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GOMULKA SAID THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK ECONOMY WAS TO HAVE BEEN CLOSELY LINKED WITH THE ECONOMY OF THE CAPITALIST STATES, ABOVE ALL WITH THAT OF WEST GERMANY.

"THERE WAS MORE THAN SUFFICIENT PROOF SHOWING THE FAST DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS TAKING PLACE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA," SAID GOMULKA.

"THE WORDS OF THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMRADE DUBCEK, WERE TRUE WHEN HE RECENTLY SELF-CRITICALLY ADMITTED THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY HAD NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE STRATEGIC AND GENERAL INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE FOUR OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT.

"HOWEVER, THE INTERESTS OF SOCIALIST CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE NOT DIFFERENT IN THIS RESPECT FROM THE INTERESTS OF THE REMAINING WARSAW PACT STATES," GOMULKA SAID.

HE SAID THAT "WEST GERMAN MILITARISTS AND REVANCHISTS ARE SHARPENING THEIR TEETH FOR THE SUDETENLAND AS WELL AS FOR OUR WESTERN TERRITORIES AND FOR THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

"THE TEARING OFF OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA FROM THE COMMUNITY OF SOCIALIST STATES, AND THE CREATION OF A NEW ALIGNMENT OF FORCES FAVOURABLE TO IMPERIALISM IN EUROPE, WHICH WEST GERMAN MILITARISTS WERE PUSHING PARTICULARLY HARD, HAVE CREATED IN FACT EQUAL DANGER TO ALL SIGNATOIRES OF THE WARSAW PACT," HE SAID.

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