

X/4 C/S - WHY DID HUNGARIAN TROOPS OCCUPY SOUTH-SLOVAKIA?

(ATTRIBUTION REQUIRED)

MUNICH, AUGUST 31 (CMD)- RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN A HUNGARIAN-LANGUAGE BROADCAST TODAY QUESTIONED WHY HUNGARIAN TROOPS HAD OCCUPIED SOUTHERN SLOVAKIA.

THE RADIO SAID: (TEXT)

"HOWEVER STRANGE IT MAY BE, THE QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED IN RECENT DAYS WHETHER SLOVAK-HUNGARIAN DISSENSION OBSERVED IN RECENT MONTHS HAS BEEN STIRRED UP BY CERTAIN (PEOPLE) AND IN A CERTAIN PLACE."

"THERE WERE MISGIVINGS IN SLOVAK CIRCLES ALREADY IN THE FIRST HOURS", OF THE OCCUPATION.

"WHY DID HUNGARIAN TROOPS OCCUPY SOUTHERN SLOVAKIA AND WOULD THIS NOT RPT NOT STRENGTHEN THE CHANCES OF SEPARATIST AIMS?"

"HUNGARIANS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE FULLY AWARE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THAT ALL SORTS OF NATIONALITY DISAGREEMENTS WOULD BE FOUGHT OUT ON THEIR BACKS, WHETHER THEY WERE STIRRED UP INSIDE OR FROM ACROSS THE BORDERS".

"IT (THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY) ALWAYS ADVOCATED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MOST FAVORABLE CONDITIONS OF COEXISTENCE BECAUSE THIS CORRESPONDED AND CORRESPONDS TO ITS MOST BASIC VITAL INTERESTS."

"IT IS TRUE THAT SOMETIMES HOT PRESS DEBATES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN RECENT TIMES FOR THE RECOGNITION OF OUR NATIONALITY RIGHTS AND TO CODIFY THEM DOWN IN THE CONSTITUTION."

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