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(UPI)-SENATOR EUGENE MCCARTHY, A LEADING  
CONTENDER FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, ATTACKED  
THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION FOR TREATING THE SOVIET  
INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS "A MAJOR WORLD CRISIS."

"I DO NOT SEE THAT IS IS," HE TOLD NEWSMEN, READING FROM  
A PREPARED STATEMENT.

HE CRITICIZED THE PRESIDENT FOR HAVING CALLED A NATIONAL  
SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING LATE TUESDAY NIGHT.

IT WAS "OUT OF PROPORTION" TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE  
SITUATION, HE SAID. "THERE IS LITTLE THE UNITED STATES  
COULD HAVE DONE TO STOP INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA," HE  
ADDED.

ASKED WHAT HE THOUGHT WOULD BE A SERIOUS CRISIS FOR THE  
UNITED STATES, MCCARTHY REPLIED, "AN INVASION OF FRANCE WOULD  
BE A SERIOUS MATTER."

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