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X/4 C/S - RUMANIA EXPRESSES "DEEP CONCERN" ABOUT C/S

(RELEADS CN 136)

MUNICH, AUG 21 (CMD)- THE RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND GOVERNMENT TODAY EXPRESSED "DEEP CONCERN" ABOUT THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

RADIO BUCHAREST SAID THE COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THIS WAS READ AT A LARGE RALLY -- ATTENDED BY "THOUSANDS" OF PERSONS -- IN BUCHAREST'S PALACE SQUARE.

AT THE SAME TIME, RUMANIAN PARTY LEADER NICOLAE CEAUSESCU BEGAN ADDRESSING THE RALLY.

THE COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED AFTER A JOINT SESSION THIS MORNING OF THE RUMANIAN PARTY LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

RADIO BUCHAREST SAID THE COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED THAT THE RUMANIAN PARTY, GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ARE EXPRESSING "FULL SOLIDARITY WITH THE FRATERNAL CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE."

(RADIO BUCHAREST DOMESTIC/M, AUG.21; 1200)

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