

W/GERM -- MORNING INTRO - STATEMENT ON CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS,
DISARMAMENT

BONN, AUG 29 (UPI)-THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT SAID WEDNESDAY THE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS TRIGGERED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION CAN BE SOLVED ONLY BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOVIET-LED OCCUPATION FORCES FROM THAT COUNTRY.

"THE ILLEGAL INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS PROFOUNDLY VIOLATED ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND LED TO A SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL CRISIS," THE GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT SAID.

IT ADDED, "THIS CRISIS CAN CONSEQUENTLY ONLY BE ENDED WHEN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE IS FULLY RESTORED AND THE INVASION (FORCES) WITHDRAWN."

"THE GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE LEADERS OF THE SOVIET UNION ALSO WILL REALIZE THIS."

THE STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CONRAD AHLERS FOLLOWING A CABINET MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE SAID THE MINISTERS ALSO TOOK A SERIOUS VIEW OF THE SITUATION DEVELOPING ON ROMANIA'S BORDERS.

AHLERS NOTED PRESS REPORTS THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE CALLED FOR MANEUVERS TO BE HELD IN ROMANIA, A NATION SYMPATHETIC TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND SAID BONN WAS WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS CAREFULLY.

HE SAID THE "STATE OF READINESS" OF NATO FORCES IS AT A HIGHER LEVEL THAN THAT PRECEDING THE CZECHOSLOVAK AND ROMANIAN EVENTS.

THE STATEMENT SAID "THE INCIDENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE HAVE SHOWN THAT IT IS MORE THAN EVER NECESSARY TO REPLACE RUTHLESS POWER POLICIES WITH A LONG-TERM EUROPEAN PEACE SETTLEMENT GUARANTEEING THE SECURITY OF ALL EUROPEAN STATES.