

CURT -- RUMANIAN SPOKESMAN DECLINES COMMENT ON ALLEGED INCIDENT
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BUCHAREST, AUG 30 (AFP/CNR)--A SPOKESMAN OF THE RUMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY TODAY DECLINED TO COMMENT ON A RUMOR IN BUCHAREST THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN INCIDENT INVOLVING RUMANIAN AND SOVIET UNITS ON THE RUMANIAN FRONTIER.

ACCORDING TO THE RUMOR THE INCIDENT INVOLVED SOVIET TANKS STATIONED IN HUNGARY, WHICH ALLEGEDLY CROSSED A BRIDGE BY MISTAKE.

QUESTIONED ABOUT THIS REPORT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "WE HAVE NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT ALL THESE RUMORS AND SPECULATIONS."

THE WESTERN PRESS AND RADIO HAS CARRIED REPORTS OF SOVIET TROOP MOVEMENTS ON THE RUMANIAN BORDER.

THE DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER JOSEPH LUNS, SAID TODAY IT WAS CERTAIN THAT THERE IS A STRONG CONCENTRATION OF SOVIET TROOPS IN BESSARABIA AND AT THE HUNGARIAN BORDER.

ON WEDNESDAY, A WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID HIS COUNTRY HAD HEARD REPORTS THAT WARSAW PACT EXERCISES MIGHT BE HELD IN RUMANIA AND THAT THEY COULD NOT BE, AS HE PUT IT, "NORMAL EXERCISES."

HE SAID THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAD REASON TO TAKE THESE REPORTS SERIOUSLY..

HOWEVER, UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL REPORTED FROM BUCHAREST THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES THERE HAD DESCRIBED THE REPORTS AS NONSENSE.

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