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ATTEMPT AT A PROVOCATION

A fortnight after the provocative action by anti-socialist forced the same group of people now attempted to stage another form of provocation. They had the cooperation of organisations for psychological warfare of the NATO countries. Western broadcasting stations also took an active part. What was it all about?

Last weekend the so-called Charter 77 intended to hold a symposium in Prague under the title "Czechoslovakia 88". According to the foreign press, some twenty persons representing various official and unofficial structures in the West, were to arrive here under the cloak of tourism; many of these persons are acting from extreme anti-Czechoslovak positions.

The interest of these so-called tourists did not focus on cultural sites in our capital, but on inciting so-called dissidents to even more intensive anti-socialist activity. Their intentions backfired. With the use of material, prepared in advance, they intended to discredit our social system and vilify our countries in the neighbouring countries. According to the foreign press, this material, frequently glorifying the political structures before 1938, is said to describe our past historical developments from subjectivist positions and even full of contradictions. Several of the organisers have been detained.

A similar event with the same political objectives was organised in Vienna last Sunday by emigre and other centres. Both these actions had one and the same purpose: to cast doubt not only on the endeavour of our Party and society towards restructuring, but to complicate the negotiations of the Vienna meeting, and, in contradiction with the Final Act of the Conference on European Security and Cooperation, to interfere in the internal affairs of Czechoslovakia and violate Czechoslovakia's sovereignty.

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