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MUNICH, AUG 24 (CMD)-- THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER MAGYAR HIRLAP TODAY CRITICISED THE RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER NICOLAE CEAUSESCU FOR CONDEMNING THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

MAGYAR HIRLAP, QUOTED BY RADIO BUDAPEST, SAID IT WAS "PAINFUL AND REGRETTABLE THAT THE LEADER OF A SOCIALIST COUNTRY SHOULD MAKE A STATEMENT WHICH CONDEMNS SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHICH FULFILL THEIR INTERNATIONAL DUTY."

IT ASKED: "HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT A COMMUNIST PARTY, QUOTING FREEDOM AND MARXISM-LENINISM, CAN TURN AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION; AGAINST THE FRATERNAL UNITY OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES; AND AGAINST PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE TO A SOCIALIST COUNTRY WHICH HAS ARRIVED IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION."

MAGYAR HIRLAP SAID THAT THE LEADERS OF RUMANIA, A COUNTRY WHICH WAS ITSELF LIBERATED BY SOVIET ARMIES "ARE NOW WORRIED THAT SOVIET AND ALLIED MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL ORDER OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS A HEAVY BLOW TO THE UNITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST SYSTEM, AND EVEN A GREAT DANGER TO EUROPEAN PEACE."

(RADIO BUDAPEST/M, AUG 24, 0530)

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