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IZVESTIYA COMMENTATOR CALLS U.S. ALERT 'UNFOUNDED'

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(IZVESTIYA REVIEW)

(EXCERPT) "THE PARTNERS ARE PERTURBED" (PARTNERY OBESPOKOYENY) IS THE TITLE OF THE IZVESTIYA INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY. AN EXCEPTIONALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION AROSE AT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER AS A RESULT OF ISRAEL'S AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS IN THE NEAR EAST, WRITES COMMENTATOR MIKHAIL MIKHAYLOV. ALL ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE SOVIET UNION FROM THE VERY FIRST HOURS OF THE NEW MILITARY CONFLAGRATION PURSUED THE SINGLE AIM OF CONTRIBUTING TOWARD ENDING THE WAR AND ESTABLISHING A STABLE AND JUST PEACE IN THE NEAR EAST.

AT THE SAME TIME IT HAS BECOME QUITE EVIDENT HOW UNFOUNDED THE AMERICAN OFFICIALS' ATTEMPT WAS TO JUSTIFY PUTTING U.S. ARMED FORCES IN SOME AREAS IN A STATE OF INCREASED READINESS WITH SOME KIND OF UNSPECIFIED (BEZADRESNYYE) REPORTS ABOUT SOME KIND OF SOVIET ACTIONS WHICH HAD ALLEGEDLY GIVEN GROUNDS FOR CONCERN.

THIS DECISION HAS NOT, HOWEVER, FOUND SUPPORT AMONG THE AMERICAN PRESS, WHICH IS RATHER UNANIMOUS IN THINKING THAT SUCH CONCERN WAS UNFOUNDED. THE SAME OPINION IS PREVALENT IN WESTERN EUROPE. TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THIS IS PRECISELY WHY WASHINGTON'S MEASURES GAVE NET SUCH A SHARPLY NEGATIVE RESPONSE. THEY CONTRADICT THE SPIRIT OF OUR TIME.

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