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MUNICH, AUG 21 (CNR)-- COMMUNIST PARTIES THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN WORLD TODAY JOINED RUMANIAN AND YUGOSLAVIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S STAUNCH SUPPORTERS IN EASTERN EUROPE, IN EXPRESSING SHOCK AND CONCERN AT THE INVASION, OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

PRESIDENT TITO OF YUGOSLAVIA SAID HIS PARTY WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED AFTER PRESIDING OVER A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST PARTY PRESIDUM IN BELGRADE.

TITO ADDED: "THE JOINTLY TAKEN DECISIONS OF THE (WARSAW PACT) SIX IN BRATISLAVA HAVE BEEN UNILATERALLY ANNULED AND MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN WHICH WILL HAVE FAR-REACHING AND VERY NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON THE WHOLE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN THE WORLD."

THE YUGOSLAV LEADER CONFERRED TODAY WITH SOME COMMUNIST LEADERS ON THE ISLE OF BRIONI IN THE NORTHERN ADRIATIC AND CALLED A JOINT SESSION TONIGHT OF THE 35-MAN POLICY- MAKING PARTY PRESIDUM AND THE 11-MAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

THE RUMANIAN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT ALSO EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER A SPECIAL SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CZECH-OSLOVAK SITUATION.

RUMANIAN PARTY LEADER NICOLAE CEAUSESCU LATER TOLD A RALLY IN BUCHAREST THAT THERE WAS NEITHER JUSTIFICATION NOR REASON FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION.

AT THE SAME TIME THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY ISSUED A STATEMENT EXPRESSING ITS "REPROBATION" OF THE MILITARY INTERVENTION AFTER A SPECIAL MEETING OF ITS CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN PARIS.

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