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COMMENTATOR RYZHIKOV DESCRIBED THE BAN ON THE CLUB OF NON-PARTY ACTIVISTS AS "AN IMPORTANT TOKEN OF A MORE HEALTHY POLITICAL CLIMATE IN THE COUNTRY" (CZECHOSLOVAKIA).

IT ACCUSED CZECHOSLOVAK PHILOSOPHER IVAN SVITAK, WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE FOUNDING OF THE CLUB, OF HAVING TRIED TO INCITE WORKERS OF OSTRAVA TO MASS DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE COMMUNIST PARTY. THE COMMENTATOR SAID THAT SVITAK HAD NOW GONE TO THE UNITED STATES, WHERE HE IS "ON THE STAFF OF THE AMERICAN PROPAGANDA SERVICE IN NEW YORK."

AS FOR CLUB 231, NAMED AFTER A CZECHOSLOVAK PENAL CODE PARAGRAPH ON CRIMES AGAINST THE REPUBLIC, COMMENTATOR RYZHIKOV SAID IT HAD "LAUNCHED AND ONSLAUGHT AGAINST THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND UNLEASHED A WHITE TERROR." IN ONE TOWN ALONE, THE CLUB WAS SAID TO HAVE ORGANIZED THE "SAVAGE BEATING" OF FIFTY "HONEST COMMUNISTS."

RYZHIKOV SAID THAT RUDE PRAVO, ALOIS INDRA, MARIA MIKOVA, DESCRIBED AS HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAD WARNED AGAINST THE CLUB. THE THEN INTERIOR MINISTER JOSEF PAVEL, WHO IS DESCRIBED IN THE COMMENTARY AS A MEMBER OF THE CLUB, "DID NOT DARE TO GIVE PERMISSION FOR ITS LEGALIZATION." (TASS; SEPT 8 AND RADIO MOSCOW/F; SEPT 7; 2030)

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