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C/S - WILSON REJECTS ECONOMIC SANCTION IDEA AGAINST SOVIETS, ALLIES

LONDON, AUG. 26, REUTER - BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON TODAY REJECTED THE IDEA OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND HER ALLIES WHOSE TROOPS INVADED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

WARNING PARLIAMENT AGAINST HASTY AND ILL-CONSIDERED DECISIONS, HE SAID: "THE FIRST LESSON FOR US AND OUR FRIENDS MUST BE THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE DEFENSIVE SYSTEM PROVIDED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION (NATO) ALLIANCE.

"AND HERE I MEAN THE ALLIANCE AS IT HAS BEEN EVOLVING DURING THE PAST YEARS -- DETERMINED IN DEFENCE, BUT EQUALLY DETERMINED ON CREATING CONDITIONS OF (EAST-WEST) DETENTE."

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