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CS - TITO CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL

BELGRADE, SEPT 5, REUTER - PRESIDENT TITO TODAY REPEATED HIS CALL FOR THE URGENT WITHDRAWAL OF WARSAW PACT TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND REITERATED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAKS COULD HAVE SOLVED THEIR PROBLEMS BY THEMSELVES.

CMD - TANJUG SAID THAT PRESIDENT TITO HAD ALSO "CONDEMNED" THE FIVE-NATION INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

WHILE YUGOSLAVIA HAD WELCOMED THE BRATISLAVA AGREEMENT OF THE SIX WARSAW PACT POWERS, IT WAS "NOW UNABLE TO AGREE WITH THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS."

AT THIS TIME, TITO SAID AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN FOR MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH ON BRIONI IN THE ADRIATIC, IT WAS NECESSARY "TO ENABLE THE PEOPLES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THEIR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS THEMSELVES AND THAT ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS, RESPECTING THEIR INDEPENDENCE."

YUGOSLAVIA, TITO ALSO SAID, HAD ADOPTED "A CLEAR ATTITUDE TOWARDS DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF HER FOREIGN POLICY, I.E. THE RESPECT OF SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM OF ALL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES."

(TANJUG; SEPT 5)

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