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UNITED NATIONS, AUG. 22 REUTER--CZECHOSLOVAKIA LAST NIGHT  
DRAMATICALLY PROTESTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST THE INVASION  
OF HER TERRITORY BY SOVIET TROOPS AND DEMANDED THEIR IMMEDIATE  
WITHDRAWAL.

THE PROTEST WAS MADE BY THE ACTING HEAD OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK  
DELEGATION, MR JAN MUZIK, IN A SUDDEN, UNANNOUNCED APPEARANCE JUST  
AFTER THE COUNCIL SWEEPED ASIDE SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT A  
SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE ON THE CRISIS.

MR MUZIK, WHO SAID HE WAS ACTING ON THE EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS  
OF HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, DR JIRI HAJEK, DENIED SOVIET ASSERTIONS  
THAT THE TROOPS WERE CALLED IN BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT.

HE COMPARED THE SITUATION TO THAT IN 1938, WHEN THE MUNICH  
AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED BY THE THEN BRITISH PRIME MINISTER,  
NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, AND HITLER.

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

MR MUZIK DELAYED HIS REQUEST TO SPEAK UNTIL AFTER THE 15-NATION  
COUNCIL REJECTED BY 13 VOTES TO TWO (RUSSIA AND HUNGARY)  
THE SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK DEBATE ON THE EVENTS IN  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION WHEN HE ASKED TO  
SPEAK.

MR MUZIK READ OUT A SERIES OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM MR HAJEK,  
ONE OF WHICH SPECIFICALLY REPUDIATED A RUSSIAN STATEMENT THAT  
THE INTERVENTION BY WARSAW PACT FORCES WAS AT THE CZECHOSLOVAK  
GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST--A CONTENTION REPEATED IN THE COUNCIL ONLY  
A LITTLE WHILE EARLIER BY THE SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER,  
MR JACOB MALIK.

THE U.S. AMBASSADOR, MR GEORGE BALL, SAID MR MUZIK'S  
STATEMENT MADE CLEAR BEYOND DOUBT THE "CYNICISM AND PERFIDY THAT  
SURROUNDED THE SNEAK MILITARY ATTACK."

THE COUNCIL IS TO MEET AGAIN TODAY (1530 MT) TO CONTINUE THE  
DEBATE ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AFTER ADJOURNING AT 0417 MT. 30N/WD/A 0513/68 5