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SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER JACOB A. MALIK READ TO THE 15-NATION BODY THE TEXT OF A LETTER IN WHICH HE REPEATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONTENTION THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA REQUESTED ARMED SOVIET INTERVENTION.

"THE ACTIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE DICTATED BY CARE FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND NON-ADMISSIBILITY OF THE UNDERMINING OF THE MAINSTAYS OF EUROPEAN SECURITY," HE SAID.

"ATTEMPTS TO PRESENT THESE ACTIONS IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT CAN BY NO MEANS CHANGE OUR PEACEFUL INTENTIONS OR DIMINISH THE RIGHTS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENCE."

MR. MALIK, FIRST SPEAKER AS THE COUNCIL MET IN EMERGENCY SESSION, SAID THERE WAS "NO BASIS FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER" BY THE WORLD BODY.

HE INVOKED RUSSIA'S TREATY OBLIGATIONS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA "ON THE BASIS OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER" FOR HER RESPONSE TO "THE REQUEST OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE."

MR. MALIK SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTED BY MOSCOW TO OPPOSE "RESOLUTELY" CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION BY THE COUNCIL, "BECAUSE THIS WOULD BE IN THE INTERESTS OF CERTAIN EXTERNAL CIRCLES, THE FORCES OF AGGRESSION."

HE ADDED THAT THE WARSAW PACT UNITS WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAWN FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS SOON AS THE "THREAT TO SECURITY IS ELIMINATED AND THE LAWFUL AUTHORITIES FIND THAT THE FURTHER PRESENCE THERE OF THESE ARMED UNITS IS NO LONGER NECESSARY."

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