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X/4 C/S -- POLES COMPLAIN OF CZECHOSLOVAK SNUBS

MUNICH, SEPT 10 (CMD) -- A POLISH NEWSPAPER COMPLAINED TODAY THAT POLISH TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE BEING SNUBBED.

ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI, THE ARMED FORCES DAILY, SAID THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS WAS EVEN CLAIMING THAT POLISH SOLDIERS WERE PAYING FOR THEIR BEER WITH COUNTERFEIT CROWNS.

THE POLISH PAPER SAID SUCH STORIES, WHICH IT TERMED "OF DOUBTFUL TASTE," WERE PART OF AN ATTEMPT TO "SEPARATE THE CZECH PUBLIC FROM OUR SOLDIERS AND CAUSE DISTRUST."

ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI ALSO COMPLAINED THAT MEETINGS BETWEEN POLISH AND CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICERS HAD BEEN LIMITED TO STRICTLY MILITARY SUBJECTS. IT SAID CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICERS REJECTED POLISH SUGGESTIONS THAT "THIS COOPERATION BE EXTENDED TO CULTURAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS."

IT SAID SOME CZECHOSLOVAK ARMY OFFICERS "CLEARLY WERE AGAINST ANY KIND OF CONTACTS EXCEPT THOSE THEY CONSIDER NECESSARY."

ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI CLAIMED THAT "HESITANT" CONTACTS WERE BEGINNING BETWEEN POLISH TROOPS AND CZECHOSLOVAKS, MOSTLY YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT THAT ADULTS WERE PRESSURING YOUNGSTERS TO AVOID THE POLES.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWSPAPER POCHODEN, PUBLISHED IN HRADEC-KRALOVE, PRINTS "SLANDER AND GOSSIP," ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI SAID, INCLUDING THE REPORT POLES PAY FOR THEIR BEER WITH PHONEY MONEY.

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