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THE YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY TANJUG HAD THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON TODAY'S RUDE PRAVO EDITORIAL:

"RUDE PRAVO OF PRAGUE TODAY DEALS AGAIN WITH THE QUESTIONS OF REALITY OF THE PRESENT SOCIAL LIFE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND UNITY AND DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE PARTY, ESPECIALLY SO FAR AS FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOSCOW OBLIGATIONS IS CONCERNED.

"THE EDITORIAL, WRITTEN BY MARIJA SEDLAKOVA, MEMBER OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF BRATISLAVAS PRAVDA - OTHERWISE A WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR OF MANY ARTICLES ON SOCIO-POLITICAL SUBJECTS - ALSO THIS TIME POINTS TO THE HARD REALITY AND DIFFICULT CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE PARTY WILL ACT IN THE FUTURE.

"SEDLAKOVA POINTS OUT CATEGORICALLY THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL NOT RPT NOT STEP DOWN FROM THE POST-JANUARY PATH, ALTHOUGH MANY THINGS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED MORE SLOWLY AND ON A NARROWER SPACE THAN FORMERLY THOUGHT.

"MENTIONING THAT THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT, TOO, DOES NOT RPT NOT SEEK RETURN TO THE PRE-JANUARY CONDITIONS, SEDLAKOVA URGES ITS FULL IMPLEMENTATION BECAUSE IN THIS WAY ALONE WILL CZECHOSLOVAKIA BE ABLE TO DEMAND CONSISTENCY OF THE OTHER SIDE, ESPECIALLY (GARBLE) TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE WARSAW TREATY ARMIES.

"AN INTERESTING PART OF THE ARTICLE IS ONE IN WHICH SEDLAKOVA URGES THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE BE TOLD NAKED AND BITTER TRUTH, WHICH IS BETTER THAN GUESSING AND IGNORANCE.

"NONE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL OR LEGAL PARTY FUNCTIONARIES AND BODIES HAS INVITED THE ARMY TO OUR COUNTRY. IT IS HERE AS A HARD REALITY OF OUR PRESENT LIFE. NONE OF US, NO RPT NO SINGLE CLASS OR SOCIAL SECTION, HAS ACCEPTED EXPLANATION OF SUCH AN ACTION. OUR MILITIAMEN HAVE NOT RPT NOT SHUT ANYBODYS MOUTH EVEN BY HAND, OUR SECURITY HAS NOT RPT NOT ARRESTED ANYBODY FOR A COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACT, AND OUR ARMY HAS NOT RPT NOT FIRED A SINGLE BULLET IN ORDER TO SUPPRESS COUNTER-REVOLUTION. THEREFORE WE COULD NOT RPT NOT ADMIT AN EXPLANATION OF SUCH AN ACTION.

"HOWEVER, THE HARD REALITY BOTH COMPELS AND OBLIGES US, SEDLAKOVA CONCLUDES, CALLING ON ALL NOT RPT NOT TO ALLOW THE TRIPPING, FROM EITHER RIGHT OR LEFT, OF THE HIGHEST LEADERS OF THE COUNTRY WHO PROMISED THE PEOPLE THEY WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN THIS SITUATION."

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