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X/3 CUBT -- ROMANIA OMITTED FROM COMECON WAGON POOL LIST

MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 2 (REUTERS) -- ROMANIA WAS OMITTED FROM THE LIST OF COUNTRIES REPORTED RECENTLY BY CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS MEDIA AS TAKING PART IN COMECON'S PLANNED JOINT POOL OF RAILWAY FREIGHT CARS.

DETAILS OF THIS POOL WERE WORKED OUT AT A MEETING OF COMECON'S PERMANENT TRANSPORT COMMISSION HELD IN WARSAW FROM JUNE 25 TO JULY 3 AND A STATUTE WAS ADOPTED. ROMANIAN REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED THIS MEETING.

ROMANIA WAS REFERRED TO AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE POOL PLAN IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK ECONOMIC WEEKLY "HOSPODARSTVO DOMACI" DATED AUGUST 2 BUT HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED SINCE.

A RADIO PRAGUE COMMENTARY ON AUGUST 3 LISTED THE SOVIET UNION, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EAST GERMANY, HUNGARY AND POLAND AS THE COUNTRIES TAKING PART. SO DID THE BRATISLAVA-PUBLISHED NEWSPAPER "SLOVENIA" OF AUGUST 18.

THE OFFICIAL CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY CETEVA SAID ON AUGUST 24 THAT FIVE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WOULD EACH PLACE ONE-FIFTH OF THEIR RAIL WAGONS AT COMECON'S DISPOSAL AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD ALSO TAKE PART IN THE POOL. IT DID NOT NAME THE COUNTRIES AND DID NOT REFER TO ROMANIA.

THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FREIGHT CAR POOL WILL BE LOCATED IN PRAGUE.

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