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CS - 0945 INTRO MEETINGS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

MUNICH, AUGUST 22 (CNR)- EMERGENCY MEETINGS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TODAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN TWO COMMUNIST ALLIES COUNTRIES ALLIED WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND RUMANIA.

THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESUMES DEBATE ON THE INVASION AT 1530 MT AFTER OVERRIDING SOVIET OBJECTIONS. THE VOTE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION WAS 13 TO TWO, WITH HUNGARY SIDING WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

THE COUNCIL LAST NIGHT HEARD A DRAMATIC AND EXPECTED PROTEST FROM THE ACTING HEAD OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION, JAN MUZIK.

DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE INVADING TROOPS, HE COMPARED THE SITUATION TO THAT OF 1938 AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED THE SOVIET CLAIM THAT THEIR TROOPS HAD BEEN CALLED IN BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT.

IN BUCHAREST THE RUMANIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WAS MEETING THIS MORNING IN AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION. IT WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE.

AND IN YUGOSLAVIA A PLENARY SESSION OF THE YUGOSLAV CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CALLED FOR TODAY.

THE LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES YESTERDAY DENOUNCED THE INVATION AND A STATEMENT BY THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST PARTY THIS MORNING BLUNTLY LABELLED IT AGGRESSION TRAMPLING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF A SOCIALIST COUNTRY.

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