

VIENNA, AUG 29 (RFE SPECIAL/KOCH)-- THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY VOICED ITSELF OPPOSED TO THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN TODAY'S ISSUE OF THE OFFICIAL ORGAN, "VOLKSSTIMME," BY BOTH PARTY CHIEF FRANZ MUHRI IN A FRONTPAGE DECLARATION AND AN EDITORIAL SIGNED BY "VOLKSSTIMME" EDITOR-IN-CHIEF FRANZ WEST.

THE WEST EDITORIAL IS MORE DIRECT THAN MUHRIS STATEMENT AS HE WRITES THAT THE "COMMUNIST PARTY OF AUSTRIA-- FROM THE FIRST MOMENT CONDEMNED THE MARCH IN OF FOREIGN TROOPS INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA --AND SHE FINDS THIS STEP UNJUSTIFIED BECAUSE IT TOOK PLACE AGAINST THE DECLARED WILL OF THE PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT. (THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY) ALSO DOES NOT FIND THIS STEP JUSTIFIED NOW AFTER THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE MOSCOW TALKS".

THE EDITORIAL ENTITLED "THE REALITY REFERS TO THE SVOBODA AND DUBCEK SPEECHES WHEREIN THE WORD "REALITY" REGULARLY APPEARED, INFERRING THAT THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS BASED ON THE INESCAPABLE FACT THAT THE COUNTRY IS OCCUPIED BY FOREIGN TROOPS.

WEST WRITES ... "THE CZECHOSLOVAK REALITY OF TODAY-- ALSO AFTER THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT --IS CHARACTERISED BY THE FACT THAT NOW AS BEFORE, THE TROOPS OF FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES ARE IN THE COUNTRY.

"WHILE THE TERMS OF THEIR WITHDRAWAL HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON -- THE CONDITIONS HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN MADE KNOWN-- UNDOUBTEDLY ALL IMMEDIATE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SIGN OF THE FURTHER MILITARY OCCUPATION OF THE COUNTRY".

THE MOSCOW TALKS, WEST SAID, WERE HELD "UNDER CONDITIONS WHICH ONE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN COMMUNIST PARTIES AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES COULD IN NO MANNER DESCRIBE AS NORMAL".

WEST EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR THEIR CALM STAND IN THE FACE OF THE CRISIS AND CONDEMNS THOSE WHO NOW WOULD FALSELY ACCUSE THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEGOTIATORS OF HAVING RETURNED TO PRAGUE FOR HAVING REACHED "ROTTEN COMPROMISES OR HAVING CAPITULATED".

THE "VOLKSSTIMME" EDITOR-IN-CHIEF CLOSES HIS COMMENTARY BY SAYING THAT AUSTRIAN COMMUNISTS CONTINUE TO FEEL THE SAME SOLIDARITY FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS NOW AS THEY BEGIN ANOTHER MAJOR PHASE OF THEIR STRUGGLE.

PARTY CHAIRMAN MUHRI ALSO SEES THE NEED FOR THE WARSAW PACT TROOPS TO WITHDRAW FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND PREDICTS THAT A RETURN "TO THE WORK METHODS AND LEADERSHIP PRACTICES OF THE NOVOTNY ERA DOES NOT COME INTO QUESTION". MUHRI SAYS THAT "OUR (AUSTRIAN) PARTY FULLY AND COMPLETELY SUPPORTS THE STAND TAKEN ON THE NEGOTIATING RESULTS IN MOSCOW AS THEY WERE VOICED BY ALEXANDER DUBCEK IN HIS RADIO ADDRESS, WITH WHICH WE WERE DEEPLY IMPRESSED".

MUHRI CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT "WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE EVENTS OF THE LAST WEEK WILL BE OF GREAT MOMENT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND FOR THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES THEMSELVES. CONCERNING THE PROBLEMS, THE EXPERIENCES AND THE RESULTS WHICH DERIVED FROM THESE MOST RECENT EVENTS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS IN GREAT DEPTH AND HOLD BROAD DISCUSSIONS."