

X/4 CURT -- HUNGARIAN PAPERS CHARGE TANJUG MAN WITH SLANDER

BUDAPEST, AUG 30 (CMD)-- TWO LEADING HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPERS TODAY ACCUSED THE BUDAPEST CORRESPONDENT OF THE YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY TANJUG OF SLANDERING HUNGARY.

ACCORDING TO MTI, THE HUNGARIAN NEWS AGENCY, THE TANJUG CORRESPONDENT HAD REPORTED THAT HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAD RESTRICTED A MEETING OF OFFICIALS OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH (WADY) AND HAD ARRESTED AND THEN EXPELLED THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WADY SECRETARIAT.

LAST NIGHT RADIO BUDAPEST QUOTED THE WADY SECRETARIAT AS SAYING THE REPORT WAS FALSE.

MTI SAID TODAY'S NEPSZABADSAG CHARGED THAT THE TANJUG CORRESPONDENT HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN SEEKING TRUTH BUT RATHER A "NEWS ITEM THAT WOULD SMEAR THE REPUTATION OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE. IF NO RPT NO SUCH REALITY EXISTS, HE IS SATISFIED WITH A LITTLE SLANDER."

MAGYAR HIRLAP WAS REPORTED BY MTI AS SAYING:

THERE EXISTS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE HUNGARIAN AND YUGOSLAV OPINION IN EVALUATING THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THERE IS A DEBATE ON BETWEEN US, BUT SO FAR IN THE DEBATE WE HAVE UTILIZED THE ONLY CORRECT AND FEASIBLE MEANS, THE METHOD OF SOBER DISCUSSION, AND THIS IS OUR AIM FOR THE FUTURE TOO. WE CANNOT COMPREHEND, HOWEVER, WHY THE TANJUGS BUDAPEST CORRESPONDENT INSINUATES AND SLANDERS INSTEAD OF LINING UP FACTS.

"WE BELIEVE THAT EVEN NOW WE MUST ENDEAVOUR TO PREVENT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES FROM SUFFERING HARM DUE TO THE PRESENT DIFFERENCE IN VIEWS. WE THINK THAT YUGOSLAVIA ALSO IS ON THE SAME OPINION. SO WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN MORALLY INDEMNIFYING THE JOURNALIST, WHO IS WILLFULLY INJURING THROUGH HIS REPORTS THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."