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SENATOR STRUYE SAID THE ROME MEETING HAD DEMBRY RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL ASSEMBLY INVITE THE MEMBER-NATIONS TO HOLD A SUMMIT MEETING FOLLOWING THE CZECHOSLOVAK INVASION. SUCH A SUMMIT CONFERENCE, HE SAID WOULD AIM AT SEEKING MEANS OF REINFORCCING THE UNITY OF WESTERN EUROPE.

A BRITISH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL POLITICAL COMMITTEE, LABOUR MEMBER OF PARLIMENT MAURICE EDELMAN, ALSO DISCUSSED WESTERN UNITY AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

MR. EDELMAN SAID THAT THE MEETING HAD PREPARED A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO THE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY MEETING SEPT. 23.

THE DRAFT CONDEMNS "CONDEMNS IN THE STRONGEST TERMS" THE SOVIET AGGRESSION AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND CALLS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF OCCUPYING TROOPS, HE SAID.

HE SAID THE DRAFT CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENTNNNIS OF COUNCIL MEMBER-NATIONS TO TAKE STEPS TO REINFORCE UNITY AMONG THEM.

"I THINK THIS IS REALLY THE ESSENCE OF OUR MEETING TODAY AND WILL BE THE ESSENCE OF WHAT WE SAY AT THE ASSEMBLY.

"WE WANT TO REINFORCE THE UNITY OF EUROPE IN THE FACE OF THE SOVIET THREAT."

HE SAID HE USED THE WORDS "SOVIET THREAT" IN THE GENERAL SENSE, SINCE AN INVASION REPRESENTS A THREAT TO PEACE AND A CHANGE IN THE PRVIOUS BALANCE OF POWER.

MR. EDELMAN SAID THAT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE WAS CREATED BY INTERNATIONAL TREATY IN 1949 AT THE TIME OF THE COLD WAR'S EARLY STAGES.

THE LATE BRITISH PREMIER WINSTON CHURCHILL'S IDEA, HE SAID, WAS TO CONSOLIDATE EUROPEAN UNITY IN THE FACE OF SOVIET PRESSURES.

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