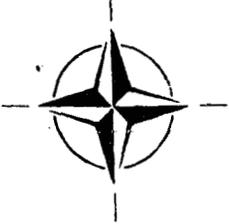


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INVENTORY OF MEASURES TAKEN OR PLANNED
TO BE TAKEN BY NATO COUNTRIES VIS-A-VIS
EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN
THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Reference is made to the Preliminary Inventory (GAS(68)60) of measures taken or planned to be taken by NATO countries vis-à-vis those Eastern European nations participating in the invasion of Czechoslovakia which was prepared by the Political Affairs Division and distributed to Council at its meeting on 27th August.

A more complete Inventory which has now been prepared on the basis of further information provided by written submissions from Delegations received not later than 2nd September will be circulated shortly as soon as the necessary translation has been made. Meanwhile, you will find attached a Preface to this Inventory in which an effort has been made to point to certain general trends which can be observed from the information provided concerning these measures.

(Signed) Manlio BROSIO

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GENERAL TRENDS

An examination of the Inventory of Measures taken by NATO countries with respect to bilateral and multilateral contacts with the USSR, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and East Germany reveals the following tentative general trends by category regarding these relations.

1. High Level Visits

According to available information all high level visits have been either temporarily or definitely cancelled.

2. Senior Visits

The general trend concerning such visits is either to cancel or to postpone them.

3. Diplomatic Contacts

The general tendency is to curtail to a minimum official attendance at social events in the five invading countries and also at official functions organized in NATO countries by the diplomatic missions of the above Eastern European countries. A number of NATO countries have applied restrictive measures in the issuance of visas to citizens of the involved countries.

4. Disarmament and arms control discussions

Whilst it is not suggested to take delaying actions on the session of the ENDC, bilateral discussions on disarmament matters appear to be considered at present to be inopportune.

5. Military Visits

These visits have been cancelled.

6. Multilateral contacts

A distinction is made between governmental and non-governmental bodies.

Although some uncertainties prevail in connection with governmental bodies as to the participation or not of NATO members, the prevailing feeling seems to be that meetings of technical groups should not be hampered by the political issues involved in the Czechoslovakian crisis. At these meetings social representations should be restricted.

As for the meetings of non-governmental bodies it is left to the Secretariat of such conferences to decide whether or not participation is advised.

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7. Tourism

In general tourism in the invading countries is being discouraged.

8. Cultural and technical bilateral exchanges

(a) The general tendency, with some exceptions, is to discontinue all cultural events.

(b) In the educational field, exchanges of scientists, professors, post graduates, students, scholarship holders, etc. are allowed to continue.

(c) No consensus seems to have been reached as yet for sports events already scheduled.

9. Trade Fairs

The participation of NATO member countries at Trade Fairs in the five Warsaw Countries is a matter for consultation. The prevailing views are that while unofficial participation is not discouraged, the Fairs should be deprived of any possible political character and attendance at social functions connected therewith should be avoided.

10. Commercial, Credit and Financial Transactions

With a few exceptions on the official level, normal commercial contacts between NATO countries and the Warsaw Pact nations concerned, especially under existing agreements, have not been suspended.

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