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BRUSSELS, AUG. 21 (RFE SPECIAL/DYBVIK/JB) -- THE DUTCH COMMUNIST PARTY TODAY CONDEMNED ALL TYPES OF INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN A FRONT-PAGE COMMENTARY IN THE PARTY NEWSPAPER DE WAARHEID.

THE EDITORIAL, WHICH APPEARED NEXT TO A TOP-OF-THE-PAGE BANNER STORY HEADLINED "RUSSIAN TROOPS ON CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY WITHOUT AGREEMENT OF PRAGUE GOVERNMENT," DID NOT RPT NOT MENTION THE SOVIET UNION BY NAME, NOR DID IT SPECIFICALLY REFER TO LAST NIGHT'S DEVELOPMENTS.

DE WAARHEID RECALLED THAT IT HAD CRITICIZED ON JULY 11 STATEMENTS BY HUNGARIAN PARTY LEADER JANOS KADAR IN MOSCOW WHICH REFERRED TO POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE IN CZECHOSLOVAK AFFAIRS.

"WE ALSO WROTE THAT IT IS THE EXCLUSIVE TASK OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATION AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS TO DECIDE HOW THE AFFAIRS IN THE COUNTRY IN THE FURTHER CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM ARE TO BE REALIZED," THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

"INTERFERENCE OF WHATEVER KIND CAN ONLY ENDANGER THIS RIGHT AND LEAD TO MUCH HARM."

DE WAARHEID DECLARED THAT "THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PEACE AND SOCIALISM IS TO FIGHT AGAINST ANY KIND OF INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF PEOPLES AND NATIONS AND THE COMMUNIST PARTIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND RUMANIA." IT WAS QUOTING FROM AN EARLIER COMMENTARY WHICH FIRST APPEARED ON MAY 3.

PUBLICATION OF THE COMMENTARY FOLLOWED A TOP-LEVEL PARTY MEETING THIS MORNING IN AMSTERDAM.

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