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X/13 FRANCE - 2ND ADD DE GAULLE: TOO LATE TO SAVE (CN 105) XXX DEGAULLE

HE RECALLED THAT FRANCE HAD OPPOSED SUCH A SITUATION "FROM THE BEGINNING".

IN 1944 IT HAD, FOR EXAMPLE, REFUSED TO CONSENT TO PUTTING POLAND UNDER "THE SUZERAINITY OF STALIN" BY MEANS OF A GOVERNMENT FORMED BY THE SOVIETS.

HE SAID FRANCE HAD BEEN BARRED FROM YALTA BY "THE CONCERTED UNDERSTANDING" OF WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW AND IT HAD MADE KNOWN ITS OPPOSITION TO THE RESULTS WHEN THEY WERE KNOWN.

DE GAULLE SAID FRANCE COULD NOT AGREE THAT EUROPE'S FATE BE FIXED WITHOUT THE EUROPEANS. WHAT HAD HAPPENED WAS THAT THE COUNTRIES OF EAST AND CENTRAL EUROPE HAD BEEN "AUTOMATICALLY DELIVERED TO SOVIET DOMINATION".

SINCE HIS RETURN TO POWER IN 1958, DE GAULLE SAID, FRANCE HAD WORKED INCESSANTLY TO PUT AN END TO THE TWO-BLOC SYSTEM.

IT HAD PROGRESSIVELY DETACHED ITSELF FROM NATO IN WHICH "THE EUROPEANS ARE SUBORDINATED TO THE AMERICANS." IT HAD OPPOSED A SUPRANATIONAL SYSTEM IN THE COMMON MARKET, UNDER WHICH EUROPE WOULD HAVE HAD NO OTHER POLICY EXCEPT ONE IMPORTED FROM "ACROSS THE OCEAN."

FRANCE ALSO REGRETFULLY BARRED BRITAIN FROM THE MARKET, HE SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, DE GAULLE SAID, FRANCE RENEWED ITS OLD RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE, BUT IN THE CONVICTION THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD HAVE TO COME TO A POLICY MUCH DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF "CHAINING UP ITS SATELLITES."

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