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WARSAW, SEPT. 7, REUTER - A POLISH JOURNALIST COMPLAINED TODAY THAT CZECHOSLOVAK WOMEN TELEVISION ANNOUNCERS WERE APPEARING IN BLACK MOURNING DRESSES, NO MAKE-UP AND "WITH AIRS AND GESTURES OF IMMENSE SADNESS AND DESPAIR."

MR. WOJCIECH KUBICKI, OF THE LEADING WARSAW NEWSPAPER ZYCIE WARSZAWY, CITED THIS AS AN EXAMPLE OF LACK OF SYMPATHY WITH THE OCCUPATION OF THE COUNTRY BY RUSSIAN AND OTHER WARSAW PACT TROOPS.

HE ADDED THAT PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION STRESSED THE TERM "FOREIGN TROOPS" WHEN REFERRING TO THE OCCUPATION FORCES ALTHOUGH POLITICIANS AVOIDED IT.

LOSSES SUFFERED BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA DUE TO THE ENTRY OF THE TROOPS WERE BEING INTENTIONALLY MAGNIFIED, HE SAID.

BUT ANOTHER POLISH REPORTER, MR. WLODZIMIERZ ZRALEK, SAID THAT HE FOUND OPTIMISTIC SIGNS ON HIS RETURN TO PRAGUE AFTER A TWO-DAYS ABSENCE.

IN A DESPATCH IN THE YOUTH NEWSPAPER SZTANDAR MLODYCH HE SAID THESE INCLUDED VISIBLE PROGRESS IN NORMALISATION OF DAILY LIFE AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF "PROVOCATIVE" SLOGANS.

OTHER ENCOURAGING SIGNS WERE THE BANNING OF TWO CLUBS PREVIOUSLY ATTACKED HERE AND IN MOSCOW AS CENTRES FOR "ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES," AND PROGRESS IN REALISING DEMOCRATISATION MOVES ANNOUNCED EARLIER, MR. ZRALEK SAID.

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