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UN - 2ND ADD - CZECHOSLOVAK PROTEST...(CN 39) X X X HEARING.

(UPI) -- EARLIER, THE SOVIET UNION HAD DECLARED THAT ITS TROOPS WERE INVITED INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES BUT THE UNITED STATES CALLED THE WARSAW PACT INVASION OF THE COUNTRY "AN AFFRONT TO ALL CIVILIZED SENSIBILITIES."

U.S. AMBASSADOR GEORGE BALL CHALLENGED SOVIET AMBASSADOR JACOB MALIK TO NAME THE CZECH OFFICIALS WHO REQUESTED TROOPS FROM ITS NEIGHBORING COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

WHEN BALL REFERRED TO LAST MONTH'S MEETINGS BETWEEN CZECH OFFICIALS AND LEADERS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND THE COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING THEM ISSUED AT BRATISLAVA, MALIK AND JOSZEF TARDOS, ACTING CHIEF OF THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION, SOUGHT TO HAVE HIM RULED OUT OF ORDER.

"I CAN WELL UNDERSTAND WHY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET UNION IS DISTURBED BY MY QUOTING THE BRATISLAVA COMMUNIQUE," BALL SAID. "I WOULD BE ASHAMED OF IT IF I WERE HE UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES."

MALIK RETORTED THAT HE WOULD, "IN DUE TIME, QUOTE FROM THE BRATISLAVA DECLARATION IN THE PASSAGES THAT DESCRIBE U.S. POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IN VIETNAM AND ELSEWHERE."

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