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C/S - HAJEK IN NEW YORK (W/ 343)

NEW YORK, AUG 23(UPI)-- CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK ARRIVED IN NEW YORK TODAY FROM BRUESSELS.

HAJEK WAS WARMLY EMBRACED AT KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS. HIS ONLY COMMENT TO A LARGE PRESS TURNOUT WAS "I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN. I'VE NOTHING TO SAY NOW, MAYBE LATER. I'M HERE JUST TO SEE MY FRIENDS."

THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS GREETED BY JAN MUZIK, THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND SINAN KORLE, ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AT THE UNITED NATIONS. HAJEK WAS IN YUGOSLAVIA WHEN THE SOVIET UNION INVADED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HAJEK, WHO WORE DARK GLASSES AND APPEARED TIRED FROM HIS LONG FLIGHT, LEFT THE AIRPORT IN A LIMOUSINE FOR NEW YORK, PRESUMABLY TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK MISSION.

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