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X/13 BERLIN - 1ST ADD CSSR EVENTS (CN-104) XXX CZECHOSLOVAKIA

SPEAKING OVER THE GERMAN-LANGUAGE AMERICAN RADIO STATION RIAS BERLIN, WEHNER OBSERVED THAT THOSE WHO 29 YEARS AGO TODAY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORDER TO ATTACK POLAND EVENTUALLY HAD GAINED NOTHING EITHER FROM THEIR MILITARY VICTORIES OR FROM THE SUPPRESSION OF THE POLISH PEOPLE.

WEHNER SAID THAT "THE TERRIBLE CHAIN OF CAUSES AND EFFECTS" COULD BE INTERRUPTED ONLY "IF ANTAGONISMS AND DIFFERENCES ARE BEING CLEARED OUT BY MEANS OF POLITICS AND UNDERSTANDING," INSTEAD OF CONTINUING TO EXTEND THIS CHAIN "WITH THREATS OF FORCE OR USE OF FORCE."

WEHNER WARNED THAT EVERYTHING WHICH WAS NECESSARY "OUTSIDE THE WARSAW PACT SPHERE" TO GUARANTEE MILITARY SECURITY MUST BE DONE IN A MANNER WHICH, WHILE HELPING TO AVOID A SPREADING OF THE CONFLICT, "WILL NOT RPT NOT ADD FURTHER FUEL TO THE EXISTING FIRE."

IN ANOTHER RADIO ADDRESS, WEST BERLIN GOVERNING MAYOR KLAUS SCHUETZ SAID TONIGHT WITH REFERENCE TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION THAT BY THEIR INTERVENTION "EAST BERLIN AND OTHERS HAVE AGAIN SLAMMED AND BARRICADED THE DOORS" WHICH HAD JUST BEEN BARELY OPENED.

BUT SCHUETZ ADDED HE WAS CONVINCED THAT "THE COLD WAR HAS NO FUTURE" AND ASSERTED THAT "WE SHALL CONTINUE TO PROCEED ON THE ROAD WHICH WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING."

COMMENTING ON THE BERLIN SITUATION IN THE FACE OF CONTINUING COMMUNIST PRESSURE, SCHUETZ OBSERVED THAT THE "BLITZ ATTACK ON PRAGUE" HAD DEMONSTRATED THAT WEST BERLIN WAS AS SAFE AND SECURE A PLACE TO LIVE IN AS "ANY TOWN WEST OF THE ELBE."

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