

X/13 UN - CZECHOSLOVAK ISSUE BEFORE SECURITY COUNCIL

P11 UNITED NATIONS AUGUST 28 (RFE SPECIAL ENDRST) - THE DECISION TO DROP THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA RESTS WITH THE COUNCIL ITSELF, A UN SPOKESMAN SAID HERE WEDNESDAY.

THE REMOVAL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK ITEM WAS FORMALLY REQUESTED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK MISSION TUESDAY EVENING.

THE UN SPOKESMAN CITED PRECEDENCE INDICATING THAT IN SOME CASES, ITEMS WITH WHICH THE COUNCIL HAD BEEN SEIZED WERE EVENTUALLY DELETED FROM THE OFFICIAL LIST, WHILE IN OTHER CASES, DESPITE PROTESTS FROM MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, SUCH ITEMS REMAINED ON THIS LIST.

THE OFFICIAL WEEKLY SECURITY COUNCIL LIST NOW SHOWS 77 ITEMS WITH WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS ITSELF FORMALLY SEIZED.

THE UN SPOKESMAN SAID THE LIST NOW BEING PREPARED FOR NEXT WEEK WILL SHOW 78 ITEMS, INCLUDING THAT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE OFFICIAL LIST ALREADY SHOWS ANOTHER CZECHOSLOVAK QUESTION, THAT OF THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IN 1948. DESPITE REPEATED PRESSURES ON THE UN SECRETARIAT BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK MISSION HERE, THE 1948 ITEM HAS NEVER BEEN TAKEN OFF THE LIST.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL STILL HAS NO COMMENT ON THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HIS SPOKESMAN SAID WEDNESDAY.

THE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT U THANT WAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED TUESDAY AFTERNOON BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR YAKOV MALIK ABOUT THE SOVIET CZECHOSLOVAK AGREEMENT IN MOSCOW.

ASKED WHETHER U THANT WOULD COMMENT ON THE AGREEMENT ITSELF, HIS SPOKESMAN SAID "THERE IS NO COMMENT AT THIS JUNCTURE".