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MUNICH, SEPTEMBER 9 (DPA/GND) -- THE VENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA DO NOT RPT NOT REPRESENT ANY IMMEDIATE DANGER FOR WEST GERMANY, ACCORDING TO GENERAL ULRICH DE MAIZIERE, INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF THE BUNDESWEHR.

IN A WEEKEND SPEECH AT A BUNDESWEHR OFFICERS' SCHOOL SPORTS MEETING IN MUNICH, GENERAL DE MAIZIERE SAID THAT THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS NOT RPT NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, IT HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR TO THE ENTIRE WORLD THAT THE TENSIONS IN EUROPE HAD NOT YET BEEN REDUCED.

THE GENERAL SAID THAT EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD CLEARLY SHOWN THE FUNCTION OF THE BUNDESWEHR AS A DETERRENT FACTOR.

IT WAS, HE WENT ON, THE DUTY OF THE BUNDESWEHR AND THE ALLIED FORCES TO DETER THEIR OPPONENTS FROM ANY MILITARY USE OF FORCE AGAINST WEST GERMANY AT ANY STAGE AND AT ANY HOUR.

GENERAL DE MAIZIERE SAID HE HOPED THAT THE LAST FEW WEEKS HAD INCREASED THE TRUST OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE IN THE BUNDESWEHR AND HE APPEALED TO THE TROOPS NOT RPT NOT TO BE LED ASTRAY THROUGH WHAT HE CALLED SMALL BUT NOISY OPPOSITION GROUPS.

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