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C/S - 1ST ADD RUSK SAYS WORLD REVULSION (CN 69) X X X IT.

MR. RUSK SAID THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT HAD NOT RPT NOT ASKED THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE SPECIFIC STEPS IN ITS AID, BUT NOTED THAT CZECHOSLOVAK DIPLOMATS HAD MADE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN, BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY.

HE SAID THE UNITED STATES' INTEREST IS BASED NOT RPT NOT ON TREATY OBLIGATIONS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA BUT ON THE RIGHTS -- GUARANTEED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER -- OF A SMALL STATE TO WORK OUT ITS OWN DESTINY WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

AT THE UNITED NATIONS, HE ADDED, A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE INTERVENTION AND CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS HAS BEEN TABLED. HE SAID HE HOPED WORLD REACTION WOULD CAUSE "RESPONSIBLE LEADERS" OF THE WARSAW PACT TO "ACT WITH MODERATION AND NOT RPT NOT TO ENGAGE IN PUNITIVE MEASURES" AGAINST THE PEOPLE.

ANSWERING NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS, MR. RUSK SAID THE SOVIET ACTION "CANNOT RPT NOT HELP BUT DAMAGE EAST-WEST RELATIONS," ADDING IT WOULD "COMPLICATE" THE RELATIONS OF WARSAW PACT NATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN EUROPE AND WITH THE UNITED STATES.

AS FOR THE PROSPECTS FOR SENATE APPROVAL OF THE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY, MR. RUSK POINTED OUT THE TREATY IS NOT RPT NOT A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION, BUT AN INTERNATIONAL PACT THAT IS "IN THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES."

HE ADDED, HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT RPT NOT PREDICT WHAT INFLUENCE THE SOVIET INTERVENTION WOULD HAVE ON THE SENATE, SAYING HE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THAT BODY RECONVENES NEXT MONTH. (MORE)

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