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C/S - POPE ON "POLICE NIGHTMARE"

CASTELGANDOLFO, ITALY, SEPT 1, REUTER--POPE PAUL TODAY ATTACKED THE "POLICE NIGHTMARE" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN A HARDER-THAN-EVER CONDEMNATION OF THE SOVIET OCCUPATION THERE.

HE SPOKE OF "A FEELING OF IMPOTENCE AND FATALISM" AT HAVING TO WATCH THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO HELP.

THE POPE, SPEAKING AT HIS TRADITIONAL SUNDAY NOON BLESSING OF PILGRIMS AT HIS SUMMER RESIDENCE HERE SAID "A THING WE BELIEVED WAS NO LONGER POSSIBLE HAS IN FACT HAPPENED.

"THE FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ORDER HAVE BEEN SHAKEN.

"ONCE AGAIN THE ABUSE OF ARMS AND INTIMIDATION HAS BEEN USED TO DETERMINE RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS. THE INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY OF THE NATION HAS BEEN GRAVELY OFFENDED", POPE PAUL SAID.

"THE POLICE NIGHTMARE INCREASES THE PSYCHOLOGICAL TENSION OF THE POPULATION..."

"A FEELING OF IMPOTENCE AND FATALISM OFTEN FILLS THE MINDS OF THOSE WHO SUFFER VIOLENCE AND THOSE WHO OBSERVE WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO HELP."

HE ASKED HIS LISTENERS TO PRAY THAT GOD WOULD ENLIGHTEN THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FATE OF NATIONS AND "COMFORT THE WEAK AND MAKE THEM A RACE OF SEERS AND HEROES."

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