

X/13 E/W -- 1ST ADD LUNS: DETENTE STOPPED (CN-138) X X CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"ON THE WHOLE, I FEEL IT SHOULD NOT BE STOPPED COMPLETELY," LUNS SAID OF EAST-WEST TRADE. "FURTHERMORE, IN THE NETHERLANDS, TRADE AND INDUSTRY ARE COMPLETELY FREE, AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO TAKE CONCRETE LEGAL STEPS IN ORDER TO FORBID SOME TRANSACTIONS, AND THAT IS A VERY FAR-REACHING MEASURE, WHICH, MOREOVER, SHOULD BE TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH OUR ALLIES. THERE IS NO INDICATION SO FAR-REACHING A STEP HAS BEEN CONTEMPLATED," LUNS SAID.

HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN TENTATIVE PLANS TO HOLD A MEETING OF THE SO-CALLED GROUP OF TEN GOOD NEIGHBOR NATIONS AT FOREIGN MINISTERIAL LEVEL AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. LUNS SAID THE MEETING NOW APPEARED TO BE "IMPOSSIBLE." HE ADDED THAT HOLLAND WAS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IF THE OTHER COUNTRIES STILL COULD DO SO, BUT FELT THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO HOLD THE MEETING NOW.

ON THE POSSIBLE THREAT OF SOVIET INTERVENTION IN RUMANIA, LUNS SAID "I CAN'T SAY ALL OF OUR FEARS HAVE BEEN ALLAYED. I HOPE, HOWEVER, NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO THAT COUNTRY."

SUMMING UP THE OVERALL EAST-WEST PROBLEMS IN THE WAKE OF THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAID "THE CONSEQUENCE OF THIS ALL IS THAT INITIATIVES FOR A DETENTE WILL EITHER HAVE DISAPPEARED OR HAVE BEEN DELAYED, WHICH IS A PITY."

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