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CS - 1900 INTRO - COUNCIL SESSION (RELEADS CN-210)

MUNICH, AUG 24 (CNR)- THE APPEARANCE OF CZECHO-SLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS DELAYED TODAY BY A LONG PROCEDURAL WRANGLE OVER INVITING EAST GERMANY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSION.

THE SOVIET UNION ARGUED THAT EAST GERMANY, AS A PARTY TO THE MATTER UNDER DISCUSSION, SHOULD BE REPRESENTED.

THE MOVE WAS OPPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE, WHO SAID EAST GERMANY WAS NOT A STATE. THE U.S. ARGUED THAT ANY EAST GERMAN SPEAKER WOULD MERELY BE A PROXY FOR THE SOVIET UNION.

WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES AT THE MEETING SAID MR. HAJEK APPEARED TO PAY LITTLE ATTENTION TO THE DEBATE AND APPEARED TO BE STUDYING HIS SPEECH.

IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT HAJEK WILL BE THE FIRST SPEAKER.

AT 1900 MT THE PROCEDURAL DEBATE HAD LASTED AN HOUR AND FORTY MINUTES.

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