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C/S -- 0145 INTRO -- SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, AUG 24 (CNR)-- THE SOVIET UNION TODAY (MT) REJECTED A PLAN TO SEND A SPECIAL UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE TO PRAGUE TO SEEK THE RELEASE OF DETAINED CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS.

DEUPTY FOREIGN MINISTER JACOB MALIK TOLD THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA WAS IN MOSCOW DISCUSSING A "SETTLEMENT" OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION AND THAT NO RPT NO INTERFERENCE WOULD BE ACCEPTED.

MALIK, WHO HAD VETOED A RESOLUTION DEMANDING A TROOP WITHDRAWAL THURSDAY, SAID THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO DISCUSS.

HE DENOUNCED THE SECOND RESOLUTION -- WHICH CANADA INTRODUCED AS A MINIMUM MEASURE BUT ONE WHICH MIGHT GAIN SOVIET ACCEPTANCE -- AS

A "NEFARIOUS" WESTERN PLOT.

CANADA'S GEORGE IGANTIEFF HAD DESCRIBED THE PROPOSAL AS A PURELY HUMANITARIAN ONE, BUT MALIK RETORTED:

"WHOM ARE YOU TRYING TO DELUDE -- YOURSELF ? THAT IS YOUR BUSINESS. WE CANNOT PREVENT THAT. BUT TO TRY TO DELUDE OTHERS IS SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT."

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