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HAJEK SAID HE HAD NO PLANS TO REQUEST A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHILE IN NEW YORK. HE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE SOVIET VETO OF A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE ACTION, SAYING HE WAS NOT IN POSSESSION OF ALL THE FACTS BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN TRAVELLING.

HE FLATLY REJECTED THE IDEA THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND HER ALLIES HAD BEEN INVITED TO OCCUPY CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT DID NOT INVITE THE TROOPS OF ITS FIVE ALLIES OF THE WARSAW PACT," HE DECLARED.

WHEN ASKED OF PLANS FOR FORMING A NEW GOVERNMENT, HE RESPONDED BY SAYING :

"I THINK THAT THE ONLY LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS THAT WHICH WAS CHOSEN LAST APRIL BY PRESIDENT SVOBODA AND APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY."

HE ALSO REJECTED THE IDEA OF FORMING A FREE GOVERNMENT IN EXILE. "WE HAVE A FREE, LEGAL, CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. WHY SHOULD WE CREATE ANOTHER ?"

HAJEK SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF OUSTED PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND PREMIER OLDRICH CERNIK. NOR DID HE HAVE NEWS OF MRS. DUBCEK.

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