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HAMBURG, SEPT 5 (DPA/GND) - WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT SAID IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S EDITION OF THE DAILY DIE WELT OF HAMBURG THAT BONN WOULD CONTINUE ITS OSTPOLITIK DESPITE NARROWED POSSIBILITIES.

THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT WOULD "CONTINUE, WITHOUT ILLUSIONS BUT FIRMLY, ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPE TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE," BRANDT SAID.

THE WEST GERMAN MINISTER STRESSED THAT THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO THE POLICY OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN EUROPE. HE ADMITTED HOWEVER THAT THE POSSIBILITIES OF BONN'S OSTPOLITIK "WERE RATHER NARROWED FOR THE TIME BEING."

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