, SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF "ZYCIE WARSZAWY", QUOTED PRAGUE INFORMANTS AS DESCRIBING MR. DUBCEK AS AN EMOTIONAL LEADER, EASILY INFLUENCED BY MOODS, RATHER THAN A COOL, STRONG POLITICIAN.

"HE TRUSTED PEOPLE TOO MUCH, TO THE EXTENT OF NAIVETY, AND THAT IS WHY MANY EVENTS TOOK HIM BY SURPRISE," KUBICKI WROTE.

"HE WAS DEVOTED TO THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM, AND FOR TOO LONG HE THOUGH THAT EVERYBODY AROUND HIM WAS THE SAME."

SUMMING UP HIS APPROAISAL OF CZECHOSLOVAK LEADER, KUBICKI SAID: "THERE IS RECOGNITION OF HIS MORAL STANDPOINT AND HONESTY, BUT RESERVATIONS ABOUT HIS POLITICAL ACUMEN AND ABILITY TO ACT DECISEIVELY WHEN THIS IS ESSENTIAL."

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