

CN 92

X/13 GENEVA -- BRANDT: INVASION AFFECTS TREATY PROSPECTS

GENEVA, SEPTEMBER 4 (RFE SPECIAL/MAHONEY) -- WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT SAID HERE TODAY THAT THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WOULD AFFECT THE PROSPECTS FOR RATIFICATION OF A NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY BECAUSE IT ""RAISED A QUESTION OF CONFIDENCE.""

THE WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER SPOKE AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA FOLLOWING HIS ADDRESS YESTERDAY TO THE CONFERENCE^E OF NON-NUCLEAR NATIONS ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

A DISPUTED SECTION OF THE TREATY, DEALING WITH SECURITY GUARANTEES BY NUCLEAR POWERS TO NON-NUCLEAR SIGNATORIES, DEPENDS TO A GREAT EXTENT ON THE RELIABILITY OF THE THREE NUCLEAR POWERS - THE U.S., SOVIET UNION, AND BRITAIN - IN MEETING THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND ON THE ABILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO ACT.

RFE'S CORRESPONDENT SAYS THE RECENT SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS CAST DOUBT BOTH ON THE RELIABILITY OF THE SECURITY GUARANTEES AND ON THE ABILITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ACT IN THE FACE OF A VETO.

(MORE) JON/U *pp* 1451/68 *P*