

X/13 C/S -- JOHN LYNG: VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (W/CN 65)

STOCKHOLM, AUG 21 -- (RFE SPECIAL/HENRY) -- NORWAY'S CABINET WENT INTO SPECIAL SESSION AT 0900 MT TODAY TO DISCUSS REPERCUSSIONS OF THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN LYNG SAID WAS A "VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW."

AN INITIAL MEETING AT 0730 MT WAS ADJOURNED.

LYNG ISSUED A BRIEF STATEMENT THIS MORNING, IN WHICH HE SAID "WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS CERTAINLY A SERIOUS SETBACK AGAINST ATTEMPTS AT REDUCING TENSION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

"THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WE ARE FACED WITH A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE EVENTS HAVE UNDERSCORED THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR MEMBERSHIP IN NATO.

"I AM CONVINCED THAT THE NORWEGIAN PEOPLE FEEL A DEEP SYMPATHY WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE IN THEIR HOUR OF DESTINY," LYNG CONCLUDED.

NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMEN SAID THAT BOTH YUGOSLAV COUNCIL OF EXECUTIVES PRESIDENT MIKA SPILJAK AND WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT HAVE INTERRUPTED THEIR STAYS IN NORTHERN NORWAY TO HEAD SOUTH THIS MORNING.

THE MINISTRY SAID SPILJAK, WHO IS ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO NORWAY, WAS HEADING FOR OSLO.

SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER TAGE ERLANDER ANNOUNCED AT 0900 MT TODAY THAT HE IS BREAKING OFF HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN AT ONCE AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AS A RESULT OF THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

MANY OF THE CABINET MEMBERS ARE HEADING FOR STOCKHOLM FROM POINTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WHERE THEY ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR THE NATIONAL ELECTION WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE HERE SEPT. 15.