

X/13 W. GER - KIESINGER ON WARSAW PACT MOVE

MUNICH, AUG 22 (GND/ DPA) - WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR KURT GEORG KIESINGER SAID LAST NIGHT THAT WHAT HAPPENED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS "VERY BAD".

KIESINGER, INTERVIEWED BY WEST GERMAN TELEVISION, SAID THE INTERVENTION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER WARSAW PACT STATES WAS CONDEMNED ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT POLICY WAS TO AVOID MAKING THINGS MORE DIFFICULT AND COMPLICATED, AND TO STAND BY ITS DETERMINATION NOT TO INTERFERE IN THE DOMESTIC POLICY OF OTHER COUNTRIES, HE SAID.

IN HIS TALK WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR SEJMON TSARAPKIN HE HAD MADE THAT POINT VERY CLEAR, KIESINGER SAID.

THE WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR STRESSED THAT THE SECURITY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WAS NOT ENDANGERED BY THE SOVIET MOVE.

HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT NOBODY WAS IN THE POSITION TO ESTIMATE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A SERIOUS EVENT.

"I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE EFFORTS OF ALL THOSE WHO WERE WORKING GENUINELY FOR PEACE WOULD SUCCEED IN SECURING THE PEACE", HE SAID.

THE WEST GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF DETENTE DESPITE THE SETBACK IT SUFFERED BY THE MOVE OF THE FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, HE SAID.

THE POLICY OF DETENTE WAS AIMING AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EUROPEAN PEACE ORDER DESPITE THE FACT THAT "FORCES IN THE EAST ARE OPPOSING IT", KIESINGER SAID.

THE POLICY OF DETENTE WOULD SUCCEED ONLY, HE ADDED, IF THE PEOPLES OF THE WEST, ESPECIALLY THE NATO COUNTRIES, WERE WILLING TO PURSUE IT JOINTLY MORE DECISIVELY AND MORE ENERGETICALLY THAN IN THE PAST.