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MUNICH, AUGUST 21 (CNR/RFE BUREAUS/AGENCIES) - WESTERN POLITICAL LEADERS REACTED QUICKLY THIS MORNING TO THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY TROOPS OF OTHER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES.

IN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT JOHNSON CALLED THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTO EMERGENCY SESSION. THE COUNCIL IS THE NATION'S HIGHEST POLICY MAKING BODY IN DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

IN BRITAIN, PREMIER HAROLD WILSON CUT SHORT A SUMMER HOLIDAY TO RETURN TO LONDON. FOREIGN MINISTER MICHAEL STEWART ALSO CUT SHORT HIS VACATION.

IN PARIS IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT DE GAULLE WILL MEET PREMIER COUVE DE MURVILLE THIS MORNING AT DE GAULLES COUNTRY HOME AT COLOMBEY LES DEUX EGLISES, TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION.

A FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, VALERIAN ZORIN, LATE LAST NIGHT HANDED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRESIDENT DE GAULLES ELYSEE PALACE A MESSAGE INFORMING DE GAULLE OF THE SOVIET INTENTION.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, BERNARD TRICOT, IMMEDIATELY CALLED PRESIDENT DE GAULLE.

M. COUVE DE MURVILLE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER M. MICHEL DEBRE, BOTH ON HOLIDAY, WERE ALSO INFORMED.

IN AUSTRIA, CHANCELLOR JOSEF KLAUS MADE A NATIONWIDE BROADCAST EARLY THIS MORNING APPEALING TO AUSTRIANS TO REMAIN CALM IN THE FACE OF EVENTS ACROSS THE BORDER.

HE SAID AUSTRIA WOULD CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF NEUTRALITY.

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