

X/S COUNCIL MEETING ARGUES ABOUT EAST GERMANY (RELEADS CN 197)

MUNICH, AUG 24 (CNR) - THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESUMED DISCUSSION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS TODAY, WITH CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK SCHEDULED TO BE THE FIRST SPEAKER.

BEFORE HAJEK SPOKE, THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED A SOVIET OBJECTION THAT THE UNITED NATIONS HAD FAILED TO ISSUE THE TEXT OF A PROTEST BY EAST GERMANY AGAINST DEBATE ON THE CRISIS.

SOVIET DELEGATE JACOB MALIK ARGUED THAT EAST GERMANY, AS A PARTY TO THE MATTER UNDER ISSUE, HAD A RIGHT TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

THIS WAS OPPOSED BY BRITAIN AND THE U.S., WITH U.S. DELEGATE GEORGE BALL ARGUING THAT AN EAST GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE "NOTHING MORE THAN A PROXY FOR THE SOVIET UNION."

HE SAID IT WAS "SHOCKING IN THE EXTREME" THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD "AGAIN BEEN INVADED BY GERMAN TROOPS."

AS MALIK WAS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL, HAJEK ENTERED THE CHAMBER. UNTIL THEN, JAN MUZIK, THE CZECHOSLOVAK CHARGE D'AFFAIRS HAD SAT IN.

THE DISCUSSION ON THE SOVIET PROTEST WAS CONTINUING AT 1820 MT - AN HOUR AFTER THE MEETING BEGAN.

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