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CS- 2ND ADD COUNCIL MEETS (CN 12) XXX VETO.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATE SAID THE RESOLUTION HAD BEEN FRAMED AT THE REQUEST OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOUR CONTINENTS- NOT AT THE INSTIGATION OF A NARROW ANGLO-SAXON GROUP.

"IT MUST BE RECOGNISED THAT THE OVERWHELMING WEIGHT OF WORLD OPINION DOES NOT ACCEPT THE SOVIET VERSION OF EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA DURING THE LAST THREE DAYS", THE DELEGATE SAID.

STATING THE CANADIAN POSITION, THE DELEGATE SAID CANADA HAD SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDED INTERFERENCE OF ANY KIND IN CZECHOSLOVAK DEVELOPMENTS.

CANADA HAD NO INTEREST IN CENTRAL EUROPE HE SAID. WHAT WAS AT ISSUE WAS NOT WHETHER CZECHOSLOVAKIA SHOULD BE A COMMUNIST STATE, BUT THE INTERVENTION BY FORCE OF ONE STATE IN THE AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER STATE.

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