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CS - MORNING INTRO: SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, AUG 24, REUTER - THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS DEBATE ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS FRIDAY NIGHT WITHOUT HEARING FROM DR JIRI HAJEK, FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE DUBCEK GOVERNMENT, WHO HAD FLOWN IN TO NEW YORK EARLIER IN THE DAY TO ADDRESS THE WORLD BODY.

THE COUNCIL AGREED TO MEET AGAIN TODAY (1630 MT).

THE CZECHOSLOVAK DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR OTA SIK, CABLED THE COUNCIL FRIDAY FORMALLY AUTHORISING DR HAJEK, WHO CAME TO NEW YORK FROM VIENNA VIA BRUSSELS, TO REPRESENT THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT AT THE U.N.

HE SAID HE WAS ACTING IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE "CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT" AND WITH THE AGREEMENT OF OTHER MINISTERS "OUTSIDE THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC".

DR. SIK SAID HE HAD ALSO CONSULTED "SOME OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT BEING STILL IN PRAGUE AND HAVING SOME RELATIVE FREEDOM OF ACTION".

DURING FRIDAY NIGHT'S MEETING, THE FOURTH OF THE EMERGENCY SERIES CALLED IN THE WAKE OF THE MIDWEEK SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BRITAIN CHALLENGED RUSSIA TO ASSURE THE WORLD THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER, MR. ALEXANDER DUBCEK, AND HIS LIBERAL COLLEAGUES WERE ALIVE AND SAFE.

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