

P1 UNITED NATIONS, AUGUST 23 (RFE SPECIAL/ENDRST) -- CZECHOSLOVAKIAN DELEGATE JAN MUZIK APPEALED IN A TREMBLING VOICE TO A NIGHT SESSION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THURSDAY TO HELP HIS COUNTRY GET THE "ILLEGAL OCCUPATION FORCES" OUT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

AFTER A DAY OF COMPLETE SILENCE AND ABSENCE FROM THE COUNCIL, THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION UNEXPECTEDLY APPEARED SHORTLY AFTER 10 PM NEW YORK TIME TO DELIVER A STRONG ATTACK ON THE SOVIET POSITION THAT WARSAW PACT TROOPS HAD BEEN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AT THE INVITATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE DELEGATIONS OF BULGARIA AND POLAND TOOK THEIR PLACES AT THE COUNCIL TABLE.

MUZIK, A YOUTHFUL DIPLOMAT DRESSED IN THE SAME CHOCOLATE BROWN SUIT IN WHICH HE FIRST APPEARED ON WEDNESDAY, ANNOUNCED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK WAS ON HIS WAY TO NEW YORK HOPING TO OFFER A FULL EXPLANATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF CZECHOSLOVAK RESISTANCE TO SOVIET OCCUPATION.

MUZIK STARTED OUT BY SAYING THAT THE SITUATION IN HIS COUNTRY HAS BEEN DETERIORATING, THAT THE COUNTRY DEPENDED FOR INFORMATION ON CLADESTINE RADIOS, THAT COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF DUBCEK AND AT LEAST THREE OTHER LEADERS CONTINUED TO BE INTERNED, THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT SVOBODA SURROUNDED BY SOVIET TROOPS, AND FATE OF PRIME MINISTER CERNIK AND OTHERS REMAINED UNKNOWN.

MUZIK TOLD THE COUNCIL IN ANOTHER DRAMATIC AND SUSPENSEFUL MEETING OF THE 15 NATION COUNCIL THAT DESPITE ALL THESE PRESSURES, THE WARSAW BLOC OCCUPANTS HAD NOT SUCCEEDED IN INSTALLING A NEW GOVERNMENT.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATE EMPHASIZED THAT THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS "COMPLETELY ILLEGAL"

THAT ONLY OFFICIALS DULY ELECTED COULD REPRESENT THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE;

THAT ALL OCCUPATION ACTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE ILLEGAL; AND, FINALLY, HE DEMANDED A COMPLETE AND IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND A FULL RESTORATION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND TOTAL INTEGRITY "IMPERATIVE".

MUZIK SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE IT "CRYSTAL CLEAR" TO ALL CONCERNED THAT "THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM" WAS THE ONLY CONCERN OF THE DUBCEK-SVOBODA LEADERSHIP. HE SUGGESTED THAT HIS LEADERS WOULD BE THE LAST TO CAUSE MORE DAMAGE TO SOCIALISM THAN ALREADY DONE. HE INSISTED THAT THE IDEAS OF SOCIALISM "ARE SACRED".

AFTER THIS BRIEF BUT ELECTRIFYING APPEARANCE BY MUZIK, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SENEGAL TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT HIS COUNTRY SHARED IN THE WORLD-WIDE REVULSION OVER THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. HE SAID THAT THE CONCEPT OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WAS SERIOUSLY THREATENED.

SENEGAL SAID THE SOVIET UNION ACTION "VIOLATES THE MOST SACRED PRINCIPLE OF HUMAN RIGHT".

FOLLOWING THAT, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HUNGARY RESUMED HIS DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET POSITION.

HE SAID SOVIET INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS JUSTIFIED JUST AS IT HAD BEEN IN HUNGARY IN 1956.

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