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C/W - 1ST ADD COUNCIL MEETS (CN 343) XXX CRISIS

(CNR)-- THE CANADIAN DELEGATE GEORGE IGNATIEFF SAID IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT THE OVERWHELMING WEIGHT OF WORLD OPINION DID NOT ACCEPT THE SOVIET VERSION OF THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THIS WEEK.

HE WAS URGING ACCEPTANCE OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION SAYING THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT, BE SENT TO PRAGUE TO TRY TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF CAPTURED CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS.

THIS PROPOSAL, HE SAID WAS AN ESSENTIAL AND HUMANITARIAN ONE AND REPRESENTED THE MINIMUM THAT THE COUNCIL COULD DO IF THE SOVIET UNION BLOCKED MORE SUBSTANTIAL ACTION BY THE USE OF ITS VETO.

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