

X/13 GDR -- "IDEOLOGICAL CLARIFICATION" MISSING IN PRAGUE

BERLIN, SEP. 10 (RFE SPECIAL/WULFF)- THE SEMI-OFFICIAL COMMUNIST (EAST) BERLINER ZEITUNG COMPLAINED IN A REPORT BY ITS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN PRAGUE TODAY ABOUT THE ABSENCE OF "ANY IDEOLOGICAL CLARIFICATION" IN PRAGUE AND SAID ANTI-SOCIALIST AND COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES WERE STILL AT WORK.

AFTER DESCRIBING THE SCENE IN PRAGUE AS NORMAL -- "ON THE BUSY BOULEVARDS ONE HEARS MUSIC COMING FROM BARS AND CABARETS" -- BERLINER ZEITUNG SAID THIS MIGHT LEAD ONE TO THINK THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE SITUATION IN PRAGUE WAS MAKING SPEEDY PROGRESS.

"HOWEVER, VARIOUS SYMPTOMS BETRAY THE EXISTENCE OF ORGANIZED ANTI-SOCIALIST, COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES WHICH AGITATE SECRETLY, EMPLOYING NATIONALISM FOR THEIR PURPOSES," THE PAPER SAID.

IN THIS CONTEXT, BERLINER ZEITUNG MENTIONED A LEAFLET WHICH HAD REPORTEDLY APPEARED IN PRAGUE SAYING THE SOVIET UNION WAS DEMANDING 6,000 APARTMENTS IN PRAGUE FOR ITS CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES DESPITE THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A GREAT SHORTAGE OF APARTMENTS. "THE INCITING TEXT (OF THE LEAFLET) CULMINATED IN THE CLAIM THAT THESE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WERE REALLY MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET SECURITY ORGANS WHO WERE ONLY WAITING TO STAGE MASS ARRESTS."

THESE "INFAMOUS AND PLUMP LIES" ORIGINATING WITH THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES HAD ALSO APPEARED IN OTHER PARTS OF BOHEMIA AND AIMED AT SPREADING FEAR "AS WELL AS PREVENTING THAT THE HOUSE AND STREET SIGNS REMOVED AFTER AUG. 21 ON ORDERS OF ILLEGAL RADIO STATIONS BE REPLACED," BERLINER ZEITUNG SAID.

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