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X/4/9 - P - 3RD ADD - GOMULKA SAYS... (CN 50) XXX NECESSARY."

GOMULKA ALSO SAID THAT THOSE WHO MADE THE DECISION TO INTRODUCE ARMIES INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE MORE QUALIFIED THAN ANYBODY ELSE TO DETERMINE THE DEGREE OF THREAT TO SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE SAID LET NOBODY FORGET THAT THE SOVIET UNION PAID WITH 20 MILLION HUMAN LIVES FOR THE LIBERATION OF MANY EUROPEAN NATIONS FROM NAZI OCCUPATION.

HE ALSO SAID LET EVERYBODY WHO IN THE "NAME OF ABSTRACT SOVEREIGNTY" WANTS TO PASS A NEGATIVE JUDGEMENT ON THE INTRODUCTION OF WARSAW PACT ARMIES INTO THE CSSR REALIZE THAT OVER SIX MILLION PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES IN POLAND DURING THE PERIOD OF NAZI OCCUPATION.

HE SAID IF THE "CRUEL ELOQUENCE" OF THESE NUMBERS REACHES THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THOSE PEOPLE, THEN THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SIGNIFICANCE CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS FOR THE SECURITY OF POLAND AND ALL OTHER STATES OF THE WARSAW PACT.

GOMULKA SAID THAT NOBODY COULD HAVE FORESEEN HOW EVENTS WOULD HAVE DEVELOPED IF ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES HAD MANAGED TO TEAR CZECHOSLOVAKIA AWAY FROM THE COMMUNITY OF SOCIALIST STATES, AND CREATE A BREACH IN THE RANKS OF THE WARSAW PACT STATES.

HE SAID THAT THERE IS NO RPT NO DOUBT THAT EVERY WEAKENING OF THE POSITION OF THE WARSAW PACT STATES PLAYS INTO THE HANDS OF THE FORCES OF WAR AND AGGRESSION, AND IN FAVOUR OF "THE REVANCHIST POLICY OF THE GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC," AT THE SPLITTING OF UNITY OF SOCIALIST STATES WHICH WOULD DESTROY THE BARRIER IN THE PATH TO WAR IN EUROPE.

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