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PARIS AUG. 22 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP) --- RUMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CORNELIU MANESCU SAID IN PARIS THURSDAY "THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE SOVIET UNION AND THE MEMBERS OF THE WARSAW PACT WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT IN THE LONG RUN".

THE RUMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVED AT ORLY AIRPORT THIS AFTERNOON FROM ALGERIA, WHERE HE HAD BEEN THE OFFICIAL GUEST OF FOREIGN MINISTER A. BOUTEFLIKA. MANESCU WAS CHANGING PLANES IN PARIS AND RETURNS TO BUCHAREST TODAY.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS, THE RUMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD FRENCH JOURNALISTS : "WE HAVE FOLLOWED WITH MUCH ATTENTION THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND LIKE YOU WE ARE DISMAYED BEFORE THE CALAMITY BEFALLING THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE. WE REPROVE THESE METHODS, PARTICULARLY ON THE BASIS OF FOREIGN POLICY ADOPTED BY MY COUNTRY OF MUTUAL RESPECT, NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES AND THE RIGHT FOR EACH PEOPLE TO DECIDE ITS OWN FATE INDEPENDENTLY. WE BELIEVE", MANESCU SAID, "THAT THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE SOVIET UNION AND THE MEMBERS OF THE WARSAW TREATY WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT IN THE LONG RUN".

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