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CURT - 1ST ADD JOHNSON WARNS... (CN 10) XXX SAID

BEFORE SPEAKING ABOUT THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN CRISIS, PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAD MADE A PREPARED SPEECH ABOUT THE VIETNAM PEACE TALKS.

IN DEPARTING FROM HIS PREPARED REMARKS TO SPEAK ON THE RUMOURED NEW THREAT IN EASTERN EUROPE, HE SAID THIS WAS NOT THE TIME FOR SMALL NATIONS TO BE DENIED THEIR RIGHT TO NATIONAL EXISTENCE AS GUARANTEED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

"THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY DOUBT IN THE MINDS OF ANYONE AS TO WHERE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STANDS ON QUESTIONS SO FUNDAMENTAL TO THE PEACE OF THE ENTIRE WORLD," HE SAID.

ON VIETNAM, MR JOHNSON REITERATED HIS DESIRE TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND HONOURABLE SETTLEMENT BUT MADE IT PLAIN THERE WOULD BE NO APPEASEMENT WHILE HE REMAINED IN OFFICE.

"WE WILL ALWAYS KEEP OUR HAND OUT IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND HONOURABLE AGREEMENT, BUT WE WILL ALWAYS KEEP OUR GUARD UP AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION," HE SAID.

BUT HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE "NO APPEASEMENT OF THOSE WHO PROWL ACROSS NATIONAL BORDERS "BY HIS OR ANY OTHER ADMINISTRATION.

"LET NO ONE, IN THIS TIME OF HIGHLY CHARGED DOMESTIC DEBATE IN OUR COUNTRY, EVER DOUBT WHAT THE TRUE VIEWS OF AMERICA ARE ON THESE MATTERS," THE PRESIDENT SAID.

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