

X/13 C/S -- BONN LEADERS DISCUSS CSSR SITUATION

BONN, AUG. 23 ( RFE SPECIAL/DEWITT ) -- CHANCELLOR KURT GEORG KIESINGER AND TOP LEADERS OF THE BONN COALITION TODAY CONFERRED ON MAJOR PROBLEMS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY. IN ADDITION TO THE 1969 BUDGET WHOSE OUTLINES HAVE NOW BEEN FIXED FOR CABINET ACTION, THE GROUP, KNOWN AS "THE KRESSBORN CIRCLE" ALSO DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ITS RAMIFICATIONS.

NO DETAILS WERE DISCLOSED BUT THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, CONRAD AHLERS TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE TODAY THAT THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD ALSO MADE THE NON-NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION TREATY APPEAR "IN A NEW LIGHT", WHICH BONN WOULD HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.

AHLERS SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF THE INTERVENTION RIGHT WHICH MOSCOW CLAIMED TO DERIVE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER WOULD BE IN THE FOREGROUND OF BONN'S CONSIDERATIONS. IN THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THE WEST GERMAN OFFER OF NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENTS THE SOVIETS HAD ASSERTED LAST NOVEMBER THAT ARTICLES 53 AND 107 OF THE UN CHARTER WHICH ALLOWED MEASURES AGAINST ENEMY STATES IN THE LAST WAR WERE STILL VALID AS FAR AS GERMANY WAS CONCERNED. WHEN MOSCOW'S STAND ON THIS QUESTION WAS REVEALED HERE LAST MONTH BY THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTES CHANCELLOR KURT GEORG KIESINGER AND OTHER LEADERS WARNED THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC MIGHT REFUSE TO SIGN A NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY IF THE KREMLIN INSISTED ON ITS RIGHT TO INTERVENE UNDER THE UN ARTICLES.

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