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VIENNA, 28 AUGUST (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA)- FRIEDL FUERNBERG, AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY, SAID HERE TONIGHT AFTER HIS RETURN FROM MOSCOW THAT IT WAS KNOWN "THAT WE DO NOT AGREE WITH WHAT THE SOVIET LEADERS THINK ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

"THE STANDPOINTS OF BOTH PARTIES ARE DIFFERENT," HE TOLD AUSTRIAN TELEVISION IN AN INTERVIEW TONIGHT.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WERE "NO ATTEMPTS BY MOSCOW TO CHANGE THE ATTITUDE OF OUR PARTY ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK ISSUE. NATURALLY THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN IN VAIN," HE ADDED.

FUERNBERG SAID THE AVERAGE SOVIET CITIZEN AS WELL AS LEADING FUNCTIONARIES SEE THE ISSUE IN TERMS OF THE BASIC PROBLEM WHETHER IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA "THE REACTION OR SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION WILL BE VICTORIOUS."

"THIS IS THE ANSWER OF ALL PEOPLE I TALKED WITH, EITHER ORDINARY CITIZENS OR LEADING FUNCTIONARIES", FUERNBERG ADDED.

FUERNBERG ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT IN GENERAL MANY OF HIS SOVIET PARTNERS WERE "IMPRESSED BY THE FACT THAT SO MANY COMMUNIST PARTIES DISAGREE IN ESSENTIAL POINTS WITH THE SOVIET PARTY IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK ISSUE."

HE ADDED, THAT "THE MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE COULD SHOW A WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT CRISIS". THAT WOULD GIVE PRAGUE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE JANUARY PLENUM DECISIONS.

"IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY RIGHT NOW "HOW LONG THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL LAST, FUERNBERG SAID.

HE VOICED THE HOPE THAT "IT IS NOT GOINT TO LAST LONG " BUT ITS DURATION WOULD DEPEND ON CZECHOSLOVAKIAS PROGRESS TOWARDS CONSOLIDATION.