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GENEVA - BRANDT CALLS FOR BAN ON AGGRESSION

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GENEVA, SEP 3 (UPI)--WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT TODAY PROPOSED A WORLDWIDE BAN ON AGGRESSION OR ITS THREAT WITH ANY WEAPON--NUCLEAR, CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL OR CONVENTIONAL.

HE TOLD A CONFERENCE HERE ON 86 NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES THAT SUCH A BAN IS AN "INDISPENSABLE CRITERION" FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION WHICH WOULD ENSURE THEIR SECURITY.

"IT IS OBVIOUSLY NOT ENOUGH TO BAN NUCLEAR AGGRESSION OR THE THREAT OF IT IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE NON-NUCLEAR STATES," BRANDT SAID. "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT A NUCLEAR STATE CAN ENDANGER THE SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF A NON-NUCLEAR STATE BY USING CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS.

"HENCE THE DEMAND THAT STATES SHOULD MUTUALLY UNDERTAKE NOT TO USE FORCE," HE SAID.

BRANDT SAID "IT IS STILL A LONG WAY" FROM PROMISES MADE IN THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY TO "A WELL-BALANCED SECURITY SYSTEM."

"ONLY A GENERAL PROHIBITION OF FORCE ADMITTING OF NO OTHER EXCEPTION CAN BE CONDUCTIVE TO PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES," HE SAID.

"IT IS THEREFORE NOT ADMISSIBLE TO CONFINE THE RENUNCIATION OF FORCE TO SPECIFIC STATES. AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, I WOULD ADD THAT WE CONCEDE TO NO ONE THE RIGHT OF INTERVENTION."

BRANDT SAID GERMANY WILL SUBMIT ITS OWN PROPOSALS TO THE CONFERENCE.

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