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C/S - 2ND ADD - 0900 INTRO: SOVIET VETO (CN 91) XXX ADVERSARIES

THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS AT 3.54 AM EDT (0854 MT) UNTIL 5 P.M. EDT (2200 MT).

EARLIER, BALL CALLED THE SOVIET VETO "AN EXPRESSION OF ARROGANCE, CALLOUSNESS AND TOTAL INDIFFERENCE TO THE SENSIBILITIES OF ALL MANKIND."

"YOUR VETO, AMBASSADOR MALIK, CANNOT SUFFOCATE THE SOUL OF A BRAVE PEOPLE," BALL SAID. "YOU CANNOT VETO FOREVER OR EVEN FOR A LONG TIME THE STUBBORN INSISTENCE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE TO PURSUE THEIR OWN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM."

THE MARATHON COUNCIL SESSION WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY FORMAL NOTICE FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S REPRESENTATIVE THAT A GENERAL STRIKE WOULD PARALYZE THE COUNTRY FRIDAY IF SOVIET TROOPS WERE NOT WITHDRAWN.

WHEN THE NEW WESTERN RESOLUTION WAS PUT IN, MALIK AGAIN LASHED OUT. HE SAID IT WAS A "DIRTY TRICK" OF THE NATO COUNTRIES. ONE ATTEMPT HAVING FAILED, THE WESTERN POWERS WERE ENGAGED IN DIVERSIONARY TACTICS IN WHICH THEY WERE TRYING TO INVOLVE U THANT, HE CLAIMED.

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