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CS - W. EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT HEADS MEETING PROPOSED (RELEADS CN - 114)

ROME, SEPT 4, REUTER - A MEETING OF WEST EUROPEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS THE AFTERMATH OF THE WARSAW PACT INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS PROPOSED HERE TODAY BY THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THE COMMITTEE PRESIDENT, MR. PAUL STRUYE OF BELGIUM, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT IT WOULD ASK THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY, MEETING IN STRASBOURG ON SEPTEMBER 23, TO CALL FOR A MEETING OF THE HEADS OF THE COUNCILS 18 MEMBER-COUNTRIES.

THE MEETING WAS INTENDED TO FORGE EUROPEAN UNITY, THE NEED FOR WHICH HAD BEEN UNDERLINED BY THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, MR. STRUYE SAID.

THE INVASION HAD DISRUPTED THE PROCESS OF DETENTE AND CONSTITUTED A THREAT TO PEACE IN EUROPE, HE ADDED.

IN A STRONGLY-WORDED COMMUNIQUE AFTER A TWO-DAY MEETING HERE, THE COUNCILS POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES SAID THE INVASION WAS A FLAGRANT BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND A "BRUTAL AND INEXCUSABLE ACT OF FORCE."

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