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BONN, AUG. 28 (RFE SPECIAL/DEWITT) -- FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT WILL LEAVE FOR GENEVA THURSDAY NIGHT TO LEAD BONNS GERMAN DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE NON-NUCLEAR POWERS THAT OPENS TOMORROW, IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY.

BRANDTS PLANS ARE SOMEWHAT INDEFINITE AS THE RESULT OF THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO STAY IN GENEVA FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

THE CABINET TODAY AGAIN DISCUSSED THE WEST GERMAN ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. AS THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, CONRAD AHLERS TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE AFTER THE SESSION THE CONSENSUS AMONG THE MINISTERS WAS THAT BONN WAS UNDER NO TIME PRESSURE AND THAT A "THINKING PAUSE" TO REFLECT AGAIN ALL CONSEQUENCES OF ADHERING TO THE TREATY COULD BE AFFORDED. AMONG THE ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED WAS THE QUESTION OF THE SO-CALLED "ENEMY-CLAUSES", CONTAINED IN ARTICLES 53 AND 107 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, AHLERS DISCLOSED. THE SOVIET UNION HAS ASSERTED THAT THESE PROVISIONS REMAIN IN FORCE WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY UNTIL A PEACE TREATY IS SIGNED.

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