

# Herald Tribune

Published with The New York Times and The Washington Post

## 'Limited Sovereignty' Idea Rejected by Czech Artists

PRAGUE, Feb. 24 (UPI). — A Czechoslovak congress of artists rejected the more difficult. A Czechoslovak reformers vastly congress of artists rejected the Kremlin's theory of "limited sovereignty" in a resolution published today.

The artists also protested the appointments of industry officials who lacked the approval of their union. They singled out for special criticism Premysl Koci, a singer and former supporter of deposed President Antonin Novotny who was recently named programming chief of Czechoslovakia Television.

The Communist party newspaper Rude Pravo said the resolution, passed Saturday at the Congress of the Czech Union of Television and Film Artists "rejected the theory of limited sovereignty and emphasized the desire for democratic elections."

The limited sovereignty doctrine holds that the Communist bloc nations should bow to the power and leadership of the Soviet Union and surrender to it a degree of their independence. The theory was a partial justification for the Soviet-led Czechoslovak invasion in August.

Elections have been delayed since the invasion because of Soviet fears that they will drive from office the remnants of Mr. Novotny's Stalinist regime and make the Kremlin's job of controlling

Rude Pravo also reported a new self-burning attempt this time involving a 19-year-old youth who tried to commit suicide first by slashing his wrists and then by setting fire to himself.

The attempt was one of more than a score in Czechoslovakia since the student Jan Palach set fire to himself in January as an anti-Soviet protest. His was the only one in which politics was shown to be the motive.