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IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE DEUTSCHE PRESSE-AGENTUR THIS MORNING, GERSTENMAIER RECALLED THE NAZI INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1938 AND ADDED:

"I CAN ONLY REGRET MOST DEEPLY THAT GERMAN TROOPS, REGARDLESS OF THE FACT THAT THEY ARE UNITS FROM THE G.D.R., ARE AGAIN INVOLVED IN THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

THE PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT SAID "THE PARTICIPATION OF GERMAN TROOPS IS A SCANDAL."

HE SAID WEST GERMANY SHOULD DO NOTHING TO DRAMATIZE THE SITUATION, WHICH HE TERMED A DISASTER.

GERSTENMAIER STRESSED THAT WEST GERMANY WOULD NOT RPT NOT INTERVENE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"WE WILL NOT RPT NOT INTERVENE . THAT IS NOT RPT NOT A LACK OF INTEREST, BECAUSE WE ARE NOT RPT NOT SLEEPING," HE ADDED.

STRAUSS SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD "ONCE AGAIN WHOWN ITS TRUE FACE, 12 YEARS AFTER THE BLOODY SUPPRESSION OF THE HUNGARIAN FREEDOM WILL AND 30 YEARS AFTER THE RAPE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY HITLER."

THE FINANCE MINISTER, LEADER OF THE CHRISTIAN SOCIAL UNION, EXPRESSED SPECIAL SHOCK AT THE PARTICIPATION OF EAST GERMAN TROOPS.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT EVERYONE WOULD NOW BE ABLE TO SEE THE DIFFERENCE "BETWEEN THE MOSCOW AND BONN PEACE POLICIES."

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEFENSE MINISTRY SAID THE BUNDESWEHR WAS A MEMBER OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION AND WOULD ACT AS DID THE OTHER NATO MEMBERS.

THE FLOOR LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION FREE DEMOCRATS SAID THE ACTION AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE BRATISLAVA AGREEMENTS.

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