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MUNICH, AUGUST 30 (CMD) -- RADIO WARSAW'S CORRESPONDENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, LIEUTENANT COLONEL JANUSZ SZYMANSKI, SAID LAST NIGHT THAT EVEN THE "HEALTHY ELEMENTS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY" WHICH WANTED CONTACTS AND TALKS WITH THE POLISH TROOPS STATIONED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE AFRAID TO ESTABLISH SUCH CONTACTS "UNDER THE THREAT OF REPRESSION ON THE PART OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES."

SZYMANSKI SAID: "OUR SOLDIERS ARE PROTECTING IN ALLOCATED REGIONS OBJECTS OF STRATEGICAL SIGNIFICANCE. IN THE FIRST PLACE THESE ARE AIRPORTS, IMPORTANT SECTORS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

"ONE MUST ADMIT THAT THEY (THE TROOPS) ARE DOING THEIR SERVICE WITH DEDICATION.

"THEIR EXEMPLARY DISCIPLINE AND THE STAND OF FORBEARANCE IN THE FACE OF PROVOCATIVE BEHAVIOUR OF REACTIONARY ELEMENTS, WHICH OFTEN REQUIRES GREAT SELF-CONTROL, IS WINNING RESPECT OF THE POPULATION.

"THE SECOND FRONT OF ACTIVITY OF OUR ARMY ARE THE TALKS OF THE CADRES AND THE SOLDIERS WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPARATUS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.

"THIS IS NEITHER EASY NOR SIMPLE TASK. THE HEALTHY ELEMENTS OF CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY DESIRE SUCH TALKS AND EXPLANATIONS, ARE AFRAID OF ESTABLISHING CONTACTS UNDER THE THREAT OF REPRESION ON THE PART OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES.

"THE MEETINGS OF OUR OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS ARE OF AN INDIVIDUAL CHARACTER. IT IS CHARACTERISTIC THAT THE CITIZENS WHO ARE FRIENDLY TO US IMMEDIATELY CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE WHEN OTHER PEOPLE APPEAR. ONE MUST ADMIT THAT REACTION HAS TERRORIZED THE POPULATION," HE SAID.

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