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CS - U.S., SOVIET DELEGATES ARGUE AT U.N. (RELEADS CN 39)

UNITED NATIONS, AUG 23, REUTER -- UNITED STATES AND SOVIET DELEGATES TRADED ANGRY WORDS WITH EACH OTHER IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT.

U.S. AMBASSADOR GEORGE BALL BITTERLY ATTACKED RUSSIA'S DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, MR JACOB MALIK, FOR HIS PERSISTENT EFFORTS TO FRUSTRATE COUNCIL ACTION IN THE CZECH CRISIS, DECLARING THAT HIS DEFENCE OF SOVIET POLICY WAS "DIFFUSE, POLEMICAL AND MEANDERING."

MR MALIK RETORTED THAT MR BALL HAD "A WEAK NOSE." HE ACCUSED THE AMERICAN, A FORMER INVESTMENT BANKER, OF SPEAKING AS IF HE WERE LECTURING A SUBORINATE IN HIS BANK.

"ITS ABOUT TIME THAT IN YOUR NEW CAPACITY YOU RENOUNCE ALL ATTEMPTS AT DICTATION," MR. MALIK SAID.

"MR BALL, THIS IS NOT YOUR OFFICE HERE. THIS TONE SIMPLY WONT WORK HERE. THIS IS USEFUL ADVICE I AM OFFERING YOU," MR MALIK SAID.

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