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VIENNA, AUG 23 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) - AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER BRUNO KREISKY SAID LAST NIGHT THAT "EVEN WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES MUST KNOW WHAT SORT OF LANGUAGE IS BEING SPOKEN BY MOSCOW" IN THE CURRENT CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS.

KREISKY, APPEARING ON AUSTRIAN TELEVISION, SAID:

"WHEN LIBERALIZATION OF COMMUNISM REACHES THE LIMIT WHERE FREEDOM BEGINS, THEN THE FULL BRUTAL FORCE OF DICTATORSHIP MUST SET IN TO SUPPRESS IT".

RECALLING AUSTRIA'S FIRM STAND, WHICH HE SAID PREVENTED A COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER IN 1950, KREISKY SAID THAT THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT'S GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED ITS OPINIONS CLEARLY AT THE TIME OF THE 1956 HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION. "AND THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE TO DO TODAY", THE SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER ADDED.

ALSO INTERVIEWED BY AUSTRIAN TELEVISION THURSDAY NIGHT WAS AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER FRANZ MUHRI.

MUHRI SAID THAT HIS PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM MEETING - CONVENING AT PRESENT IN VIENNA- IS DEALING WITH "THE WARSAW PACT INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA".

ACCORDING TO MUHRI, NEARLY ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING HAD APPROVED HIS STATEMENT FROM WEDNESDAY WHEN THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HEAD CONDEMNED THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

MUHRI SAID THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM IS DISCUSSING "EVENTUAL INITIATIVES TO BE TAKEN NOT ONLY TOWARDS SOCIALIST COUNTRIES BUT ALSO TO WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES".

THE CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS ARE NOT A PROBLEM "CONCERNING ONLY THE FIVE (WARSAW PACT) PARTIES BUT ALSO OF SPECIAL CONCERN FOR ALL EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES", MUHRI SAID.

MUHRI SAID HIS PARTY HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY INFORMING THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNISTS ABOUT THE RUMANIAN ATTITUDE IN THE CURRENT SITUATION.

THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY IS ALSO IN CONTACT WITH THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST PARTY, MUHRI SAID.

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