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THE BRITISH DELEGATE, LORD CARADON, REPEATED HIS APPEAL TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO REVEAL THE FATE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERSHIP.

"WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE FATE OF BRAVE MEN, WHO HAVE FACED, SUDDENLY, CRISIS, CONFUSION, DANGER, WITH THE SUDDEN APPROACH OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH THEY WERE THE LAST PEOPLE TO EXPECT."

ASKING SOVIET AMBASSADOR MALIK AGAIN WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THESE MEN, LORD CARADON INSISTED: "WE SHALL NOT BE CONTENT UNTIL WE GET AN ANSWER - THE PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION IS TO GET AN ANSWER."

LORD CARADON SAID THAT INSTEAD OF SEARCHING THROUGH HIS VOCABULARY FOR NEW ADJECTIVES THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR SHOULD CONSULT WITH HIS SECURITY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES.

THE WHOLE WORLD WAS CONCERNED FOR THE FATE OF THE ARRESTED CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS. "IT IS SOMETHING THAT CANNOT BE FORGOTTEN. THE WORLD WANTS TO KNOW. WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEMAND AN ANSWER", LORD CARADON SAID.

HE CALLED ON THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO TELL THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY - "AND OTHER ACKNOWLEDGED LEADERS" - WERE FREE AND SAFE, THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ARRESTED OR MOLESTED AND THAT THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO "SPEAK AND WORK FOR THEIR PEOPLE".

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