

C/S - RUMANIANS THANKED (RELEADS CN 104)

BUCHAREST, AUG 28 (UPI)--CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S AMBASSADOR TO ROMANIA TODAY ADDRESSED AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ROMANIAN POPULATION THANKING IT FOR THE "NUMEROUS SIGNS OF SYMPATHY" RELAYED TO HIM IN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

"WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING HERE HUNDREDS OF LETTERS FROM ROMANIAN CITIZENS EXPRESSING THEIR WARM SYMPATHIES AND THEIR CONFIDENCE IN OUR COUNTRY (WHICH IS) PASSING THROUGH SO EXTREMELY DIFFICULT MOMENTS," CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR KAREL KURKA SAID IN AN OPEN LETTER PUBLISHED BY THE ROMANIAN PARTY ORGAN SCIENTEIA.

"AS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO COPE WITH ANSWERING ALL THE LETTERS, I HEREWITH ASK YOU TO ACCEPT OUR SINCERE AND FRATERNAL THANKS FOR THE FINE AND CORRECT WORDS ADDRESSED TO US ON THIS OCCASION," HE ADDED.

"WE ALSO THANK ALL ROMANIAN CITIZENS FOR THE MORAL AND FRATERNAL HELP GIVEN IN THESE DIFFICULT DAYS TO ALL CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS PRESENTLY IN ROMANIA," HE SAID.

A ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN TODAY DENIED AS "ABSOLUTE RUBBISH" REPORTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEGUN TALKS IN BUCHAREST WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE IS A HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL OF ONLY ONE PACT MEMBER IN ROMANIA AT PRESENT. HE IS DESZO NEMES, A MEMBER OF THE HUNGARIAN POLITBURO, WHO ARRIVED MONDAY ON A ROMANIAN PARTY INVITATION TENDERED BEFORE THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE ONLY OTHER FOREIGN OFFICIALS CURRENTLY VISITING ROMANIA ARE PARTY DELEGATIONS FROM SAN MARINO AND THE ISLAND OF REUNION AND A DEPUTATION FROM THE BULGARIAN VILLAGE OF PRAVET," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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