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X/4 CS - RUDE PRAVO SAYS "ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN BORDER"

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MUNICH, SEPTEMBER 7 - (CMD)- RUDE PRAVO, THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY DAILY, SAID TODAY THAT CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICERS AND MEN GUARDING THE BORDER WITH WEST GERMANY HAVE "EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF GUARANTEEING" BORDER SECURITY WITHOUT "THE ASSISTANCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS."

REPORTING THE ARTICLE, RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA SAID THE NEED TO PROTECT CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S BORDERS WITH WEST GERMANY HAD BEEN "GIVEN AS THE OFFICIAL REASON FOR THE ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN" THE COUNTRY.

(CMD -- TASS SAID IN ITS AUTHORIZED ANNOUNCEMENT AUGUST 21ST REGARDING THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA THAT FOREIGN WARSAW PACT FORCES HAD BEEN CALLED INTO THE COUNTRY BY CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BECAUSE OF "THE THREAT THAT WAS CREATED TOWARD THE EXISTING SOCIALIST SYSTEM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE ESTABLISHED CONSTITUTIONAL STATE SYSTEM ON THE PART OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES WHICH ENTERED INTO COLLUSION WITH FOREIGN FORCES HOSTILE TO SOCIALISM.")

TODAY'S RUDE PRAVO ARTICLE, CONTENTS OF WHICH WERE REPORTED ON A GERMAN LANGUAGE TRANSMISSION OF RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WAS ENTITLED "ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN BORDER."

REPORTERS OF THE NEWSPAPER SAID CZECHOSLOVAK "OFFICERS AND MEN" HAD "EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THEY WERE CAPABLE OF GUARANTEEING THE FULL SECURITY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS."

(RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN GERMAN/F, SEPT 7, 1800)

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