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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED LAST NIGHT BY UGANDA  
FOREIGN MINISTRY ON CZECHOSLOVAKIAN SITUATION AS PUBLISHED  
TODAYS ISSUE "THE PEOPLE". (PEOPLE STATES GOU LISTENED TO  
VIEWS OF SOVIET UNION AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA BEFORE ISSUING STATEMENT):  
QUOTE

THE INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY WARSAW PACT  
COUNTRIES IS A REGRETTABLE AND A MOST HUMILIATING ACTION TO  
THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PEOPLE. THIS ACTION IS FRAUGHT WITH ALAR-  
MING INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES.

THE FIRST SERIOUS IMPLICATION IS THAT THE ACTION THROWS IN  
DOUBT THE ASSURANCES GIVEN BY THE GREAT POWERS TO RESPECT THE  
SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL NATIONS, BIG OR SMALL AND EVEN THE SOVER-  
EIGNTY OF THEIR WEAKER ALLIES.

THE VERY PURPOSE OF SMALLER NATIONS AGREEING TO BE MEMBERS OF  
U.N. IS THE IMPLICIT UNDERSTANDING THAT GREAT POWERS WILL  
RESPECT THEIR SOVEREIGNTY.

THE IMPLICATION THAT LEADERSHIP NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET  
UNION CANNOT BE TOLERATED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS EQUALLY ALARMING



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IN THAT THE INTERESTS OF SOVIET UNION ARE PLACED BEFORE THOSE OF THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE ESSENCE OF LEADERSHIP IS THAT IT MUST BE ACCEPTABLE NOT TO THE BIG POWERS BUT TO THE PEOPLE THEY LEAD.

IT IS, THEREFORE, TO BE HOPED THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA CAN BE ALLOWED TO SELECT THEIR LEADERS WITHOUT DICTATION OR DIRECTION FROM ANYWHERE.

MILITARY OR ANY PACTS ENTERED INTO SHOULD BE FOR MUTUAL BENEFITS AND NOT AS INSTRUMENTS TO THREATEN AND SUBDUE THE WEAKER MEMBERS. THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS WOULD RENDER SUCH PACTS MEANINGLESS AND, THEREFORE, NOT TO THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL THE SIGNATORIES.

BECAUSE OF THIS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, WE HAVE TODAY INFORMED THE EMBASSY OF THE U.S.S.R. THAT IT IS THE VIEW OF THE UGANDA GOVERNMENT THAT SOVIET TROOPS AND THOSE OF HER ALLIES BE WITHDRAWN WITHOUT CONDITIONS.

WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED BOTH THE SOVIET AND THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN EMBASSIES IN KAMPALA THAT IN THE INTEREST OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING IN THEIR AREA, POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE THE MEANS TO SETTLE ANY DIFFERENCES THEY MAY HAVE.  
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