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BERLIN, SEPT 1 (UPI)-- KAI UWE VON HASSEL, WEST GERMAN REFUGEE AFFAIRS MINISTER, SUNDAY SAID THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS ATTEMPTS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET BLOC TO LESSEN TENSION DESPITE THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE SAID THE SOVIET-LED ATTACK ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HALT THE PROCESS OF EVOLUTION IN THE EAST BLOC.

HE SPOKE AT AN ANNUAL RALLY HELD TO MARK "TAG DER HEIMAT" (HOMELAND DAY), WHICH IS OBSERVED BY GERMANS WHO USED TO LIVE IN TERRITORY TAKEN OVER BY THE SOVIET UNION, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND AFTER WORLD WAR TWO.

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