

W/GER - 1ST ADD MORNING INTRO - STATEMENT... (CN 40) XXX STATES

"THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL THEREFORE CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS FOR A EUROPEAN PEACE SETTLEMENT, REALISTICALLY AND WITHOUT ILLUSIONS."

HOWEVER, IT WENT ON "THIS POLICY CAN ONLY BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DANGEROUS RISKS, AND WITH A VIEW TO ITS CONSEQUENCES, THROUGH THE FIRM BASES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (COMMON MARKET) AND THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL THEREFORE ENDEAVOR (TO ENSURE) THAT THESE FUNDAMENTALS OF WEST GERMAN, EUROPEAN AND ALLIED POLICIES ARE STRENGTHENED," THE STATEMENT SAID.

AHLERS SAID THE GOVERNMENT FIRMLY BELIEVED THE USE OF FORCE SHOULD BE RENOUNCED AND ALL OPEN AND DISPUTABLE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE SOLVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

HOWEVER, AHLERS WENT ON, AN EXCHANGE OF DECLARATIONS RENOUNCING THE USE OF FORCE WITH EASTERN EUROPE DID NOT LOOK PROBABLE, DESPITE BONN'S OFFER EARLIER THIS YEAR TO MOSCOW AND OTHER EAST BLOC NATIONS.

THE REASONS, HE SAID, WAS THAT ANY RENUNCIATION DECLARATION ALREADY HAD FALLEN BY THE WAYSIDE, WITH THE CHIEF RECIPIENT OF BONN'S OFFER, THE SOVIET UNION, TAKING PART WITH FOUR OTHER RECIPIENTS IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK INVASION.

BUT BASICALLY, WEST GERMANY STANDS READY TO RENOUNCE THE USE OF FORCE, AHLERS SAID.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK SURVEY, THE CABINET ALSO DECIDED ON THE LINES ITS DELEGATES ARE TO FOLLOW AT THURSDAYS GENEVA CONFERENCE OF NON-NUCLEAR POWERS, AHLERS SAID.

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