

UN - CZECHOSLOVAK PROTEST TO U.N. (RELEADS CN 10)

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, AUG 22, REUTER --
CZECHOSLOVAKIA LAST NIGHT FORMALLY PROTESTED IN THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL TONIGHT AT THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET TROOPS IN THAT COUNTRY AND CALLED FOR THEIR WITHDRAWAL "WITHOUT DELAY."

THE PROTEST CAME SHORTLY AFTER THE COUNCIL REJECTED A SOVIET ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE COUNCIL FROM DEBATING THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS.

THE ACTING HEAD OF THE CZECH DELEGATION, MR. JAN MUZIK, MADE A DRAMATIC, UNANNOUNCED APPEARANCE BEFORE THE WORLD BODY AND READ A SERIES OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, DR. JIRI HAJEK.

HE SAID HE WAS ACTING UPON DR. HAJEK'S EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS.

ONE STATEMENT CIRCULATED EARLIER IN THE DAY BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION SPECIFICALLY REPUDIATED THE SOVIET CONTENTION THAT THE WARSAW PACT FORCES INTERVENTION WAS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT.

ONLY A SHORT WHILE EARLIER, SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, MR JACOB MALIK, HAD ASSERTED IN THE COUNCIL THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT ASKED WARSAW PACT NATIONS TO SEND IN THE TROOPS.

MR MUZIK SAID IN A BRIEF STATEMENT BEFORE READING OUT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION WAS LIKE THAT IN 1938, WHEN THE MUNICH AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED BY THE THEN BRITISH PREMIER, MR NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, AND HITLER.

NOW, AS THEN, "THE QUESTION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS AT STAKE", MR MUZIK DECLARED.

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