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X/13 W/GER - BOELL BACK FROM PRAGUE VISIT

COLOGNE, AUG 26 (DPA/GND)- PROMINENT WEST GERMAN WRITER HEINRICH BOELL SAID TODAY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM A ONE-WEEK VISIT TO PRAGUE THAT "A MODEL OF HOPE WAS LOST" BY THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY WARSAW PACT FORCES.

BOELL, INTERVIEWED BY WEST GERMAN TELEVISION IN COLOGNE, ADDED THAT IT WAS "A MIRACLE" THAT ALL THE POLITICALLY INDIFFERENT PEOPLE AND THE LARGE GROUP OF OPPORTUNISTS WERE NOW BACKING THE PASSIVE RESISTENCE AGAINST THE SOVIET OCCUPATION FORCES.

THE WEST GERMAN WRITER WARNED AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE WEST SHOULD NOT RPT NOT NOW START A HATRED CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE RUSSIANS OR THE SOVIET UNION.

"WE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT PUSH MOSCOW IN A CORNER WHICH IT CAN NOT RPT NOT LEAVE," HE ADDED.

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