

C/S -- 1ST ADD PRAVDA EXPLAINS NORMALIZATION (CN 44) XXXX COUNTRY

THE ARTICLE FROM PRAGUE WAS PRINTED IMMEDIATELY ABOVE A TASS REPORT ORIGINALLY ISSUED YESTERDAY, CLAIMING THAT CZECHOSLOVAK WORKERS WERE WRITING TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY ASKING THAT SOVIET TROOPS STAY ON UNTIL "ANTI-SOCIALIST AND ANTI-STATE" ELEMENTS HAD BEEN SUPPRESSED.

ONE OF THE LETTERS SAID : "FOLLOWERS OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION ARE STILL IN THEIR PLACES. THEIR STRENGTH SHOULD NOT BE UNDER-ESTIMATED."

THE SOVIET PRESS CONTINUED TO CARRY LETTERS PURPORTEDLY FROM PROVINCIAL CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS CLAIMING THEY WERE VICTIMIZED, BEATEN AND "SUBJECT TO MORAL TERROR," FOR ENDORSING SOVIET MILITARY INTERVENTION IN THEIR COUNTRY.

"COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES" WERE SPREADING RUMORS AND TRYING TO "DISCREDIT THE PARTY AND STATE LEADERSHIP."

PRAVDA REPORTERS RECOUNTED AN INCIDENT IN A PARK ON THE EDGE OF PRAGUE WHERE A CZECHOSLOVAK GIRL TALKING TO A SOVIET TANK CREW WAS APPROACHED BY "A YOUNG THUG WHO SNARLED 'WE WILL CUT OFF YOUR HAIR.'"

"SOMETIMES THE LONG-HAIRS FULFILL SUCH THREATS," PRAVDA ADDED.

WOMEN IN OCCUPIED EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN WORLD WAR TWO WHO COLLABORATED WITH NAZI OCCUPIERS OFTEN HAD THEIR HEADS SHAVED BY RESISTANCE FORCES.

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