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X/4 C/S -- TITO SAYS YUGOSLAVIA WILL DEFEND HERSELF (RELEADS CN 9)

BELGRADE, AUG 24 (CMD)-- YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT JOSIP BROZ TITO TOLD THE COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE LAST NIGHT THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD DEFEND HERSELF IF HER INDEPENDENCE WAS THREATENED "NO MATTER FROM WHERE THE DANGER MIGHT COME."

TITO MADE HIS COMMENT IN AN OPENING ADDRESS TO A CENTRAL COMMITTEE SESSION DISCUSSING THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. LATE LAST NIGHT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONDEMNED THE INVASION AS "AGGRESSION."

TITO TOLD THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE THAT THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS "AN UNPROVOKED ATTACK," SAID TANJUG.

HE WARNED EVERYBODY SHOULD BE CLEARLY NOTIFIED THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD KNOW HOW TO USE EVERY MEANS FOR DEFENDING AND SAFEGUARDING ITSELF IF ANYTHING SHOULD ARISE TO THREATEN HER INDEPENDENT."

HE SAID: "YUGOSLAVIA WILL KNOW HOW TO DEFEND HER FREE DEVELOPMENT NO MATTER FROM WHAT PART THAT DANGER MIGHT COME."

(CMD -- ON AUG. 21 RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER NICOLAE CEAUS-
ESCU TOLD THE GRAND NATION^(AL) ASSEMBLY THAT FOLLOWING THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE WOULD SAY THERE HAD BEEN COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY TENDENCIES IN RUMANIA.

"WE ANSWER TO ALL, THAT THE RUMANIAN PEOPLE WILL NOT RPT NOT PERMIT ANYBODY TO VIOLATE THE TERRITORY OF OUR FATHERLAND," HE SAID.

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