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CS - WITHDRAWS FROM UN DEBATE

UNITED NATIONS, AUG 27 (REUTER/UPI) -- CZECHOSLOVAKIA MONDAY NIGHT FORMALLY NOTIFIED THE UNITED NATIONS IT WAS WITHDRAWING FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM ITS GOVERNMENT.

A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CZECH DELEGATION SAID IN LIGHT OF THE MOSCOW TALKS BETWEEN ITS LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WARSAW PACT POWERS OCCUPYING CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY "IT IS NOT THE OPINION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC THAT THE DEBATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL COULD BE CONDUCIVE OF A SOLUTION TO THIS SIGNIFICANT QUESTION."

THE BRIEF STATEMENT SAID THE DELEGATION HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT "NOT TO CONTINUE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE DEBATE."

THE STATEMENT CAME AFTER THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO CANCEL A SCHEDULED MEETING MONDAY IN LIGHT OF THE STILL UNRESOLVED MOSCOW TALKS. THE COUNCIL, HOWEVER, WAS IN READINESS TO RESUME THE DISCUSSION WHENEVER CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANTED.

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