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MONTEVIDEO, AUG 29 (UPI) - A HIGH OFFICIAL OF THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT HAS RESIGNED AFTER CAUSING A FUROR BY DEFENDING THE SOVIET INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

A COMMUNIQUE FROM THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT JORGE PACHECO ARECO SAID THE RESIGNATION OF ALEJANDRO VEGH VILLEGAS, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PLANS, HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BECAUSE "OF HIS DECLARATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE INTERVENTION OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

VILLEGAS CAME TO HIS POST, WHICH HAS CABINET RANK, LAST JUNE 27. HIS POSITION MADE HIM ONE OF THE CLOSEST ADVISORS OF PRESIDENT PACHECO ARECO.

RECENTLY HE TESTIFIED BEFORE A SENATE COMMITTEE THAT "THE GREAT POWERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTROL THEIR ZONES OF INFLUENCE IN THE EQUILIBRIUM OF WORLD POWER." THE STATEMENT, MADE IN REFERENCE TO THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CAUSED A WAVE OF PROTESTS FROM ALL OF URUGUAY'S POLITICAL PARTIES EXCEPT THE COMMUNISTS.

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