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MUNICH, AUGUST 28 (CMD) -- HUNGARIAN POLITBURO MEMBER, ISTVAN SZIRMAI, HAS DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN DEMOCRACY FOR THE SUPPORTERS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIAN SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRACY FOR ITS ENEMIES.

RADIO BUDAPEST REPORTED LAST NIGHT THAT SZIRMAI, IN A MEETING AT THE HUNGARIAN OPTICAL WORKS IN BUDAPEST, SAID THAT HUNGARY HAD APPROVED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S RENEWAL, THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN ENDEAVOURS TO LIQUIDATE THE ERRORS OF THE PAST.

THIS WAS A CONDITION FOR THE STRUGGLE WITH THE RIGHT WING, SZIRMAI SAID ADDING:

"DEMOCRACY FOR SUPPORTERS OF (CZECHOSLOVAK) SOCIALISM - YES.

"DEMOCRACY FOR THE ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM - NO."

ACCORDING TO THE RADIO, SZIRMAI SAID FURTHER: "BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE WE SAID THAT THE STRUGGLE HAS TO GO AHEAD ON TWO FRONTS. BUT BY TWO FRONT STRUGGLE WE DID NOT RPT NOT MEAN THAT IT HAS TO BE EQUAL AGAINST THE RIGHT-WING AND AGAINST THE LEFT-WING. IT IS NECESSARY TO HIT THERE, WHERE THE DANGER IS GREATER. UNFORTUNATELY IT DID NOT RPT NOT HAPPEN SO (IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA)."

THE RADIO QUOTED SZIRMAI AS SAYING THAT HUNGARY WAS LOOKING FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION AND THAT "THE HUNGARIAN ARMY UNITS BEING THERE (IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA) AS WELL AS THE OTHER ARMIES ARE SUPPORTING THE POLITICAL SOLUTION WE WANTED AT THE VERY BEGINNING. THE ARMY IS HOLDING THE COUNTERREVOLUTION IN CHECK AND CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS HAVE TO BRING ORDER (INTO THE COUNTRY) NOW."

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