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CS -WINZER: BONN HAS A PRETEXT

EAST BERLIN, SEPT.2, REUTER - EAST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER OTTO WINZER SAID HERE TONIGHT WEST GERMANY WAS USING THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION AS A PRETEXT FOR NOT SIGNING THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY BANNING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

IN AN INTERVIEW ON EAST GERMAN TELEVISION, HERR WINZER ACCUSED BONN OF BEING ONE OF THE MOST FORCEFUL SUPPORTERS OF ANTI-SOCIALISM AND "COUNTER-REVOLUTION" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA BUT, HE SAID, THEIR AIMS HAD BEEN DEFEATED BY THE WARSAW PACT MILITARY INTERVENTION.

"THIS POLITICAL DEFEAT SERVES AS THEIR JUSTIFICATION FOR STRIVING AFTER NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND FOR URGING A EUROPEAN NUCLEAR STRIKE FORCE WITHIN NATO," HE SAID. 2

THE MINISTER CHARGED THAT BONN HAD REPEATEDLY FOUND EXCUSES FOR REFUSING TO SIGN THE TREATY. "NOW IT IS THEIR HYPOCRITICAL OUTCRY OVER THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS."

COMMENTING ON BONNS DECLARED CONCERN THAT THE TREATY PREAMBLE IS BASED ON THE ENTIRE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER--WHICH PERMITS THE USE OF FORCE IN AN EMERGENCY BY THE ALLIES AGAINST THEIR WORLD WAR TWO ENEMIES--HERR WINZER SAID:

"THE BONN GOVERNMENT WANTS TO ANNUL THE RESULTS OF WORLD WAR TWO AND WANTS TO CHANGE THE STATUS QUO, AND THAT IS WHY THEY REFUSE TO SIGN THE TREATY."

HE ADDED:"BECAUSE THE BONN GOVERNMENT LAYS CLAIM TO OTHER STATES IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT IT SHOULD CONSIDER ITSELF AN ENEMY OF THE ANTI-HITLER COALITION AND EVEN OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

"THEY MAKE RESERVATIONS AND DEMAND EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES OF THE TREATY, SO THAT IN SOME WAY THEY SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO OR PART USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF THE POLICY OF AGGRESSION," HERR WINZER SAID.

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