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X/13 FRANCE - 1ST ADD DE GAULLE: TO LATE TO SAVE (CN 103) XXX SPRING

DE GAULLE HAD ALSO TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON THE PROBLEM OF BIAFRA, SAYING THAT FRENCH RECOGNITION OF AN INDEPENDENT BIAFRAN REPUBLICAN WAS NOT EXCLUDED IN THE FUTURE. THE CZECHOSLOVAK PROBLEM WAS THE FINAL ISSUE COVERED IN HIS STATEMENT.

THE GENERAL OPENED BY CONDEMNING THE DIVISION OF EUROPE INTO TWO BLOCS, AN ACT HE TRACED BACK TO THE YALTA CONFERENCE OF FEBRUARY 1945. THIS DIVISION HE SAID WAS AN INFRINGEMENT OF THE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE. IT PRODUCED TWO CAMPS DOMINATED BY TWO RIVALS. IT PREVENTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NORMAL ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND HUMAN RELATIONS. IT PRODUCED TENSIONS WHICH CONSTANTLY PUT PEACE IN QUESTION. NO IDEOLOGY COULD JUSTIFY SUCH A DANGEROUS SITUATION, SAID DE GAULLE.

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