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MUNICH, AUGUST 21 (CNR)-- THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, FRANCE AND THREE OTHER NATIONS TONIGHT REQUESTED AN IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONDEMN THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY MICHAEL STEWART TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN LONDON TODAY AFTER CONFERENCES WITH NATO AND COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATIVES THAT "THE WEST WILL SEEK A CLEAR DECLARATION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONDEMNING THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

IN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAID THIS AFTERNOON THAT AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES WOULD "INSIST ON THE CHARTER RIGHTS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ITS PEOPLE."

HE SAID THE INVASION "SHOCKED THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD". IT WAS A "SAD COMMENTARY ON THE COMMUNIST MIND THAT A SIGN OF LIBERTY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS DEEMED A FUNDAMENTAL THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE SOVIET SYSTEM," HE SAID.

IN FRANCE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE INVASION COULD ONLY LEAD TO INTERNATIONAL TENSION. IN ROME, POPE PAUL WHO LEAVES TOMORROW FOR BOGOTA, APPEALED FOR VIOLENCE AND BLOODSHED TO BE AVOIDED, AND SAID HE WAS PRAYING FOR PEACE.

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