

VIENNA, AUG 29 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY IDEOLOGICAL MONTHLY REVIEW "WEG UND ZIEL" CARRIES ON ITS FIRST PAGE AN EDITORIAL BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER FRANZ MAREK UNDER THE TITLE "MOTIVATION OF GREETINGS".

THE ARTICLE, GREETING "THE UPCOMING CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY", WAS WRITTEN BEFORE THE MILITARY INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ITS PUBLICATION DESPITE RECENT EVENTS IS EXPLAINED BY "WEG UND ZIEL" IN AN INTRODUCTORY NOTE STRESSING THE AUSTRIAN PARTYS RESOLUTION AGAINST THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"UNDER THE PRETEXT OF FRIENDLY HELP, THE MILITARY INTERVENTION OF THE FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WAS IN FACT DIRECTED AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC RE-BIRTH OF SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA", THE NOTE SAYS.

THE EDITORIAL, REVIEWING BRIEFLY THE CZECHOSLOVAK DEVELOPMENTS, EMPHASIZED "FEELINGS OF ENTHUSIASM WHICH HAVE BEEN EVOKED IN THE AUSTRIAN PARTY BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK EVOLUTION".

ACCORDING TO MAREK, THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNISTS HAD BEEN AWARE THAT THE "SUDDEN CHANGE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY LEADERSHIP AND THE BREAK WITH THE PAST CAUSED IN SOME PARTS OF PUBLIC LIFE A SORT OF VACUUM WHICH COULD BE AND IN FACT ALSO WAS MISUSED".

"BUT WE HAVE HAD FULL CONFIDENCE IN A LEADERSHIP WHICH HAS SHOWN THAT THESE DIFFICULTIES COULD BE OVERCOME NOT THROUGH BUREACRATIC METHODS BUT PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATIZATION", MAREK WROTE.

THE EDITORIAL ALSO STRESSED THAT THE AUSTRIAN PARTY WAS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT DIFFICULTIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ON THE CONTRARY, THE CZECHOSLOVAK VERSION OF SOCIALISM WAS CONSIDERED A LIVING EXAMPLE OF WHAT SOCIALISM MUST LOOK LIKE IF IT IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN HIGHLY DEVELOPED CAPITALIST COUNTRIES.

TOUCHING UPON THE PROBLEM OF THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, "WEG UND ZIEL" MAINTAINS IN ITS EDITORIAL THAT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS WAS DEVELOPED MORE CONVINCINGLY THAN IN CAPITALIST COUNTRIES.

QUOTING AN AUSTRIAN CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER, "WEG UND ZIEL" SAID THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK VERSION OF COMMUNISM REPRESENTS "THE GREATEST DANGER FOR THE ESTABLISHED SOCIAL SYSTEM IN SO-CALLED FREE COUNTRIES WHERE SOCIAL CONTRADICTIONS ARE STILL AWAITING AN URGENT SOLUTION".

"THEREFORE, WE SEND OUR GREETINGS TO THE PARTY CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS", "WEG UND ZIEL" CONCLUDED.

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