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WEHNER SAID THAT WEST GERMANS WANTED NOTHING BUT FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THEIR CZECHOSLOVAK NEIGHBORS BUT COULD DO LITTLE TO HELP THEM EXCEPT TO REFRAIN FROM ANYTHING THAT WOULD ENDANGER THEIR SOVEREIGNTY AND SELF-DETERMINATION.

THE SPD LEADER REPUDIATED IN THIS CONTEXT SOVIET CHARGES THAT BONN INTENDED TO BASE ITS RELATIONS WITH PRAGUE ON THE 1938 MUNICH AGREEMENT. "IN REALITY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS STATED THAT THE MUNICH AGREEMENT WHICH HAD COME ABOUT UNDER THE THREAT OF FORCE WAS NO LONGER VALID," AND IT HAD CONDEMNED HITLERS POLICY WHICH WAS AIMED AT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK STATE.

WEHNER CONTENDED THAT IF AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED BETWEEN BONN AND PRAGUE ON THE CONDEMNATION OF THIS POLICY AND BOTH WITH RESPECT TO THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE A BASIS FOR GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS COULD BE FOUND.

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