

"AND YET, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SOME ORGANS OF PRESS THAT RESUMED THEIR WORK CONTINUE SPEAKING FROM ANTI-SOCIALIST POSITIONS IN DEFIANCE OF THE PRESENT LINE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC. THUS, THE NORTH MORAVIAN DISTRICT PAPER "NOVA SVOBODA" SYSTEMATICALLY PUBLISHED MATERIALS AIMED TO INCITE ANIMOSITY FOR ALLIED SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

"A FEW DAYS AGO, FOR INSTANCE, THIS NEWS-PAPER PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE REPEATING THE MALICIOUS INVENTION OF IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA AND THOSE ECHOING IT IN PEKING THAT THE DECISION OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO GIVE AID TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE HAD BEEN ALLEGEDLY A RESULT OF THEIR COLLUSION WITH THE U.S.A. ON THE "DIVISION OF THE SPHERES OF INFLUENCE". IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT, THIS INVENTION HAS ALREADY BEEN REFUTED. BUT "NOVA SVOBODA" IS AGAIN DRAGGING IT ONTO ITS PAGES.

"APART FROM SUCH OPENLY HOSTILE STATEMENTS, CERTAIN CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS ORGANS INCLUDING THOSE IN PRAGUE, ARE WRITING MUCH IN THE SAME VEIN BUT WITH MORE CAMOUFLAGE, AS THE REUTER NEWS AGENCY WROTE ON SEPTEMBER 4, THEY CAREFULLY POLISH THEIR INSINUATIONS.

"IF THOSE USING SUCH METHODS BELIEVE THAT THEIR TRICKS WILL GO UNNOTICED THEY ARE DEEPLY MISTAKEN.

"THE PART THE PRESS HAS TO PLAY IN NORMALISING THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS GREAT AND THEREFORE ITS RESPONSIBILITY IS GREAT, TOO. THE WORKING PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO EXPECT THAT THE PRESS AND OTHER MEDIA OF MASS INFORMATION WILL BE MADE BY REALLY CLEAN HANDS, IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIALISM AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN FRATERNAL COUNTRIES.

"ONE CANNOT FAIL TO SEE THAT THE PRESS OF CAPITALIST COUNTRIES ENCOURAGES IN EVERY WAY THE ELEMENTS WHICH ARE TRYING TO USE THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS FOR ANTI-POPULAR, ANTI-SOCIALIST AIMS. AT THE SAME TIME IT DISHES UP FOR THEM ALL KINDS OF INVENTIONS AND FABRICATIONS. THE "NEW YORK TIMES," FOR INSTANCE, PUBLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 8 AN ALLEGED "SHORTHAND TRANSCRIPT" OF A "PRAGUE BRIEFING" CONCERNING THE MOSCOW TALKS. THE AIM BEHIND THIS FABRICATION IS TO DISTORT THE MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TALKS AND STIR UP HOSTILITY TOWARD ALLIED COUNTRIES.

THE ACTIONS OF ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES AND THEIR FOREIGN PARTNERS CAUSE LEGITIMATE CONCERN OF PARTY EXECUTIVES AND STATE OFFICIALS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, WHO ARE AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. THIS CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED, FOR INSTANCE, AT THE ALL-SLOVAK CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF REGION, DISTRICT AND CITY NATIONAL COMMITTEES. IT WAS STRESSED AT THE CONFERENCE THAT ANTI-POPULAR ELEMENTS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THEIR INTERESTS, THAT THE SECURITY ORGANS MUST TAKE MEASURES AGAINST CRIMINAL ELEMENTS AND PROVOCATEURS.

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