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X/4 C/S - CETEKA U.N. CORRESPONDENT RECALLED (W/F 54 SERIES, SEPT 6)

PRAGUE, SEPT 9 (CMD) - THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY CETEKA HAS RECALLED ITS UNITED NATIONS CORRESPONDENT FOR MAKING UNAUTHORIZED STATEMENTS ABOUT THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE NEWS AGENCY SAID TONIGHT THE CORRESPONDENT, DR. KAREL KRAL, HAD "GIVEN HIS OWN INTERPRETATION OF THE EVENTS" IN THE FOREIGN JOURNALISTS CLUB ON SEPTEMBER 6.

(CNR - KRAL SAID, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE INVASION WAS "A REAL TRAGEDY FOR MY COUNTRY" AND THAT HE WAS MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE.)

CETEKA SAID TONIGHT HE HAD "EXPRESSED VIEWS WHICH ARE NEITHER THE VIEWS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT NOR OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY.

"DR KRAL, AS CETEKA CORRESPONDENT, HAD NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY ANYONE TO MAKE SUCH STATEMENTS.

"HE HAS THEREFORE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, BEEN RECALLED FROM HIS POST AS CETEKA CORRESPONDENT IN THE UNITED NATIONS."

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