

X/4 C/S -- "SELF-RESTRAINT" OF SOVIET TROOPS PRAISED

MUNICH, SEPT 8 (CMD) -- A LEADING SOVIET GENERAL HAS SAID THAT ONE MUST BE "DELIGHTED" OVER THE "SELF-RESTRAINT" OF SOVIET TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IN VIEW OF "PROVOCATIONS, SLANDERS, LIES, AND GANGSTER-LIKE ATTACKS FROM BEHIND THE CORNER."

GENERAL NIKITIN, HEAD OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SOVIET GROUND FORCES, MADE THIS STATEMENT IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SOVIET TRADE UNION DAILY, TRUD, WHICH WAS REVIEWED BY RADIO MOSCOW TODAY.

NIKITIN SAID, ACCORDING TO RADIO MOSCOW: "UPON THE CALL OF THE INTERNATIONAL DUTY, AT THE INVITATION OF THE BEST SONS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, UNITS OF THE ARMIES OF THE SOVIET UNION, POLAND, BULGARIA, HUNGARY, AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ARRIVED ON CZECH SOIL WITH A FRATERNAL MISSION.

"FOR MORE THAN HALF A MONTH, OUR TROOPS HAVE BEEN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. ONE SHOULD SAY THAT SOMETIMES A VERY COMPLEX SITUATION AROSE FOR SOLDIERS.

"THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION, INSTIGATED FROM THE WEST, ACTS IN A PERFIDIOUS, MALICIOUS WAY, AND DOES NOT RPT NOT SHUN MEANEST MEANS.

"OUR SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS HAVE TO RUN INTO PROVOCATIONS, SLANDERS, LIES AND GANGSTER-LIKE ATTACKS FROM BEHIND THE CORNER. AND IN SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE ONE CANNOT BUT BE DELIGHTED OVER THE SELF-RESTRAINT AND THE BLAMELESS BEHAVIOR OF SOVIET SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS." (RADIO MOSCOW DOMESTIC/M, SEPT 8, 0700)

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