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C/S - 1ST ADD - GANDHI...(CN 386 OF YESTERDAY) X X X 15.

ONE CABINET MINISTER RESIGNED TODAY AFTER VOTING WITH THE OPPOSITION.

MR. ASOKA MEHTA, 56-YEAR-OLD MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS, WROTE TO THE PRIME MINISTER SAYING INDIA SHOULD TAKE A FIRM LINE AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

INDIA SHOULD DEMAND THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET AND OTHER WARSAW PACT FORCES, MR. MEHTA SAID IN HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION.

MR. MEHTA, THE MAHARANI OF PATIALA, MRS. MOHINDER KAUR, AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE RULING CONGRESS PARTY VOTED WITH THE OPPOSITION.

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