

C/S - CZECHOSLOVAK-WARSAW PACT CLASH AT GENEVA

GENEVA, AUG. 22, REUTER--CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ITS COMMUNIST ALLIES CLASHED AT THE GENEVA DISARMAMENT TALKS TODAY OVER THE INVASION BY WARSAW PACT TROOPS.

CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATE TOMAS LAHODA READ A STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA DENOUNCING THE INVASION AND WAS PROMPTLY FOLLOWED TO THE FLOOR BY SOVIET, POLISH AND BULGARIAN DELEGATES.

ALEXEI ROZHCHIN, THE RUSSIAN DELEGATE, DENIED PRESIDENT SVOBODA'S CHARGE THAT THE INVASION WAS WITHOUT PRAGUE CONSENT.

HE THEN READ THE OFFICIAL SOVIET STATEMENT DECLARING THAT CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY AND GOVERNMENT ACTIVISTS HAD CALLED ON THEIR ALLIES TO OCCUPY THE COUNTRY.

POLISH AND BULGARIAN SPEAKERS SAID THE 17-NATION COMMITTEE WAS NOT THE PLACE TO DISCUSS THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION.

LAHODA REPLIED TO THE RUSSIAN THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH SPOKE FOR ITSELF.

BRITISH, AMERICAN AND BRAZILIAN SPEAKERS ALSO CONDEMNED THE OCCUPATION.

ROBERTO CARACCILO, THE ITALIAN DELEGATE, SAID HIS COUNTRY WOULD NOW HAVE TO THINK AGAIN BEFORE SIGNING THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

RUMANIA REMAINED SILENT, ALTHOUGH ITS LEADERS HAVE CONDEMNED THE INVASION AND CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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