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C/S -- PRAVDA SAYS RUMANIA FOUGHT WITH GERMANY

MOSCOW, SEP 4 (UPI)-- RUMANIANS WERE REMINDED BY THE SOVIET PARTY NEWSPAPER PRAVDA TODAY THAT THEY FOUGHT AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IN WORLD WAR TWO.

NIKOLAI GRIBACHEV, A PROMINENT SOVIET POET AND EDITOR, TOOK TO TASK D. COBRIA, A ROMANIAN WRITER WHOSE ARTICLES HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF THE WARSAW PACT ACTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

WRITING IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER PRAVDA, GRIBACHEV RECALLED THAT ROMANIAN TROOPS, ALONG WITH NAZI GERMAN SOLDIERS, INVADED SOVIET TERRITORY AND BATTLED THE SOVIET ARMY.

"WHEN IN 1942, IN THE DON RIVER BASIN I HAD TO FIGHT AGAINST THEM, I FELT SINCERELY SORRY FOR THE ROMANIAN SOLDIERS WHO WERE THROWN INTO THE BATTLE THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN," GRIBACHEV SAID.

"IF OUR TROOPS HAD NOT ENTERED ROMANIA TO DEFEAT THE GERMANS THEN D. COBRIA, IF HE IS A DEFENDER OF SOCIALISM, WOULD (NOW) POSSIBLY BE IN PRISON," GRIBACHEV ADDED. "WITHOUT THE VICTORY OF SOVIET TROOPS THE ROMANIANS COULD HAVE FACED THOUSANDS OF OTHER DIFFICULTIES."

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