

X/4 CS - TASS CRITICIZES CZECHOSLOVAK NEWSPAPERS

MOSCOW, SEPT 9 (CM)- THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS TONIGHT CLAIMED THERE WERE "ELEMENTS WHICH ARE TRYING TO USE THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS FOR ANTI-POPULAR," AND "ANTI-SOCIALIST AIMS."

IN A REPORT ABOUT THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TASS ALSO SAID IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT "SOME ORGANS OF PRESS" CONTINUE SPEAKING FROM "ANTI-SOCIALIST POSITIONS...."

THE NEWS AGENCY SINGLED OUT THE DISTRICT PAPER NOVA SVOBODA PUBLISHED IN OSTRAVA AND CHARGED THAT THE PAPER "SYSTEMATICALLY PUBLISHED MATERIALS AIMED TO INCITE ANIMOSITY FOR ALLIED SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."

AFTER REFERRING TO RECENT MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY PRESIDIUM, THE NATIONAL FRONT AND THE CHAIRMEN OF REGIONAL AND CITY CONTROL AND AUDITING COMMISSIONS OF THE PARTY, TASS SAID:

"...THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED PRESS AN INFORMATION AGENCY REPORTED THAT DAILY NEWSPAPERS HAVE RESUMED PUBLICATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN CREATED FOR THE PUBLICATION OF WEEKLIES AND OTHER.

"THE AGENCY EXPLAINED THAT THE PUBLICATIONS THAT WERE NOT RPT NOT DULY REGISTERED WILL BE REGARDED ILLEGAL AND WILL BE PROSECUTED ACCORDING TO THE LEGISLATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC. THE AIM OF THIS MEASURE IS, OBVIOUSLY, TO INTRODUCE THE NECESSARY ORDER INTO THE ACTIVITY OF THE MEANS OF MASS MEDIA AND TO PREVENT THEIR USE IN THE AIMS HOSTILE TO THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM.

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