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MUNICH, 27 AUGUST (GND/GAERTNER)- WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR KURT-GEORG KIESINGER SAID TONIGHT THAT THE BONN GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE ITS PEACE POLICY BECAUSE "IT IS THE ONLY POLICY CONCEIVABLE FOR THE FUTURE OF EUROPE."

"THE MILITARY SITUATION HAS CHANGED DECISIVELY AND BAD THINGS HAVE HAPPENED AND ARE STILL HAPPENING," THE CHANCELLOR SAID.

KIESINGER ADDED THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF THE NATO, WHICH HAS BEEN URGED BY HIS GOVERNMENT, AND THE PEACE POLICY OF BONN "DO NOT RPT NOT EXCLUDE EACH OTHER."

"IF ONE WANTS TO PURSUE A POLICY THEN ONE MUST BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PARTNER WITH WHOM THIS POLICY IS TO BE MADE ON EQUAL TERMS," HE SAID.

WEST GERMANY WOULD PREFER TO DO THAT "UNARMED AND WITH AN UNARMED PARTNER." BUT BECAUSE "THE OTHER IS ARMED TO THE TEETH WE IN THE WEST HAVE TO PROTECT OUR SECURITY BY OUR OWN SYSTEM OF WEAPONS, A PURELY DEFENSIVE SYSTEM OF WEAPONS," HE SAID.

IT WAS THE TASK OF POLITICS IN THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION THAT "NO CLASH AND NO CATASTROPHE" SHOULD DEVELOP BETWEEN THE HIGHLY ARMED (ALLIANCES) IN WEST AND EAST, KIESINGER SAID.

THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT HEAD STRESSED THAT AFTER THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND THE SOVIET UNION COULD NOT BE CONTINUED "AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED."

"NOW WE HAVE THE GREAT CONCERN AND ALSO THE HOPE THAT THINGS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL BE STRAIGHTENED OUT AGAIN TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, AND THAT MOSCOW WILL THINK OF A MORE SUITABLE WAY", HE SAID.