

X/4 C/S - RUDE PRAVO EDITORIAL SAYS PEOPLE DEMONSTRATED HIGH QUALITIES

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MUNICH, SEPT 4 (CMD). - AN EDITORIAL IN TODAY'S RUDE PRAVO CALLED ON ALL "HONEST" COMMUNISTS "AND OTHER PEOPLE NOT RPT NOT TO ALLOW ANYONE FROM ANY DIRECTION TO PLACE OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE," WHO HAD DEMONSTRATED THEIR "HIGH MORAL QUALITIES" IN RECENT DAYS.

THE EDITORIAL, REPRINTED FROM BRATISLAVA PRAVDA, WAS WRITTEN BY MARIA SEDLAKOVA, THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN'S EDITOR-IN-CHIEF. ITS CONTENTS WERE REPORTED TONIGHT BY RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

SEDLAKOVA SAID THAT "THE PARTY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE LED INTO UNCERTAINTY. IF WE ALLOW THAT, IT WOULD HAVE UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES FOR THE COUNTRY AND FOR EVERY ONE OF ITS CITIZENS."

THE AUTHOR ALSO SAID THAT THE FIRM ATTITUDE OF "ALL THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS OVER THE PAST WEEKS GIVES THE PRESIDENT AND ALL THE OTHER PROGRESSIVE POLITICIANS THE RIGHT TO ASK OF THE NATION ALL THAT THE HARD REALITY OF THE PRESENT MOMENT NECESSITATES."

IN HER ARTICLE, SEDLAKOVA WENT ON TO PRAISE PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA FOR HIS "FIRM STAND." "THE HARD REALITY REPRESENTED BY THE PRESENCE OF UNINVITED FOREIGN TROOPS IN THE COUNTRY DID NOT RPT NOT BRING HIM TO HIS KNEES." AT NO TIME "DID HE FORGET HIS CONSTITUTIONAL OATH TO THE NATIONS OF THIS COUNTRY."

SEDLAKOVA ALSO REPEATED THE PRESENT REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED BY PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK IN HIS CENTRAL COMMITTEE SPEECH LAST WEEK. THESE INCLUDED THE FOSTERING "OF UNITY WITHIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND DISCIPLINE IN ITS RANKS, WHICH WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO ADVANCE IN UNITY IN CARRYING OUT THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT. THE PARTY MUST BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY, AND THE UNITY OF CZECHS AND SLOVAKS MUST BE PRESERVED. THE PEOPLE MUST BE TOLD THE TRUTH, HOWEVER UNPLEASANT IT MAY BE." (RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA/ F, SEPT 4, 1815)

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