

X/13 C/S - GDR NEWSPAPER DROPS SERIAL ON RUMANIA

BERLIN, SEPT. 6 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH)-- ONE OF EAST GERMANY'S MAJOR DAILIES TODAY DROPPED A SERIAL ON RUMANIA IN PROTEST AGAINST THE CRITICAL ATTITUDE OF THE RUMANIAN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS TOWARD THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE SERIAL HAD BEEN CARRIED IN WEEKLY INSTALMENTS IN JUNGE WELT, THE NEWSPAPER OF THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION "FREE GERMAN YOUTH" (FDJ), FOR ALMOST TWO MONTHS. IT WAS A TRAVEL REPORT BY JUNGE WELT DEPUTY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF FRITZ WENGLER WHO HAD PAID A VISIT TO RUMANIA LAST MARCH.

TODAY'S NINTH INSTALMENT -- A CRITICAL REPORT ABOUT A MEETING IN BUCHAREST WITH RUMANIAN WRITER ECATERINA OPROIU -- WAS THE LAST, WENGLER EXPLAINED IN A BRIEF STATEMENT, BECAUSE HE HAD LOST INTEREST IN CONTINUING THE SERIES IN VIEW OF THE RUMANIAN REACTION TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK DEVELOPMENTS.

"DESPITE CERTAIN DIFFERENT VIEWS WHICH WE IN THE GDR HOLD ON QUESTIONS OF THE SOCIALIST BUILDUP AND INTERNATIONALISM... IT WAS OUR INTENTION IN THIS SERIAL TO INFORM THE GDR PUBLIC OF THE GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE RUMANIAN WORKING PEOPLE IN COMPLETING THE SOCIALIST BUILDUP, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ALSO WITH OUR (JOURNALISTS) MEANS CLOSER COMPANIONSHIP WITHIN THE SOCIALIST FAMILY OF NATIONS," WENGLER SAID.

"UNFORTUNATELY...THE RUMANIAN STATE AND PARTY LEADERS HAVE REACTED IN A MANNER TO THE JOINT ACTION OF THE FRATERNAL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AGAINST THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN THE CSSR -- BY WHICH, AFTER ALL, SOCIALIST RUMANIA IS ALSO BEING PROTECTED -- WHICH IS SQUARELY CONTRARY TO THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THEIR OWN NATION AS WELL AS OURS."

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