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PARIS SEPT 10(RFE SPEICIAL/EDWARDS) - - - THE STRASBOURG ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE WILL BE ASKED T
LATER THIS MONTH TO APPROVE A DRAFT RESOLUTION DEMANDING THE WITH-
DRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE DRAFT WAS APPROVED TODAY IN PARIS BY THE ASSEMBLYS COMMI-
SSION ON NON-REPRESENTED NATIONS, THE BODY CHARGED UNDER ASSEMBLY
PROCEDURE WITH REPORTING ON EVENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE.

THE COMMISSION, IN PRIVATE SESSION, HEARD A REPORT ON THE SI-
TUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DELIVERED BY WEST GERMAN SOCIALIST
DEPUTY HERMANN SCHMITT. IT THEN ADOPTED THE DRAFT TO BE SUBMITTED
TO THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OPENING SEPTEMBER 23.

THE COMMISSION DOCUMENT WOULD HAVE THE 17-NATION ASSEMBLY
CALL ON THE INVADING NATIONS TO WITHDRAW THEIR FORCES AND PERMIT
THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE TO CHOOSE THEIR FUTURE PATH.

THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EURPE, FORMED IN 1949, INCLUDE
MOST OF THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF NATO, PLUS AUSTRIA, SWEDEN,
SWITZERLAND, IRELAND AND CYPRUS.

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