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DEF - NATO DEFENCE COMMITTEE MEETS AGAIN

BRUSSELS, SEPT. 2, REUTER-THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATIONS DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE MET AGAIN TODAY TO CONTINUE ITS DISCUSSION ON THE SITUATION IN EASTERN EUROPE.

IT HAS BEEN IN ALMOST CONTINUAL SESSION SINCE THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES INVADED CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON AUGUST 20.

THE DEFENCE COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF ALL NATO MEMBER STATES EXCEPT FRANCE, WHICH HAS OPTED OUT OF MILITARY POLICY-MAKING. THE NATO PERMANENT COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO MEET AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY.

MEANWHILE THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, M. PIERRE HARMEL, HAD AN HOUR-LONG TALK WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, M. VASSILI GROUBIAKOV, IN WHICH M. HARMEL STRESSED BELGIUMS ANXIETY AT THE CONTINUATION OF TENSION IN EASTERN EUROPE.

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