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THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY, HERVE ALPHAND, MONDAY CALLED POLANDS AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, JAN DRUTO TO THE QUAI DORSAY TO INFORM HIM ABOUT THE DECISION TO POSTPONE GOMULKAS VISIT TO FRANCE. ALPHAND ALSO TOLD THE POLISH AMBASSADOR FRANCES ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THIS VERBAL NOTE, ACCORDING TO FRENCH OFFICIALS, FOLLOWED THE LINE OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT DECLARATIONS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF LAST WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, CALLING FOR THE RETREAT OF THE OCCUPATION FORCES.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR VALERIAN ZORIN HAD BEEN INFORMED ABOUT THE FRENCH ATTITUDE LAST SAUTRDAY.

ALSO YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO FRENCH OFFICIAL SOURCES, THE HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN CHARGES DAFFAIRES IN PARIS, WERE OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED OF THE FRENCH DISAPPROVAL OF THE WARSAW PACT MOVE AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

EAST GERMANY IS NOT DIPLOMATICALLY REPRESENTED IN PARIS SINCE FRANCE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE PANKOW REGIME.

IN ITS TWO STATEMENTS, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WARNED THAT A RETURN TO A POLICY OF BLOCS IN EUROPE COULD BUT CREATE TENSION ON THE CONTINENT AND THWART COOPERATION, EFFORTS.

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