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CS - GANDHI: CSSR CRISIS RENEWS COLD WAR

NEW DELHI, SEPT. 5, REUTER - MRS. INDIRA GANDHI, THE INDIAN PRIME MINISTER, SAID HERE TODAY THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS HAD RENEWED THE COLD WAR ATMOSPHERE.

IT WAS OBVIOUS FROM UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL SPEECHES THAT IT WAS "THE COLD WAR ALL OVER AGAIN," SHE TOLD A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS PRESS CONFERENCE.

THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD NOT HAVE INVADED CZECHOSLOVAKIA, "BUT WHEN A SITUATION LIKE THIS HAPPENS PEOPLE TRY TO USE IT," SHE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER SHE THOUGHT RUMANIA WOULD BE INVADED, MRS. GANDHI SAID "THE SOVIETS SAY NO."

EVENTS FOLLOWING THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD NOT PROVED THAT INDIA WAS WRONG IN REFUSING TO CONDEMN IT AT THE UNITED NATIONS. "WE DID NOT THINK CONDEMNATION WOULD SOLVE ANYTHING OR HELP THE CZECHS. THAT WAS THE THING THAT MATTERED," MRS. GANDHI SAID.

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