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X/4/9 - P - GOMULKA SAYS THREAT EXISTED TO TEAR CS FROM WARSAW PACT

MUNICH, SEPT 8 (CMD) -- POLAND'S COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER SAID TODAY THERE HAD BEEN A DEFINITE THREAT IN RECENT MONTHS TO TEAR CZECHOSLOVAKIA AWAY FROM THE RANKS OF WARSAW PACT STATES.

GOMULKA WHO WAS SPEAKING AT THE MAIN HARVEST CELEBRATIONS IN WARSAW, SAID THAT IN ORDER TO PREVENT THIS "THE NECESSITY HAD ARISEN TO TAKE SOVIET, POLISH, HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN ARMIES ONTO THE TERRITORY OF ALLIED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

(CMD: GOMULKA DID NOT MENTION EAST GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN THE INVASION.)

HE SAID THAT THE DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY FIVE MEMBER STATES OF THE WARSAW PACT "AFTER EXHAUSTING ALL OTHER MEANS AND AFTER THOUROUGH CONSIDERATION."

HE SAID THERE WAS NO RPT NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE. "THE INTRODUCTION OF OUR ARMIES INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS DICTATED TO US BY THE NECESSITY TO DEFEND THE VITAL INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRIES AND NATIONS, THE NECESSITY TO DEFEND SOCIALISM AND PEACE.

"CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD FOUND ITSELF ON A SLOPING LEVEL LEADING TO THE RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM, AT SEVERING THE ALLIANCE WITH THE SOCIALIST STATES, AT LEAVING THE WARSAW PACT AND AT DECLARING ITSELF A NEUTRAL STATE," HE SAID.

GOMULKA'S SPEECH WAS CARRIED LIVE BY RADIO WARSAW.

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