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C/S --- 16TH ADD COUNCIL MEETS

(CN 49) XXX TAKEN

FRENCH AMBASSADOR ARMAND BERARD SAID THERE WAS STILL NO NEWS ABOUT THE FATE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER, MR. ALEXANDER DUBCEK, AND SEVERAL OTHER OFFICIALS THOUGH SOME REPORTED INDICATED THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABDUCTED BY FORCE.

THE RESOLUTION WAS JUSTIFIED IN A SITUATION TO WHICH THE COUNCIL COULD NOT BE INDIFFERENT. HE URGED THE LARGEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR IT.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATE, SPEAKING IN REPLY TO PREVIOUS SPEAKERS SAID:

"WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE FATE OF BRAVE MEN, THE VICTIMS OF ARMED INTERVENTION FROM THE SOVIET UNION AND CERTAIN OF ITS ALLIES.

"THIS IS A HUMANITARIAN QUESTION, CONCERNING THE RELEASE AND SAFETY OF CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS.

"THE COSPONSORS OF THE RESOLUTION WILL NOT QUIBBLE ABOUT EACH WORD, AS LONG AS THE BASIC OBJECTIVES ARE PURSUED.

"WE WOULD BE GLAD TO CONSULT WITH ANY DELEGATES ABOUT DETAILS OF THE WORDING OF THE RESOLUTION." THE PRESIDENT THEN CONCLUDED THE MEETING, ADJOURNING DISCUSSION ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO 11:30 A.M. SATURDAY NEW YORK TIME (1630 MT).

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