

VISITS - PRAVDA ATTACKS BRITISH GOVERNMENT (W/CN-42)

LONDON, SEPT 7 REUTER - MOSCOW RADIO TODAY QUOTED A "PRAVDA COMMENTARY" ATTACKING BRITAIN'S LABOUR GOVERNMENT FOR RETURNING TO COLD WAR ATTITUDES "IN THE STYLE OF THE EARLY FIFTIES."

MOSCOW RADIO'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICE WAS COMMENTING ON THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF MR MICHAEL STEWART, BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, TO RUMANIA.

THE PRAVDA COMMENTARY SAID THAT CULTURAL SANCTIONS WERE NOT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT. HOWEVER, "THE LONDON LEADERS HAVE NOT CONFINED THEMSELVES TO SANCTIONS AGAINST CULTURAL EXCHANGES, THEY HAVE ENGAGED IN OTHER FAR MORE SERIOUS ACTIONS," IT SAID.

"IT SEEMS THE LABOUR RULERS IN LONDON HAVE DECIDED TO ALTER THEIR FOREIGN POLICY COURSE SHARPLY IN THE DIRECTION OF THE COLD WAR IN THE STYLE OF THE EARLY FIFTIES. THEN, LONDON WAS MEEKLY FOLLOWING IN WASHINGTON'S WAKE: THIS TIME IT SEEMS IT HAS DECIDED TO PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF BONN," IT CONTINUED.

PRAVDA WENT ON : "THE BRITISH LEADERS ARE MOUNTING THEIR OLD HOBBYHORSE OF ANTI-SOVIETISM. SOME OF THE MEN NOW SITTING IN OLD-FASHIONED OFFICES IN WHITEHALL WOULD LIKE TO REMIND OTHERS OF BRITAIN'S ROLE AS A WORLD POWER. BOLDLY INTERFERING IN EAST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, HELPING SOME AND OPPOSING OTHERS, DIVIDING AND TRYING TO RULE."

"DO THE LEADERS OF BRITISH DIPLOMACY REALISE WHERE BRITAIN WOULD LAND AS A RESULT OF THEIR FEVERISH NEGATIVE ACTIVITIES, DESIGNED TO DESTROY NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES?" THE COMMENTARY ASKED.

"AT ANY RATE MR STEWART HAS PLENTY OF FOOD FOR THOUGHT AS HE PREPARES FOR HIS SUNDAY FLIGHT TO BUCHAREST," PRAVDA CONCLUDED.