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BONN, SEPT 9 (RFE SPECIAL/MARSH)- ADOLF VON THADDEN, LEADER OF WEST GERMANY'S RIGHT-WING NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, TODAY REJECTED CLAIMS BY FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT THAT HIS PARTY HAD WELCOMED THE SOVIET INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE HERE THIS MORNING THAT HIS PARTY HAD IN FACT CONDEMNED THE INVASION AS "AN ACT OF BRUTAL POWER POLITICS."

THE NPD LEADER WENT ON TO READ A RESOLUTION WHICH HE SAID HIS PARTY COMMITTEE HAD ADOPTED AT THE WEEKEND ATTACKING THE INVASION.

THE RESOLUTION IN PART LIKENED THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO THE EVENTS IN EAST GERMANY IN 1953 AND THOSE IN HUNGARY IN 1956.

AT THE SAME TIME, VON THADDEN DEFENDED HIS CONTENTION THAT THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAD FOLLOWED AN ILLUSORY POLICY REGARDING THE CZECHOSLOVAK REFORM MOVEMENT PRIOR TO AUGUST 21.

THE NPD LEADER REFERRED TO A STATEMENT ISSUED BY HIS PARTY ON AUGUST 13 IN WHICH THE BONN GOVERNMENT WAS WARNED AGAINST BEING DECEIVED BY THE "TRUE DESIGNS" OF CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK'S GOVERNMENT.

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