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MUNICH, SEPT 10 (CNR) - RUMANIAN STATE AND PARTY LEADER NICOLAE CEAUSESCU HAS SAID IN AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW THAT THE WORLD MUST DISMANTLE ITS ARMIES IF THERE IS TO BE LONG-RANGE PEACE.

THE INTERVIEW, WITH VETERAN AMERICAN JOURNALIST DREW PEARSON, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE NEW YORK POST YESTERDAY. IT WAS NOT STATED WHEN THE INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE, BUT IT WAS INDICATED IT WAS ABOUT A WEEK AGO.

CEAUSESCU WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT DESPITE SETBACKS IN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE, "WE SHOULD KEEP ON TRYING."

HE SAID THAT "IN MANY PARTS OF EUROPE ARMED MANEUVERS AND THE TALK OF FORCE CREATE A PSYCHOLOGY OF TENSION." THE CONSEQUENCES, HE SAID, "COULD BE VERY HEAVY. THAT IS WHY RENOUNCING FORCE IS SO ESSENTIAL TO PEACE.

"THE TWO GREAT POWERS - THE U.S. AND RUSSIA - SHOULD SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD. THE PRESS CAN HELP TOO. YOU MUST CREATE A DEMAND FOR THE DISMANTLING OF ARMED FORCES."

HE SAID RUMANIANS PRIZED THEIR LIBERTY AND WERE READY TO FIGHT FOR IT. "WE WANT FREEDOM, NOT SUBJUCATION. BUT WE ARE STRIVING FOR COOPERATION WITH OUR NEIGHBORS. WE KNOW THAT GOOD RELATIONS WITH THEM ARE NECESSARY....."

"WE WISH TO DEVELOP INDEPENDENTLY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME MAINTAIN OUR ALLIANCES WITH OUR SOCIALIST NEIGHBORS. WE WANT TO DEVELOP FULL COOPERATION WITH THE U.S., TOO. IN THIS SPIRIT WE WILL PROCEED IN THE FUTURE."

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