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THE SOVIET UNION, SHORTLY AFTER THE COUNCIL CONVENED WEDNESDAY NIGHT, DECLARED THE UNITED NATIONS HAD NO RIGHT TO ACT ON THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BECAUSE ITS TROOPS AND THOSE OF OTHER WARSAW PACT NATIONS --EAST GERMANY, POLAND, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA--ENTERED THE COUNTRY AT THE REQUEST OF THE CZECH GOVERNMENT.

THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR--JACOB A. MALIK--IGNORED BALL'S CHALLENGE THAT HE NAME THE CZECH OFFICIALS WHO ASKED THEIR NEIGHBORS TO SEND IN TANKS, PLANES AND TROOPS. BALL CALLED THE INVASION "AN AFFRONT TO ALL CIVILIZED SENSIBILITIES."

MALIK SAID "IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING" THAT THE TROOPS "WILL BE IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAWN FROM THE TERRITORY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AS SOON AS THE OBTAINING THREAT TO ITS SECURITY IS ELIMINATED."

BALL RIDICULED THE SOVIET CLAIM THAT THE INVASION WAS AT CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S REQUEST. HE SAID SOVIET TROOPS WENT INTO THE COUNTRY EQUIPPED WITH A "DUMMY RADIO STATION AND A NEWSPAPER...COMPLETE WITH THE TRAPPINGS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE."

"IT CERTAINLY TOOK WEEKS TO PREPARE THIS AND IT WOULD INDICATE THAT THE SOVIET LEADEGS WHO EMBRACED THE CZECHS AT CIERNA AND BRATISLAVA MIGHT ALREADY BEEN PLANNING ALL THIS," BALL SAID.

"THIS WAS PLANNED IN SECRET AT A TIME WHEN THE PUBLIC AIR WAS FILLED WITH SMILES. IT IS A GROSS ACT OF PERFIDY THAT SHOULD BE UNIVERSALLY CONDEMNED BY WORLD OPINION.

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