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X/4 C/S -- SOVIET STATEMENT ON TROOPS IN C/S

MUNICH, AUG 21 (CMD) -- TASS IN RUSSIAN CARRIED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TODAY:

"TASS IS AUTHORIZED TO STATE THAT PARTY AND STATE OFFICIALS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE ADDRESSED THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER ALLIED STATES WITH THE REQUEST TO RENDER TO THE FRATERNAL CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE URGENT INCLUDING THE AID WITH ARMED FORCES. THIS APPEAL WAS CAUSED BY THE THREAT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE ESTABLISHED CONSTITUTIONAL STATE SYSTEM ON THE PART OF THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY FORCES WHICH ENTERED INTO COLLUSION WITH FOREIGN FORCES HOSTILE TO SOCIALISM.

"THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND AROUND HER HAVE BEEN MORE THAN ONCE THE SUBJECT OF THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS OF THE LEADERS OF THE FRATERNAL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE LEADERSHIP OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THESE COUNTRIES ARE UNITED IN THE VIEW THAT THE SUPPORT, STRENGTHENING, AND PROTECTION OF THE SOCIALIST ACHIEVEMENTS OF PEOPLES IS A COMMON INTERNATIONAL DUTY OF ALL SOCIALIST STATES. THAT COMMON POSITION OF THEIRS HAS BEEN SOLEMNLY PROCLAIMED IN THE BRATISLAVA STATEMENT.

... (PORTION GARBLED)

"THE THREAT TO THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONSTITUTES AT THE SAME TIME A THREAT TO THE FOUNDATIONS OF EUROPEAN PEACE.

"THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES - THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, STARTING FROM THE PRINCIPLES OF INDISOLUBLE FRIENDSHIP AND COLLABORATION, AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE EXISTING TREATY OBLIGATIONS, HAVE DECIDED TO MEET THE MENTIONED REQUEST TO RENDER NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO THE FRATERNAL CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE.

"THE SOVIET MILITARY UNITS TOGETHER WITH MILITARY UNITS OF THE MENTIONED ALLIED COUNTRIES ON AUGUST 21 ENTERED THE TERRITORY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THEY WILL WITHOUT DELAY BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CSSR, AS SOON AS THE CREATED THREAT TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE THREAT TO SECURITY OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY WILL HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED, AND THE LAWFUL AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THAT THERE IS NO RPT NO NECESSITY FOR THE FURTHER STAY THERE OF THOSE MILITARY UNITS.

.... (PORTION GARBLED) ...

THEY SERVE THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND ARE DICTATED BY THE SOLICITUDE FOR ITS STRENGTHENING.

"THE FRATERNAL COUNTRIES FIRMLY AND DETERMINEDLY OPPOSE ANY THREAT FROM ABROAD BY THEIR UNBREAKABLE SOLIDARITY. NOBODY WILL EVER BE ALLOWED TO TEAR OUT A SINGLE LINK FROM THE COMMUNITY OF SOCIALIST STATES." (END TEXT) (TASS IN RUSSIAN/M, AUG 21, 0529)

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