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X/4 C/S -- RUMANIAN NATIONAL GUARDS "READY FOR DEFENSE"

MUNICH, AUG 24 (CMD)-- MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT RUMANIA ARE VOLUNTARILY JOINING NEWLY ESTABLISHED UNITS OF "ARMED PATRIOTIC FORCES", RADIO BUCHAREST REPORTS.

THE RADIO SAID THE VOLUNTEERS INCLUDE WORKERS, FARMERS, INTELLECTUALS, RUMANIANS AND MEMBERS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES (MAGYARS, GERMANS AND OTHERS), "A REAL GRANITE WALL AROUND THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT."

IT SAID THAT DECLARATIONS WERE MADE THROUGHOUT RUMANIA EXPRESSING THE "FULL ADHESION OF OUR PEOPLE TO THE INTERNATIONALIST POSITION OF OUR PARTY AND GOVERNMENT TOWARD CZECHOSLOVAKIA,"

ONE AMONG THE STATEMENTS MADE BY NEW PATRIOTIC GUARDS SAID: "WE ARE LOYAL WORKERS OF OUR COUNTRY AND WILL DEFEND HER LOYALLY..."

THE RADIO QUOTED ANOTHER VOLUNTEER AS SAYING: "WE ARE READY TO DEFEND OUR REVOLUTIONARY ACHIEVEMENTS WITH WEAPON IN HAND..."

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