

X-13-WORLD- BRANDT : BONN TO CONTINUE SEEKING DETENTE WITH EAST

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GENEVA, SEPTEMBER 3 (RFE SPECIAL/MAHONEY) -- WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT SAID HERE TODAY THAT BONN WOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK A DETENTE WITH EASTERN EUROPE IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT ""THESE EFFORTS HAVE NOW BEEN DEALT A SEVERE BLOW"".

IN AN ADDRESS TO THE CONFERENCE OF NON-NUCLEAR STATES HERE, THE WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HIS COUNTRY HAD ADVOCATED THAT EUROPE SHOULD BE MADE INTO A ZONE OF DETENTE AS A PRELIMINARY STEP TOWARDS A LASTING PEACEFUL ORDER.

""IT HAS PROPOSED,"" HE SAID, ""THE ELIMINATION OF THE CONFRONTATION, RECIPROCAL RENUNCIATIONS OF THE USE OF FORCE, NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE, A MODUS VIVENDI IN GERMANY, AND FACILITATED EXCHANGES IN THE CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC FIELDS. THESE EFFORTS HAVE NOW BEEN DEALT A SEVERE BLOW.""

""WE ARE NEVERTHELESS STILL PREPARED TO WORK FOR A "EUROPEAN ZONE OF PEACEFUL NEIGHBORLINESS" WHICH WOULD GRADUALLY LEAD TO CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION AND IN WHICH THE DANGEROUS CONFRONTATION CAN BE DIMINISHED,"" HE SAID.

""WE THEREFORE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT A BALANCED, MUTUAL REDUCTION OF TROOPS, WHICH COULD GO HAND IN HAND WITH AN APPROPRIATE SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATIONED IN THAT REGION. THIS INCIDENTALLY HAS SEVERAL POINTS OF CONTACT WITH THE WELL-KNOWN POLISH PROPOSALS. IN DECEMBER 1967 I POINTED OUT THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO HELP CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WHICH IN THE COURSE OF A BALANCED REDUCTION OF ALL ARMED FORCES WOULD ALSO LEAD TO A STEP BY STEP DECREASE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE WHOLE OF EUROPE. THIS WE ARE STILL PREPARED TO DO.""

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