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BONN, SEPT 4 ( RFE SPECIAL/MARSH ) -- THE BONN GOVERNMENT TODAY REJECTED AS A "COARSE LIE" A NEW ATTACK AGAINST WEST GERMANY APPEARING IN TODAYS PRAVDA, THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN HERE SAID THAT RECENT EVENTS IN EAST EUROPE HAVE PROMPTED THE SOVIET UNION TO TRY TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM ITS OWN ACTIVITIES BY LAUNCHING VIRULENT ATTACKS AGAINST THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

THE LATEST PRAVDA ATTACK WAS CONTAINED IN AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY NIKOLAI GRIBACHEV, A SOVIET POET AND EDITOR.

STATE SECRETARY GUENTER DIEHL TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE SOVIET UNION IN RECENT WEEKS HAD TAKEN TO "BRANDING TRUTH AS LIES AND LIES AS TRUTH."

HE SAID THE LATEST PRAVDA ATTACK COULD ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS A "COARSE LIE" THAT WOULD NOT SERVE TO IMPROVE BONN-MOSCOW RELATIONS.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON A PAPER HANDED TO CHANCELLOR KIESINGER MONDAY BY THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO BONN, SEMYON TSARAPKIN, DIEHL SAID THERE WAS "ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN THE SOVIET COMMUNICATION THAT HAS NOT APPEARED IN THE CATALOGUE OF SOVIET DEMANDS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE PAST."

DETAILS OF THAT PAPER HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY RELEASED, AND THE BONN PRESS SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WERE NO PLANS TO PUBLISH ITS CONTENTS.

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