

HE ALSO DENIED THAT THE TERMS OF THE MOSCOW COMPROMISE MEANT THE IMPOSITION OF CENSORSHIP IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA OR THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD CRUSHED FREE SPEECH AND FREE THOUGHT.

HE SAID THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT MEANT THAT THE MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA "MUST BE DIRECTED TO EFFECTIVE MEASURES OF SERVING SOCIALIST POWER -- NOTHING MORE."

VASEV SAID THE SOVIET UNION WAS NOT RPT NOT SEEKING A RETURN TO THE COLD WAR AND WESTERNERS WERE MISTAKEN TO FEAR THIS.

ASKED ABOUT THE LOSS OF GOODWILL TOWARD THE SOVIETS AMONG LEFTWINGERS IN THE WEST AND THE CRITICISM BY WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES, VASEV SAID THE SOVIETS WOULD NEVER EQUATE THIS CRITICISM WITH "THE BARRAGE OF COLD WAR PROPAGANDA UNLEASHED IN THE WEST." HE SAID DIVERGENCES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT WERE NAUTRAL.

ASKED WHETHER THE CURRENT "DIVERGENCE" WAS NOT RPT NOT ALMOST UNANIMOUS, HE SAID THERE WERE PARTIES WHICH SUPPORTED THE SOVIET STAND. HE SAID MOSCOW HOPED THAT BY PATIENT EXPLANATIONS, THE COMMUNIST PARTIES COULD WORK TOGETHER "TO FIND A COMMON STAND."

ANSWERING VASEVS CLAIMS, GLOZAR SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO RPT NO DANGER BEFORE THE INVASION THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA WOULD TURN ANTI-SOCIALIST OR THAT THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALISM WOULD BE UNDERMINED. THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE MOSCOW TALKS, HE SAID, "SHOWED THAT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP WRONGLY ANALYZED THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

"THEY COULD NOT PROVE THAT SOMEBODY INVITED THEM" TO INVADE CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GLOZAR SAID. "BUT WE HAVE TO FACE REALITIES NOW. THE FORCES OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES ... ARE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IT IS A HARD REALITY. WE HAVE TO FACE IT AND ACT ACCORDINGLY."

GLOZAR SAID THE ONLY COURSE NOW WAS FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO STAND FIRMLY BEHIND ITS LEADERS. "WE PROVED WE WERE ABLE TO BE UNITED DURING THE TERRIBLE DAYS OF LAST WEEK," HE SAID. "BUT WE KNOW THE DAYS TO COME WILL BE DIFFICULT AND WE NEED THE UNITY, THE FIRMNESS, THE FIRM SUPPORT OF OUR LEADERS."

MUCHA SAID DUBCEK HAD DONE THE BEST HE COULD, AS A POLITICIAN, IN MOSCOW. "I BELIEVE DUBCEK AND I TRUST HIM," HE SAID.

VASEV DENIED UNDER QUESTIONING THAT THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT MEANT THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS WERE BEING FORCED "TO TOE THE LINE" AND SAID IT WAS "A MUTUALLY MADE AGREEMENT, A CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS..."

ASKED WHEN SOVIET TROOPS WOULD LEAVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HE REPEATED THE WORDS IN THE MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE ABOUT A DEPARTURE WHEN THE SITUATION WAS "NORMALIZED" AND DECLINED TO GO FURTHER.

EH/AMR 1407/68 AUG 28 A