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EAST -- CHARTER 77 CRITICIZES ROMANIAN RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

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PRAGUE, FEB 7 (CND/UPI/AP) -- THE CZECHOSLOVAK HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP
CHARTER 77 IS CALLING ON INDEPENDENT GROUPS TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH
THE PEOPLE OF ROMANIA.

IN AN OPEN LETTER, CHARTER 77 SAYS THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE ARE CUT
OFF BY A "REPRESSIVE APPARATUS." AS QUOTED BY AP, THE LETTER SAYS
THEY "ARE ALONE AND SUFFERING WITHOUT HOPE."

THE LETTER CONDEMNS ROMANIAN PRESIDENT NICOLAI CEAUCESCU'S RURA
REFORM PLAN AS "MEGALOMANIAC." THE PLAN INVOLVES DESTROYING THOUSAN
OF VILLAGES AND MOVING THEIR RESIDENTS TO AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES

CHARTER 77 SAYS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ROMANIA "IS NOTHING LESS
THAN AN ALARMING ASSAULT ON THE VERY ESSENCE OF HUMAN INDIVIDUALITY

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