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X/4 C/S - SCINTEIA CRITICIZES COMMUNIST PRESS

MUNICH, AUG 26 (CMD) - THE RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER SCINTEIA ACCUSED THE PRESS IN OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TODAY OF HAVING DISTORTED RUMANIA'S POSITION ON THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE NEWSPAPER ALSO MENTIONED THE TALKS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE IN MOSCOW BETWEEN SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS AND THEN ADDED:

"RUMANIA'S COMMUNISTS AND THE ENTIRE PEOPLE HOPE AND FERVENTLY DESIRE THAT THESE TALKS MAY END WITH POSITIVE RESULTS AND LEAD TO CREATION OF THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL PARTY BODIES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA CAN FULFILL UNDISTURBED THE TASKS ASSIGNED TO THEM."

THE NEWSPAPER'S EDITORIAL ALSO URGED WITHDRAWAL OF WARSAW PACT TROOPS, AND SAID "SUCH A SOLUTION OF THE CRISIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RESPOND TO THE DEEPEST INTERESTS OF SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA..."

SCINTEIA SAID THE "REASONABLE CHARACTER OF THE RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S PARTY'S POSITION" ON THE MATTER IS "FULLY EVIDENT."

"BUT, NEVERTHELESS, SCINTEIA CONTINUED, "IN THE PRESS OF SOME SOCIALIST COUNTRIES THAT HAVE SENT TROOPS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ARTICLES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED, WHICH, IN THEIR ZEALOUS MOTIVATION OF THIS ACTION, PRESENT RUMANIA'S POSITION... IN A DISTORTED WAY..."

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