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BERLIN, AUG 21 (DPA/ GND)-- THE CHIEF COMMENTATOR OF EAST GERMAN TELEVISION SAID TODAY THAT THE WARSAW PACT OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD PREVENTED A NEW MUNICH.

KARL- EDUARD VON SCHNITZLER SAID IN A COMMENTARY THAT IF THERE HAD BEEN A SOCIALIST ALLIANCE SYSTEM IN 1938 THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO RPT NO INVASION OF THE GERMAN ARMY.

VON SCHNITZLER SHARPLY ATTACKED THE LEADERSHIP OF CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY FIRST SECRETARY ALEXANDER DUBCEK.

THE EAST GERMAN TELEVISION LIMITED ITS NEWS COVERAGE OF CZECHOSLOVAK DEVELOPMENTS TO A READING OF EXCERPTS FROM A TASS STATEMENT AND APPEALS BY EAST GERMAN ORGANIZATIONS.

ADN PUBLISHED TONIGHT A SERIES OF EAST GERMAN STATEMENTS SUPPORTING THE MOVES AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

PROF. PETER ALFONS STEINIGER, THE LEGAL EXPERT OF THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY, SAID THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF GENERAL INTERNATIONAL LAW ALLOWED THE RIGHT TO INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE DEFENSE OF A COUNTRY THREATENED TO ITS FOUNDATIONS, ADN SAID.

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