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C/S - "DEMOCRATIZATION CANNOT BE HALTED

GENEVA, APRIL 27--- (RFE SPECIAL) JAROSLAV MARTINIC, RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PRAGUE, SAY THAT THE "DEMOCRATIZATION MOVEMENT" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA CAN NO LONGER BE HALTED, COME WHAT MAY.

MARTINIC, WHO WAS IN SWITZERLAND THREE DAYS BEFORE THE SOVIET INVASION AND WHO HAS BEEN UNABLE TO RETURN HOME, SAID IN GENEVA "DEMOCRATIZATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA MEANS MUCH MORE THAN JUST SURVEILLANCE OF THE PRESS AND RADIO AND SUCH THINGS."

"IT GOES MUCH, MUCH DEEPER AND CANNOT BE ERADICATED BY ANY AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH CENSORSHIP RETURNS," HE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW.

MARTINIC ALSO TOLD GENEVA TELEVISION DURING A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION THAT THE SOVIETS "DID NOT EXPECT TO FIND SO MUCH OPPOSITION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND AMONG THE PEOPLE."

"THEY APPARENTLY THOUGHT AT FIRST THAT THIS SOCIALIST PEOPLE WOULD BE AWARE THAT THEY WERE THE VICTIM OF AN IMPERIALIST PLOT," HE SAID.

"THE RUSSIANS WERE VERY SURPRISED TO DISCOVER THAT THIS WAS NOT SO."

MARTINIC SAID THE "PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT SVOBODA AND, OF COURSE, IN DUBCEK AS WELL."

"I AM SURE THE PEOPLE WILL ACCEPT AN AGREEMENT REACHED IN MOSCOW BECAUSE THEY HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE PARTY," HE SAID.

"I MUST STRESS THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS NOT ANTI-COMMUNISM," HE SAID. "THE PEOPLE BELIEVE IN THE PARTY, BUT THEY ALSO BELIEVE IN INDEPENDENCE."

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