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WASHINGTON, SEPT 6 (UPI)--THE UNITED STATES FOLLOWED UP A CUTBACK IN ITS CULTURAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION TODAY BY ANNOUNCING CANCELLATION OF SEVERAL PROGRAMS WITH POLAND AS A RESULT OF THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY ANNOUNCED THE CANCELLATION OF EXCHANGES OF PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS WITH POLAND. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE ACTION WAS TAKEN TO SHOW DISPLEASURE OVER POLAND'S SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET MILITARY INTERVENTION.

MCCLOSKEY SAID THAT NO CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS HAD BEEN SCHEDULED WITH HUNGARY AND BULGARIA, TWO OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHICH JOINED THE SOVIET INVASION.

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