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BONN, AUG 22 (DPA/GND) -- WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT SAID WEDNESDAY THAT HE WAS SHOCKED AT THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

BRANDT TOLD JOURNALISTS ON HIS SUDDEN RETURN TO BONN FROM HIS VACATION IN NORWAY THAT THE OCCUPATION MEANT A SEVERE DEFEAT FOR POLICIES OF DETENTE.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO FLEW BACK TO THE WEST GERMAN CAPITAL ABOARD A WEST GERMAN AIRCRAFT FROM OSLO, SAID THAT THIS DID NOT RPT NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT THE EASTERN POLICY OF THE GRAND COALITION IN BONN HAD FAILED.

BRANDT SAID HE WAS SHOCKED AND THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF EAST GERMAN TROOPS WAS PARTICULARLY DEPRESSING.

"WE MUST PENETRATINGLY ASK THE CZECH PEOPLE NOT RPT NOT BEAR A GRUDGE AGAINST US BECAUSE GERMANS AGAIN STAND AS OCCUPATION TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

BRANDT SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERSHIP HAD NOT RPT NOT ASKED FOR HELP FROM THE WARSAW PACT.

LATER WEDNESDAY NIGHT, BRANDT AND ALL-GERMAN AFFAIRS MINISTER HERBERT WEHNER WERE RECEIVED BY CHANCELLOR KURT GEORG KIESINGER FOR TALKS IN THE CHANCELLARY.

BRANDT AND WHENER ARE THE CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE SOCIALIST DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND KIESINGER THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

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