

X/13 CURT -- DANE, NORSE YOUTH WANT EAST TIES (WITH CN - 139)
STOCKHOLM, SEPT 4 -- (RFE SPECIAL/THRANE) -- THE DANISH

AND NORWEGIAN YOUTH COUNCILS HAVE DECIDED NOT TO FOLLOW
THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN NATIONAL YOUTH
COMMITTEE, (CENYC) TO CUT OFF ALL CONNECTIONS WITH YOUTH
COUNCILS IN WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES UNLESS THOSE COUNCILS
CONDEMN THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE SWEDISH COUNCIL, HOWEVER, HAS CUT ITS TIES TO THE EAST.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NORWEGIAN YOUTH COUNCIL,
KJELD DANKERTSEN, SAID TODAY THAT IN THE OPINION OF THE NORWEGIAN
COUNCIL, THE INVASION "COULD ONLY BE POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE
YOUTH IN THE INVADING COUNTRIES WAS BADLY INFORMED". THIS, HE
SAID, COULD ONLY BE REMEDIED BY "INCREASED" CONTACTS AND
DIALOGUE.

THE NORWEGIAN COUNCIL HAS, HOWEVER, SENT A LETTER TO THE
POLISH COUNCIL, CANCELLING AN EXCHANGE OF POLISH AND NORWEGIAN
YOUTH IN SEPTEMBER. IN THAT LETTER, DATED AUG. 23, THE
VIOLATION OF CZECHOSLOVAK SOVEREIGNTY WAS CONDEMNED. A COPY
OF THE LETTER WAS SENT TO ALL EAST EUROPEAN AND ALSO WEST
EUROPEAN YOUTH COUNCILS.

"AT PRESENT WE DO NOT FEEL WE CAN HAVE ANY CONTACTS WITH
THE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS FROM THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES - BUT
WE INTEND TO RESUME THOSE CONTACTS AS SOON AS IT IS
PSYCHOLOGICALLY POSSIBLE," DANKERTSEN SAID.

THE DANISH SECRETARY GENERAL, DORTE BENNEDSEN, SAID
A BOARD MEETING MONDAY HAD DECIDED THAT "A DIALOGUE IS NOW
NEEDED MORE THAN EVER," AND THAT TIES WITH EAST EUROPEAN YOUTH
ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD NOT BE SEVERED. MISS BENNEDSEN SAID THAT SUCH
A STEP WOULD ONLY BENEFIT THE CONSERVATIVE, NOT THE LIBERAL
FORCES IN THOSE COUNTRIES. A VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN
CANCELLED, BUT ALL OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WILL CONTINUE, SHE SAID.