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News Background

YUGOSLAV PAPER QUOTES THREE KHRUSHCHEV STATEMENTS

MUNICH, June 6 -- (STANKOVIC) -- The LJUBLJANA daily "Slovenski Porocevalec" yesterday (June 5) carried, instead of an editorial, three KHRUSHCHEV statements made in 1955, 1956 and 1958.

Nikita KHRUSHCHEV on 26 May 1955 in BELGRADE:

"We sincerely regret what happened and resolutely reject the things that occurred, one after the other, during that period. On our part, we ascribe without hesitation the aggravations to the provocative role that Beria, Abakumov and others -- recently exposed enemies of the people -- played in the relations between Yugoslavia and the USSR.

"We studied assiduously the materials on which had been based the serious accusations and offenses directed at that time against the leaders of Yugoslavia. The facts show that these materials were fabricated by the enemies of the people detestable agents of imperialism who by deceptive methods pushed their way into the ranks of our party."

Nikita KHRUSHCHEV at the 20th Congress of the CPSU, February 1956:

"The 'Yugoslav affair' contained no problems which could not have been solved through party discussions among comrades. There was no significant basis for the development of this 'affair'... We have carefully examined the case of Yugoslavia and have found a proper solution which is approved by the peoples of the Soviet Union and of Yugoslavia as well as by the working masses of all the peoples' democracies and by all progressive humanity. The liquidation of the abnormal relationship with Yugoslavia was done in the interest of the whole camp of socialism, in the interest of strengthening peace in the whole world..."

Nikita KHRUSHCHEV in SOTIA on 3 June 1958:

"Looking back on the past, we must say that the Cominform, for a certain period of time, played its positive role in the history of revolutionary Marxist-Leninist movement in rallying the forces of the Communist and workers' parties on the principles of international proletarianism in the struggle for a lasting peace, democracy and socialism... In 1948 a conference of the Cominform issued a resolution on the state of affairs in the Communist Party of Yugoslavia... This resolution was fundamentally correct and corresponded to the interests of the revolutionary movement..."

"Slovenski Porocevalec" simply printed these excerpts. It made no comment but let KHRUSHCHEV speak for himself!

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