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MUNICH, AUG.24 (CMD)- YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT JOSIP BROZ TITO HAS CALLED FOR YUGOSLAV UNITY IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIS COUNTRY'S SECURITY AND TO ALLOW YUGOSLAVIA GREATER SELF-GOVERNMENT AND DEMOCRATIZATION.

TITO MADE THIS STATEMENT WHEN CLOSING LAST NIGHT'S TENTH SESSION OF THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST LEAGUE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING, TANJUG REPORTED TODAY.

IN A SPEECH OPENING THE MEETING TITO HAD DENOUNCED THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WARNED THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD FIGHT ANY COUNTRY THAT THREATENED ITS INDEPENDENCE.

IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS, TITO SAID "THE ESSENTIAL THING NOW IS THE UNITY OF OUR PEOPLES AND THE UNITY OF THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS.... THAT UNITY IS NECESSARY NOT RPT NOT ONLY FOR OUR COUNTRY'S SECURITY BUT ALSO FOR THE OVERCOMING OF ALL DIFFICULTIES, SO THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE IN OUR SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT IN THE DIRECTION OF FURTHER DEMOCRATIZATION AND SELF-GOVERNMENT," TANJUG REPORTED.

OF THE MEETING ITSELF, TITO ADDED THAT "RESOLUTENESS AND READINESS TO BOLDLY FACE ALL EVENTS WHICH MAY OCCUR HAS COME TO EXPRESSION, AS WELL AS FULL AWARENESS OF ALL FORTHCOMING DIFFICULTIES."

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