

Last night, in an emergency session, the Security Council met in response to an appeal from the Hungarian Government and considered a U.S. resolution condemning Soviet military interference in the internal affairs of Hungary. The resolution was vetoed by the Soviet Union. The matter was then referred to a special session of the General Assembly which is now meeting and which provides the opportunity of condemning in the most forthright terms the callous disregard by the Soviet Union of the elementary rights of the Hungarian people.

Our aim is that the people of Eastern Europe should be free to choose their own form of government, a basic human right they have not enjoyed for years. The Soviet Union's resort to military force against a neighbouring nation is a most serious threat to the peace which we have solemnly pledged ourselves to preserve and defend in signing the Charter of the United Nations.

The one encouraging aspect of the events of the last few days has been the almost unanimous action of the nations of the world in endeavouring to implement their obligations under that Charter.

And, in conclusion, I wish to assure my listeners that all the members of their Government have been in full agreement at all times as to what should be done and what could be said and when it should be done and when it could be said. And I am sure that, if and when any action of ours requires, according to our practices, the approval by Parliament, that approval will be given in no uncertain terms.

Let us all hope that this approach to unanimity of men of good will of so many nations may help to realize that part of our daily prayer to a Power greater than any here below: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

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