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E/W -- MORNING INTRO - WESTERN EUROPE

MUNICH, SEPT 10 (CNR)-THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF WEST GERMANY, BELGIUM AND HOLLAND HAVE AGREED THAT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE EAST-WEST DETENTE SHOULD NOT BE STOPPED.

HOLLAND'S JOSEPH LUNS SAID IN THE HAGUE MONDAY THAT THE PROCESS HAD STOPPED WITH THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BUT HE HOPED IT WAS ONLY A TEMPORARY HALT.

HE ADDED THAT ECONOMIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST HAD SLOWED DOWN BUT HE BELIEVED THEY SHOULD NOT BE STOPPED COMPLETELY.

LUNS HAS BEEN ONE OF WESTERN EUROPE'S MOST ACTIVE PROMOTERS OF DETENTE. HE HAS MADE OFFICIAL VISITS TO WARSAW, BUDAPEST, PRAGUE AND BELGRADE IN THE PAST 18 MONTHS. PRIOR TO THAT HE VISITED MOSCOW AND BUCHAREST.

DURING A ONE-DAY MEETING IN BONN MONDAY, WEST GERMANY'S WILLY BRANDT AND BELGIUM'S PIERRE HARMEL AGREED THAT EFFORTS FOR DETENTE SHOULD CONTINUE.

BRANDT AND HARMEL ALSO STRESSED THE NEED TO INTENSIFY POLITICAL COOPERATION IN EUROPE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

BRANDT TOLD HARMEL THAT BONN WOULD SUPPORT ANY MOVE TO CALL A SPECIAL NATO CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK OCCUPATION.

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