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LONDON, AUG 30, REUTER - DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER JOSEPH LUNS SAID HERE TODAY THAT NATO WOULD HAVE TO REASSESS ITS DEFENCES IF THE SOVIET BUILD-UP ON THE WESTERN CZECHOSLOVAK FRONTIER LOOKED LIKE BECOMING PERMANENT.

HE TOLD REPORTERS MOST NATO COUNTRIES WERE RATHER WORRIED ABOUT THE BUILD-UP ON THE FRONTIER FACING BAVARIA.

"THERE ARE RATHER STRONG SOVIET FORCES POISED THERE."

DR. LUNS WENT ON: "SHOULD THESE REINFORCEMENTS OF WARSAW PACT POWERS ON THE FRONTIERS OF FREE EUROPE PROVE TO BE RATHER PERMANENT THEN THE NATO POWERS WILL HAVE TO REASSESS THEIR DEFENSIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

"BUT THAT WILL NOT RPT NOT TAKE PLACE FOR SOME TIME TO COME BECAUSE WE FIRST MUST SEE HOW THINGS DEVELOP."

THE DUTCH MINISTER SAID HE HAD KNOWN SINCE THE END OF MARCH THAT THERE WAS A STEADY BUILD-UP OF WARSAW PACT MILITARY FORMATIONS.

HE SAID PUBLIC OPINION AND MOST COMMON MARKET GOVERNMENTS FELT THAT THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA UNDERLINED THE NECESSITY OF MAKING PROGRESS IN UNIFYING EUROPE.

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