

C/S - COUNCIL OF EUROPE HEARS PLEA ON C/S (W/CN - 112)

ROME, SEPT. 2, REUTER--ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GIUSEPPE MEDICI TODAY CALLED ON EUROPEANS TO OVERCOME THE BITTERNESS CAUSED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK INVASION AND RECREATE A BASIS FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY.

HE WAS ADDRESSING THE POLITICAL COMMISSION OF THE 18-NATION COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE START OF A TWO-DAY MEETING.

DELEGATES OBSERVED A MINUTES SILENCE BEFORE THE MEETING BEGAN TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE.

SIGNOR MEDICI SAID HE BELIEVED IT WAS IN EUROPE'S INTEREST TO OVERCOME THE DEEP DELUSIONS AND BITTERNESS OF THE MOMENT AND LOOK TOWARDS THE FUTURE.

"IT IS NECESSARY TO RECREATE A CLIMATE TO RE-ESTABLISH THE BASIS ON WHICH TO BUILD EUROPEAN SECURITY AND PROTECT OUR PEOPLE FROM THE THREATS OF ABUSE," HE ADDED.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS, VIETNAM, THE MIDDLE EAST, GREECE AND EUROPEAN UNITY WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

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