

THE TEXT OF THE VOLKSTIMME ARTICLE ON IZVESTIA'S ATTACK READS:-

"TASS REPORTS FROM MOSCOW THAT 'IZVESTIA' PUBLISHED A PAMPHLET BY A CERTAIN KORSHEV, DEALING WITH ACTIVITIES OF CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK. THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE DESCRIBES HAJEK AS JOBBINGMAN OF SINISTER REACTIONARY AND COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES.

ACCORDING TO AFP, 'IZVESTIA' REPROACHES HAJEK FOR HIS ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN POLICIES BY ADVANCES TOWARDS THE WEST, ESPECIALLY TOWARDS THE GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC. IN ADDITION, HAJEK INTENDED TO RE-ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. HAJEK - KORSHEV CONTINUES - HAS WRITTEN SERVILE LETTERS TO THE GESTAPO TO SAVE HIS SKIN. AND THE GESTAPO - THE ARTICLE STATES - SAVED HAJEK'S LIFE AND (THUS) HE HAD TO WORK HARD FOR THE NAZIS. FOLLOWS A VERBATIM QUOTATION: PERHAPS THAT WAS THE REASON WHY HE HAS CHANGED HIS NAME FROM KARPELES TO HAJEK.

ONE CANNOT BE ENERGETIC AND SHARP ENOUGH IN REJECTING THIS DIRT WHICH APPEARS OF ALL PLACES IN A GOVERNMENTAL ORGAN OF THE SOVIET UNION. HAJEK HAS CLARIFIED REPEATEDLY IN MANY INTERVIEWS AND GOVERNMENT DECLARATIONS HIS STANDPOINT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE FEDERAL GERMAN REPUBLIC. IT WAS NOT THE QUESTION OF ADVANCES IN THE SENSE OF THE WORD AS USED BY KORSHEV. HAJEK HAD ALSO CLARIFIED THAT A PRECONDITION FOR ANY DELIBERATION ABOUT A RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS TO ISRAEL IS THE (ISRAELI) WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED ARABIC TERRITORIES. AND THE KARPELES STORY REMINDS OF THE STYLE USED BY "STUERMER. BAD ENOUGH THAT THERE EXISTS A MISTER KORSHEV WHO WRITES SUCH THINGS. EVEN WORSE THAT IT IS BEING PUBLISHED BY IZVESTIA".

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