

X13 E/W--4TH ADD BRITISH PRIME MINISTER DENOUNCES

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID NO-ONE IN THE COMMONS WAS SEEKING TO DICTATE TO THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES ANY CHANGE IN THE RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAD EXISTED BETWEEN THEM.

"INDEED, THE CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER HIMSELF EMPHASISED THE DESIRE OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO SETTLE THESE MATTERS BY NEGOTIATION WITHIN THEIR COMMUNIST PARTNERSHIP.

"WHAT HE REJECTS, WHAT HIS COUNTRY REJECTS AND WHAT ALL OF US IN THIS HOUSE REJECT, IS THAT WHERE THESE MATTERS CANNOT BE SETTLED BY DISCUSSION ONE OR MORE PARTNERS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE HAS THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE A SETTLEMENT BY FORCE.

"THIS IS NOT A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST AND THE NON-COMMUNIST WORLD", SAID MR.WILSON.

"IT IS AN ARGUMENT ABOUT THE RIGHT OF ONE COMMUNIST COUNTRY TO DECIDE ITS OWN INTERNAL SYSTEM ON THE BASIS WHICH REFLECTS CLEARLY THE EXPRESSED DESIRE BEFORE LAST WEDNESDAY, AND STILL MORE SINCE LAST WEDNESDAY, OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE FOR A GREATER FREEDOM."

OPPOSITION CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADER EDWARD HEATH SAID OF THE SOVIET INVASION:

"IT WAS NAKED AGGRESSION OF THE MOST FLAGRANT KIND."

ANY SETTLEMENT NOW MADE, WOULD BE UNDER THE DURESS OF FOREIGN OCCUPATION.

HEATH SAID THERE REMAINED A DANGER TO PEACE IN EUROPE. IT WAS POSSIBLE TO VISUALISE A THREAT TO YUGOSLAVIA OR EVEN TO AUSTRIA.

ON ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, HE SAID: "IN TOO, DOUBT THE WISDOM OF THIS. IT MUST SURELY BE A MATTER FOR CONSIDERABLE DOUBT WHETHER THEY CAN BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, EVEN IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A COMPLETE BLOCKADE, WHICH I DO NOT BELIEVE WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES."