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X/9 P - 1ST ADD 1545 INTRO: GOMULKA (CN-64) XXX SAID

"THE WRENCHING AWAY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA FROM THE COMMUNITY OF SOCIALIST NATIONS AND CREATION OF A NEW BALANCE OF FORCES IN EUROPE FAVOURABLE TO IMPERIALISM...WOULD HAVE IN FACT CREATED EQUAL DANGER FOR ALL WARSAW PACT SIGNATORIES," HE SAID.

MR. GOMULKA SPOKE OF "OUR FRIENDS AND COMRADES OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO WHOM IT APPEARS THAT THEY ARE DEFENDING THE GOOD CAUSE OF SOCIALISM AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF A NATION IN CONDEMNING AND PROTESTING AGAINST THE ENTRY OF OUR FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"WE REPLY TO THEM: IF THE ENEMY LAYS DYNAMITE UNDER OUR HOUSE, UNDER THE COMMUNITY OF SOCIALIST STATES, IT IS OUR PATRIOTIC, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONALIST DUTY TO THWART IT WITH SUCH MEANS AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

"WE HAD MUCH MORE INFORMATION THAN ANYBODY ELSE TO APPRECIATE THE DEGREE OF THE THREAT TO SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND THE RESULTING DANGER FOR OUR STATES AND NATIONS."

MR. GOMULKA SAID CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD FOUND ITSELF ON A DOWNWARD SLOPE LEADING TO RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM, BREAKING WARSAW PACT TIES, DECLARING ITSELF NEUTRAL, AND LINKING ITS ECONOMY CLOSELY WITH CAPITALIST STATES, PARTICULARLY WEST GERMANY.

THERE WAS MORE PROOF THAN NECESSARY OF THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS.

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