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*** C/S - SIK SAYS HAJEK REPRESENTS CS (W/CN 15)

UNITED NATIONS, AUG. 23, REUTER - THE CZECHOSLOVAK DEPUTY PREMIER, OTA SIK, INFORMED THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL TONIGHT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DR JIRI HAJEK WAS AUTHORISED TO REPRESENT HIS COUNTRY IN THE WORLD BODY.

DR. SIK SAID IN A TELEGRAM TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT THAT HE OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AUTHORITY.

HE ADDED THAT HE WAS TAKING THIS STEP IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WITH THE AGREEMENT OF OTHER MINISTERS "OUTSIDE THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC AND HAVING CONSULTED SOME OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT BEING STILL IN PRAGUE AND HAVING RELATIVE FREEDOM OF ACTION."

DR. HAJEK, WHO WAS FORMERLY CZECHOSLOVAKIAS REPRESENTATIVE AT THE U.N., ARRIVED IN NEW YORK EARLIER THIS EVENING.

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