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CS -- CS ASKS U.N. TO DROP CRISIS DEBATE

UNITED NATIONS, AUG 28 (UPI)-CZECHOSLOVAKIA ASKED THE SECURITY COUNCIL TUESDAY TO DROP THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS FROM ITS AGENDA.

A FORMAL REQUEST BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK MISSION WAS ANNOUNCED AT U.N. HEADQUARTERS SHORTLY AFTER FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK PAID FAREWELL CALLS ON SECRETARY GENERAL THANT AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOAO AUGUSTO DE ARAUJO CASTRO OF BRAZIL.

THE FORMAL CZECHOSLOVAK LETTER TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT ARAUJO CASTRO WAS SIGNED BY JAN MUZIK, THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE WHO SPOKE FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA BEFORE THE COUNCIL UNTIL HAJEK ARRIVED FROM YUGOSLAVIA.

IT NOTED THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD NOT ASKED TO HAVE THE ITEM INSCRIBED ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA BY CANADA, DENMARK, FRANCE, PARAGUAY AND THE UNITED STATES.

"IN VIEW OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROBLEM DURING THE SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS HELD IN MOSCOW FROM AUGUST 23 TO 26, 1968," MUZIK SAID, "I REQUEST YOU TO ARRANGE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THIS ITEM FROM THE AGENDA OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL."

A U.N. SPOKESMAN SAID ARAUJO CASTRO WOULD CIRCULATE THE REQUEST AMONG COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CONSULT THEM ON THE MATTER.

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