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EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES
VIENNA, AUG 29 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER AND FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER, DR. BRUNO KREISKY, TONIGHT CRITICISES WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES, ALLEGING THAT THEY WERE IN SINCERE IN THEIR ATTITUDES TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

INTERVIEWED ON AUSTRIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION, KREISKY ACCUSED THE COMMUNIST PARTIES IN DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES OF TRYING TO MAKE THE BEST OUT OF THE BAD CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS. REFERRING TO HIS OWN EXPERIENCE, KREISKY STRESSED THAT IT WAS NOW THE SAME OLD COMMUNIST ATTITUDE ALL OVER AGAIN AS IT WAS THE CASE WITH THE HITLER-STALIN PACT. "

"AT THAT TIME TOO, THE COMMUNIST PARTIES WERE SHAKEN BUT THEY RECOVERED EASILY AFTER A FEW WEEKS AND IT WOULD BE NAIVE AND FOOLISH TO BE DECEIVED BY SUCH MANEUVERS," KREISKY SAID.

QUESTIONED WHETHER THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD DESTROYED ALL HOPES THAT COMMUNISM COULD FREE ITSELF FROM DICTATORSHIP, KREISKY EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT WITHIN COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY FOR DEMOCRATIZATION.

"AT THE VERY MOMENT WHEN REAL DEMOCRATIZATION SETS IN - LIKE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA - COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP COMES TO AN END."

KREISKY STRESSED THAT IN THE END ALL COMMUNIST PARTIES WENT ALWAYS TOGETHER WITH THE SOVIETS THROUGH FIRE AND WATER.

"THEY SHOULD NOT PRETEND TO BE FACED NOW BY A TOTALLY UNEXPECTED AND NEW SITUATION," KREISKY SAID.

CONCLUDING, KREISKY PREDICTED A SUBSTANTIAL WEAKENING OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES IN ITALY AND FRANCE AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS.