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P2 UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, AUG 31 (RFE SPECIAL, ENDRST)--
THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN HAS ASKED
SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT TO INTERVENE IN BEHALF OF THE
CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE.

THE LEAGUE'S PRESIDENT, DR. JAN PAPANEK, SAID HE SENT A LETTER
EXPRESSING THE ORGANIZATION'S "DEEP CONCERN" WITH THE
HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF THE SOVIET DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH
DR. PAPANEK WROTE HAD BEEN VILLATED, AND SO WAS THE UNITED NATIONS
CHARTER.

DR. PAPANEK SAID FRIDAY HE HAD RECEIVED NO REPLY BY THEN.
THE LEAGUE HAS A CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR U THANT SAID THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD
NOT COMMENT ON THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA "AT THIS JUNCTURE."

THE SPOKESMAN WOULD NOT SAY WHETHER U THANT HAD RECEIVED ANY
OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL REACTION FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO HIS
EARLIER STATEMENT WHICH CALLED THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHO-
SLOVAKIA "A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE CONCEPT OF INTERNATIONAL ORDER
AND MORALITY."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CZECHOSLOVAK MISSION TO THE U.N.
WAS KEEPING U THANT IN TOUCH WITH THE DEVELOPING SITUATION,
AS WARRANTED BY EVENTS.

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