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FRANCE -- MORNING INTRO - DE GAULLE

PARIS, SEPT 10 (UPI)-PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE ACCUSED THE SOVIET UNION MONDAY OF "TOTALITARIAN ENSLAVEMENT" OF EASTERN EUROPE.

HE MADE NO MENTION OF U.S. MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM.

DE GAULLE SAID AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN AND THE SOVIET UNION AFTER WORLD WAR II WERE TO BLAME FOR THE CURRENT CRISIS IN EUROPE.

THE 77-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT SAID THE FRENCH "PROGRESSIVELY DETACHED OURSELVES FROM THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO) WHERE THE EUROPEANS ARE SUBORDINATED TO THE AMERICANS."

DE GAULLE SAID IT IS "TOO LATE FOR IDEOLOGY, EVEN COMMUNISM," TO TRY TO DOMINATE A NATION BY MILITARY FORCE AS THE FIVE SOVIET NATIONS DID IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

DE GAULLE CALLED THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA "ABSURD" AND SPOKE OF THE "REPUGNANCE" OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKS AT "ACCEPTING THE RETURN TO ENSLAVEMENT."

WHEN HE SEEMED UNABLE TO GET A COUGHING SPELL UNDER CONTROL, DE GAULLE ABRUPTLY ENDED THE CONFERENCE AFTER DISCUSSING INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FOR ONLY 15 MINUTES INSTEAD OF THE 45 HE NORMALLY DEVOTES TO THEM. THE 75 MINUTE SESSION WAS THE BRIEFEST ON RECORD.

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