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## HAK SPEAKS TO EUROPEAN LEGISLATORS

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER TOLD A GROUP OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY LEADERS TODAY THE UNITED STATES WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH EUROPE'S RELUCTANCE TO COOPERATE IN A UNITED EFFORT TO BRING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

KISSINGER SPOKE TO 19 LEGISLATORS FROM WESTERN EUROPE WHO ARE TOURING THE UNITED STATES. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AFTER KISSINGER GAVE A ONE-HOUR, 45 MINUTE BRIEFING TO THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON THE MIDEAST WAR.

SOURCES WHO ATTENDED THE KISSINGER MEETING WITH THE EUROPEANS QUOTED HIM AS SAYING:

"WHAT CONCERNS US IS THAT FOR TWO WEEKS WHILE THE UNITED STATES HAD TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS, THE EUROPEANS ACTED AS THOUGH THE (NORTH ATLANTIC) ALLIANCE DIDN'T EXIST.

"THE EUROPEANS SEEMED MORE INTERESTED IN GAINING MARGINAL INDIVIDUAL ADVANTAGES THAN IN COOPERATING ON UNITED ACTION."

KISSINGER SAID THE UNITED STATES GAVE THREE BRIEFINGS TO THE NATO COUNCIL ON U.S. MOVES TO HALT FIGHTING IN THE MIDEAST BUT WAS UNABLE TO SECURE BACKING FROM EUROPEAN LEADERS WHO FEARED THE ARABS MIGHT CUT OFF OIL SUPPLIES IF THEY BACK ISRAEL, THE SOURCES SAID.

PRESIDENT NIXON SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE FRIDAY NIGHT THAT EUROPE WOULD HAVE HAD A COLD WINTER IF THE MIDEAST WAR HAD CUT OFF THEIR OIL SUPPLIES AND SAID EUROPEAN ALLIES HAD NOT "BEEN AS COOPERATIVE AS THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN ATTEMPTING TO HELP US WORK OUT A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT".

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID TODAY NIXON STILL INTENDS TO VISIT EUROPE FOR TALKS ON MODERNIZING THE ALLIANCE BUT SAID A DEFINITE DATE FOR THE TRIP STILL HAD NOT BEEN SET.

DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY GERALD WARREN SAID THERE HAD BEEN "NO CHANGE IN OUR BASIC POLICY TOWARD EUROPE". THE TIMING OF THE TRIP, HE SAID, DEPENDED ON THE PROGRESS OF CONSULTATIONS NOW UNDER WAY TO WORK OUT DETAILS FOR CHANGES IN THE ALLIANCE.

ACCORDING TO THE SOURCES PRESENT AT KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH THE EUROPEANS, THE SECRETARY ALSO SAID IT WAS "DIFFICULT FOR OUR LEADERS TO UNDERSTAND" WHY EUROPEANS HAD NOT ACTED ON HIS CALL LAST SPRING FOR A NEW TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP.

THE SOURCES QUOTED KISSINGER AS SAYING, THAT "FOR OVER SIX MONTHS, WE HAVE BEEN DRAGGED INTO ONE JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE AFTER ANOTHER" AND HAD GOTTEN NO REAL ACTION ON THE PROPOSAL.

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