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C/S - BROSIO: DEVELOPMENTS NO DIRECT THREAT TO NATO

BRUSSELS AUGUST 22 (UPI)-- DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA DO NOT SEEM TO CONSTITUTE A DIRECT THREAT TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ALLIANCE, NATO SECRETARY GENERAL MANLIO BROSIO SAID WEDNESDAY.

BROSIO, WHO INTERRUPTED A VACATION IN ITALY TO RETURN TO HIS BRUSSELS HEADQUARTERS, TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRFIELD HE HAD BEEN FOLLOWING THE CRISIS VERY CLOSELY.

HE SAID A DECISION ON WHETHER A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATO COUNCIL WOULD BE HELD TODAY OR LATER THIS WEEK WOULD BE TAKEN AFTER STUDYING A REPORT OF WEDNESDAY'S MEETING.

THE COUNCIL, WHICH HELD A ROUTINE WEEKLY GATHERING WEDNESDAY MORNING, EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS AT AN EVENING SESSION.

A SPOKESMAN SAID AFTERWARDS THE COUNCIL HAD A BROAD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE SITUATION AND UNANIMOUSLY CONSIDERED THE MILITARY INTERVENTION OF WARSAW PACT NATIONS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA A CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND INTERNATIONAL LAW.

HE SAID THERE WAS ALSO GENERAL DISAPPOINTMENT ABOUT THE NEGATIVE EFFECT THIS INTERVENTION WAS EXPECTED TO HAVE ON AN EAST-WEST DETENTE.

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