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UNITED NATIONS, AUG 24 (CNR) :- THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, DR. JIRI HAJEK, TOLD THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TONIGHT THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD NOT RPT NOT INVITED FOREIGN TROOPS INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AS THE SOVIET UNION HAS CLAIMED.

IN A SPIRITED ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL, DR. HAJEK DEMANDED THAT FOREIGN TROOPS, EVEN IF THEY CAME FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, SHOULD LEAVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITHOUT DELAY.

HE SAID THE SOLUTION LAY WITH THE FIVE OCCUPATION POWERS, BUT, HE ADDED, THE SECURITY COUNCIL COULD CONTRIBUTE BY TAKING A WISE STAND AND HELPING TO CREATE A FAVOURABLE ATMOSPHERE.

DR. HAJEK REPEATEDLY STRESSED CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S TIES WITH THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, EVEN THOUGH THESE TIES HAD BEEN HAMPERED.

"WE HOPE OUR PARTNERS WILL BECOME AWARE OF HOW ADVANTAGEOUS IT IS FOR THEM TO HAVE THESE BONDS ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND THE RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE," HE SAID.

DR. HAJEK SAID HE HOPED THE FIVE OCCUPYING POWERS WOULD SEE WHAT HE TERMED THE DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES OF THE OCCUPATION, THAT THEY MAY GRASP THE MISTAKE THEY HAD MADE AND CORRECT IT.

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