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GOMULKA SAID THAT THE "STATES OF THE WARSAW PACT WHICH SENT THEIR ARMIES ONTO THE TERRITORY OF ALLIED CZECHOSLOVAKIA TOOK THIS STEP BOTH IN THE NAME OF DEFENDING THEIR OWN STATE AND NATIONAL INTERESTS, AS WELL AS IN THE NAME OF THE INTERESTS OF SOCIALIST CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE NOISE WHICH WORLD REACTION HAS RAISED AGAINST THE STATES WHICH HAVE SENT THEIR ARMIES INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DEFENCE OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY, AND IN GENERAL WITH ANY NOTION OF THE DEFENCE OF SOCIALIST CZECHOSLOVAKIA," HE SAID.

HE ASKED SINCE WHEN "REACTION AND IMPERIALISM AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF CAPITALIST MONOPOLIES BECAME THE DEFENDERS OF SOCIALISM, AND THE DEFENDERS OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIONS.

"THIS NOISE HAS BEEN CREATED BY THE DEFEAT OF THE NEEMIES OF SOCIALISM IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, BY THE ANNIHILATION BY THE STATES OF THE WARSAW PACT OF AN IMPERIALIST OFFENSIVE CALCULATED AT TEARING IT CZECHOSLOVAKIA AWAY FROM THE COMMUNITY OF SOCIALIST STATES," HE SAID.

GOMULKA ALSO REPLIED TO "THOSE FRIENDS AND COMRADES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, WHO THINK THAT THEY DEFEND THE GOOD CAUSE OF SOCIALISM AND SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIONS BY ISSUING CONDEMNATIONS AND PROTESTS AGAINST THE INTRODUCTION OF OUR ARMIES ONTO THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC."

HE SAID "IT IS OUR PATRIOTIC, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONALIST DUTY" TO PREVENT THE PLACING OF DYNAMITE "UNDER OUR HOUSE, UNDER THE COMMUNITY OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES BY USING SUCH MEANS AS ARE NECESSARY."

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