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CS - 1ST ADD C/S MENTIONED IN DE-COLONIZATION COMMITTEE (CN 18)

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THE BULGARIAN DELEGATE TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT "IN CONFORMITY WITH ITS CONSISTENT ANTI-COLONIAL POLICY, BULGARIA HAS SUPPORTED THE DECLARATION AND THE OTHER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS (ON DE-COLONIZATION)." HE SAID THAT BULGARIA DID NOT MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, PORTUGAL, SPAIN OR SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

AMBASSADOR SEYMOUR FINGER OF THE UNITED STATES FOLLOWED BASHEV WITH AN OBJECTION TO THE COMMITTEE'S PROCEDURE. HE MENTIONED THE CANCELLATION AND THE DELAY FRIDAY, ADDING "ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE AND LONG-WINDED SPEAKERS HAS SUDDENLY LOST HIS VOICE." FINGER SAID HE COULD NOT HELP WONDERING IF THIS "HAS TO DO WITH EVENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD."

SABEV REPLIED THAT THE U.S. DELEGATE SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED WITH VOICES BUT WITH THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA, INSTEAD OF TRYING TO "DIVERT THE COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION."

BRIAN BARDER OF BRITAIN THEN REGISTERED HIS SURPRISE AT THE REPEATED INTERVENTIONS OF BULGARIA. HE SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS CONCERNED WITH "THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE TO GOVERN THEMSELVES." HIS DELEGATION WOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT "AFTER THE EVENTS OF RECENT DAYS," BULGARIA WOULD HAVE EMULATED ANOTHER DELEGATION AND" PRESERVED SOME RETICENCE." THE REFERENCE WAS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN TO THE USSR.

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