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POLISH DELEGATE LESZEK KASPRZYK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT "WE COULD NOT REMAIN PASSIVE WHEN MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN OUR PART OF EUROPE HAD BEEN THREATENED".

HE ALSO SAW IN THE ACTIONS OF THE DUBCEK-SVOBODA LEADERSHIP A DANGER TO WORLD PEACE ITSELF.

THE POLISH DELEGATE ASSURED THE COUNCIL OF HIS COUNTRY'S "TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND INSISTED THAT POLISH AND OTHER TROOPS ENTERED THAT COUNTRY ONLY TO ANSWER A CALL FOR HELP WHICH CAME FROM "CZECH PATRIOTS".

HE MAINTAINED THE INVASION ACTION WAS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLE. THE POLISH DELEGATE ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES IN PARTICULAR OF TRYING TO POISON RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. HE ARGUED THAT "IMPERIALISM" WAS USING THE CASE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONLY IN ORDER TO CREATE A DIVERSION FROM ITS ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHWEST AFRICA, RHODESIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

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