

CN 181

M/E - ISRAEL SCORES... (CN 180) XXX ISRAEL

ISRAEL'S REBUTTAL TODAY SAID "REGARDING THE HOSTILITIES IN JUNE 1967 THE SOVIET CHARGES OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION WERE DECISIVELY REJECTED BOTH BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY."

FINALLY, IN AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO THE RECENT SOVIET-BLOC OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE ISRAELIS SAID THZ SOVIET STATEMENT ON THE ARAB REFUGEES WAS "AN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM SOVIET POLICIES AND ACTIONS WHICH HAVE AROUSED WORLDWIDE CRITICISM."

RF/HI

2002/68/4313

8