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C/S - BRITAIN SUMMONS MOSCOW AMBASSADOR

LONDON, AUG 24 (UPI)--BRITAIN HAS SUMMONED SIR GEOFFREY HARRISON, AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW, BACK TO LONDON FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THE CZECHOSLOVAKIA SITUATION, A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID HARRISON "HAS BEEN CALLED BACK IN ADVANCE OF HIS PLANNED RETURN FOR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE ON MONDAY."

THE MONDAY DEBATE IS A SPECIAL SESSION OF PARLIAMENT, THE FIRST TIME PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN RECALLED FROM SUMMER RECESS SINCE THE HUNGARIAN CRISIS IN 1956, AND THE FIRST TIME IN AUGUST SINCE 1939.

THE AMBASSADOR WAS NOT DUE TO RETURN TO LONDON UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT NEXT MONTH. HIS EARLY RETURN MARKS A FULL-SCALE REVIEW OF THE SITUATION BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

HARRISON WILL CONFER WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY MICHAEL STEWART MONDAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ALREADY NAMED HARRISON'S SUCCESSOR IN MOSCOW, SIR DUNCAN WILSON.

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