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If any doubts still existed as to the location of the Soviet-supported Radio Vltava, they can easily be dispersed by a comparison of its program with Neues Deutschland reports on Czechoslovak developments. Several reliable Western sources have already reported that Radio Vltava is located in Dresden, East Germany, and this point was proven almost conclusively in the recent past (see EERA Research Report "Radio Station 'Vltava'," 11 November 1968 by Fred Eidlin). A further bit of supporting evidence is the striking similarity between Radio Vltava's and Neues Deutschland's reporting.

One recent example was provided on 9 November, when Radio Vltava described the anti-Soviet demonstrations in Prague on the occasion of the October Revolution celebrations. The radio commented that the police were rather slow in intervening, thus giving Western newsmen ample opportunity to take films. The radio added that "evidently they worked hand in hand with the instigators."

On the same date, Neues Deutschland also featured a description of the same event by its Prague correspondent Klaus Haupt, datelined 7 November. Haupt also maintained that the police were very slow in acting against the "provocateurs" who were ripping down and burning red flags "right under the eyes of West German correspondents who had obviously been asked to be there by prior arrangement."

A mere coincidence? It is much more likely that the East German correspondents file their reports from Prague to Radio Vltava, which then re-broadcasts them, while at the same time Neues Deutschland prints the same story in German.

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