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FURTHER RE GORNICKI, GORNICKI TOLD HIS EAST EUROPEAN AND WESTERN FRIENDS THAT THE REASON FOR HIS SUDDEN REMOVAL FROM THE UN POST WAS A SERIES OF LETTERS BETWEEN HIM AND HIS POLISH PRESS AGENCY SUPERIORS. HE SAID THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CRISIS, HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS AGENCY TO WRITE A SERIES OF ARTICLES WITH A DISTINCTLY ANTI-ISRAELI SLANT. GORNICKI ARGUED IN HIS LETTERS THAT HE COULD NOT DO SO BECAUSE HE COULD NOT SUBSTANTIATE AND JUSTIFY THE REQUESTED ARTICLES. HIS EDITORS THEN INSISTED THAT HIS WAS A SERIOUS MATTER AND THAT GORNICKI SHOULD RECONSIDER CAREFULLY. HE ALLEGEDLY ANSWERED THAT HE STILL COULD NOT WRITE THOSE STORIES. INSTEAD, HE TOLD HIS FRIENDS THAT HE DID NOT SEE ANY MERIT IN POLISH ASSOCIATION WITH THE SOVIET POLICY LINE ON THE MIDDLE EASTERN SITUATION AND ADVOCATED INSTEAD SOMETHING MORE INDEPENDENT ALONG THE LINES OF THE RUMANIAN STAND.

AT THAT TIME, THE POLISH PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVED IN NEW YORK, AND GORNICKI TOOK THIS CASE UP WITH THEM. HE THEN CONFIDED IN FRIENDS THAT CYRANKIEWICZ, WHO HAD APPARENTLY BEEN
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INFORMED IN WARSAW ABO DD THE GORNICKI CASE, EXPRESSED HESITATION ON THE MERITS OF THE ARGUMENT AND REBUKED GORNICKI FOR "ARGUING THE FOREIGN POLICY OF POLAND" WITH HIS SUPERIORS. BUT GORNICKI WAS ASSURED THAT THE INCIDENT WOULD REMAIN THERE. HOWEVER, A FEW DAYS LATER, REPORTEDLY ON SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS BY PARTY CHIEF GOMULKA, GORNICKI WAS ORDERED REMOVED FROM THE UN POST. A SUCCESSOR HAS ALREADY BEEN SELECTED, AND GORNICKI IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO WARSAW IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. HE SAYS THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN TOLD WHAT HIS POSITION IN THE AGENCY WILL BE.

AT THE SAME TIME, VERY RELIABLE CZECHOSLOVAK SOURCES HERE SAY THAT THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR HAD CREATED SIMILAR PROBLEMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, WHO IS BASING HIS INFORMATION ON VISITING CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALISTS AND OFFICIALS TO THE EMERGENCY SESSION, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS THE CULTURAL DEPARTMENT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAD EXERTED EXTREME PRESSURE ON NEWSPAPERS TO WRITE EDITORIALS ACCUSING ISRAEL OF AGGRESSION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LOSSES IN THE WAR. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, WITH ONE OR TWO EXCEPTIONS, THE CZECHOSLOVAK EDITORIAL WRITERS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY
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RESISTED THESE PRESSURES.

OFFICIALS FROM THE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO HAVE PRIVATELY REPORTED TO SOURCES HERE THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF MAIL FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE IN THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF CZECHOSLOVAK BROADCASTING. ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION, THESE LETTERS WERE ANTI-ARAB THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY PRO-ISRAELI.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOURCE WHO RELATED THESE DEVELOPMENTS HERE ALSO MENTIONED A RECENT INCIDENT IN PRAGUE REPORTEDLY INVOLVING A PUBLIC BRAWL IN WHICH AN ARAB STUDENT WAS ACCUSED OF STABBING A CZECH NATIONAL. IT WAS FELT THAT THIS INCIDENT MIGHT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE STRONG ANTI-ARAB FEELING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH IS BASICALLY DUE TO THE PUBLIC RESENTMENT OVER LARGE-SCALE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC LOANS AND GRANTS TO THE ARAB COUNTRIES.
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