

THEY CONTAINED UNDISGUISED APPEALS TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK POPULATION TO COME OUT AGAINST THE WARSAW PACT TROOPS. THE BROADCASTS ALSO ALLEGED BRUTALITIES BY THE SOVIETS SOLDIERS.

NATURALLY, THIS GAVE YOU A VERY DEFINITE PICTURE OF THE SITUATION WITHIN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. WELL, NOW, IT HAS COME TO LIGHT, AND THIS IS CONFIRMED BY THE WEST GERMANY PRESS, THAT MOST OF THESE CLANDESTINE STATIONS WERE OPERATED BY WEST GERMAN ARMY UNITS SPECIALIZING IN PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE. THE BROADCASTS ORIGINATED ON FEDERAL GERMAN TERRITORY CLOSE TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER AND WERE PUT OUT ON THE WAVELENGTHS OF CZECHOSLOVAK TRANSMITTERS THAT HAD TEMPORARILY GONE OFF THE AIR. ACCORDING TO THE WEST GERMAN PRESS, MORE THAN 10 TEN SUCH SUBVERSIVE RADIO STATIONS OF THE FEDERAL ARMY WERE IN OPERATION. POSSIBLY YOU REMEMBER HOW THE BBC CALLED ON YOU TO SHARE ITS ADMIRATION FOR THE PERSONNEL MANNING THESE CLANDESTINE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO STATION, PERSONNEL WHO, IT SAID, HAD SUCCEEDED IN SETTING UP SUFFICIENTLY POWERFUL TRANSMITTERS IN A MERE COUPLE OF DAYS. NATURALLY, THE WEST GERMANY ARMY RADIO OPERATORS DID APPRECIATE THIS PRAISE, BUT THEIR PREPARATIONS HAD OCCUPIED A MUCH LONGER TIME THAN A MERE COUPLE OF DAYS. THE REPORTS OF THESE STATIONS BROADCAST BY THE BBC SERVED NOT ONLY TO SHAPE BRITISH OPINION. IN THE CZECH LANGUAGE THE BBC EXTERNAL SERVICE BROADCAST THEM TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. BY DOING SO IT WAS USING FORGERIES CONCOCTED BY THE WEST GERMAN ARMY TO INFLAME PASSIONS AND STIR UP TROUBLE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE ROLE OF THE BBC IN ALL THIS OF COURSE AROUSES INTEREST. AFTER ALL, IN THIS WHIRLWIND OF EVENTS IT COULD WELL HAVE BECOME A VICTIM ITSELF OF DECEPTION BY THE WEST GERMAN ARMY TRANSMITTERS, THE MORE SO SINCE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TOO, THERE WERE CLANDESTINE RADIO STATIONS OPERATED BY COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES WHO HAD RECEIVED MUCH OF THEIR EQUIPMENT FROM WEST GERMANY. BUT IT IS VERY IMPROBABLE THAT THE BBC WAS IGNORANT OF ALL THIS. YOU SEE, ACCORDING TO THE WEST GERMAN PRESS, THE EQUIPMENT OF THE WEST GERMAN PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE UNITS AND ITS POTENTIALITIES IN SOWING FALSE RUMORS HAD BEEN DEMONSTRATED SHORTLY BEFORE THIS TO WEST GERMANY'S ALLIES IN NATO. TRUE, THE BBC IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN ORGANIZATION INDEPENDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT, A CLAIM IN WHICH IT IS VERY HARD TO BELIEVE SINCE THE GOVERNMENT FULLY FINANCES THE EXTERNAL SERVICES. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE BBC WAS NOT WARNED FROM OFFICIAL QUARTERS ABOUT FEDERAL GERMAN RADIO SUBVERSION, THE MORE SO SINCE THE VOICES OF STATESMEN DENOUNCING THE SOVIET UNION VERY OFTEN BECAME INTERMINGLED WITH THE REPORTS OF THE SAME CLANDESTINE STATIONS.

SO YOU SEE, THE FACT THAT THE BBC DELIBERATELY USED THESE WEST GERMAN FORGERIES TO INFLAME ANTI-SOVIET PASSIONS BOTH IN BRITAIN AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES CONFIRMS THE SUBVERSIVE CHARACTER OF ITS OWN ACTIVITIES DURING THE CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS. THIS ALSO TOOK THE FORM OF THE BBC USING THE CLANDESTINE STATIONS AS ITS UNDERGROUND CORRESPONDENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. ON TOP OF ALL THIS, THE BBC BROADCASTS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EVEN SINCE THE SITUATION THERE RETURNED TO NORMAL, HAVE CONTINUED TO URGE LISTENERS TO SABOTAGE THE MEASURES OF THE LAWFUL GOVERNMENT OF THAT COUNTRY. IN OTHER WORDS, THE BBC APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN OVER THE FUNCTIONS OF THE PSEUDO-CZECHOSLOVAK TRANSMITTERS OF THE WEST GERMAN SPECIAL UNITS. HERE WE HAVE AN EXAMPLE OF THE CLOSE COLLABORATION BETWEEN FEDERAL GERMANY AND GREAT BRITAIN AS NATO ALLIES.

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