

C/S - MORNING INTRO - BRITISH REACTION

LONDON, AUG 27 (UPI) -- BRITAIN'S LABOR GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLICLY SNUBBED THE SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES THAT JOINED IN THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY CANCELING ALL PLANNED VISITS TO THEM BY CABINET MINISTERS.

IT URGED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO STAY AWAY TOO. BUT IT FIRMLY RULED OUT ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SANCTIONS AS "NEITHER RELEVANT NOR USEFUL"

BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, CALLED BACK MONDAY FROM THEIR SUMMER RECESS FOR AN EMERGENCY SESSION FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE 1956 SUEZ CRISIS, BITTERLY CONDEMNED THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

NO VOTE WAS TAKEN. BUT SPEAKERS OF ALL PARTIES WERE UNANIMOUS IN DENOUNCING THE KREMLIN'S ACTION.

PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON, WHO OPENED THE DEBATE IN THE COMMONS, DENOUNCED IT AS "A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND ALL ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIOR."

CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION LEADER EDWARD HEATH BRANDED IT AS "NAKED AGGRESSION OF THE MOST FLAGRANT KIND."

FOREIGN SECRETARY STEWART CONFIRMED HE HAS CANCELED OFFICIAL VISITS IN SEPTEMBER TO HUNGARY AND BULGARIA, TWO WARSAW PACT NATIONS THAT TOOK PART IN THE INVASION.

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