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BERLIN, SEPT 6 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH) -- THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES DOES NOT RPT NOT IN THE LEAST AFFECT CZECHOSLOVAK SOVEREIGNTY, AN IDEOLOGICAL EXPERT OF THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST (SED) PARTY ARGUED TODAY.

"ON THE CONTRARY, IT SERVES TO MAINTAIN THE INDEPENDENCE OF THAT COUNTRY," SAID DR. WOLFGANG KIESSLING OF THE SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S "INSTITUTE FOR MARXISM-LENINISM" IN A LENGTHY ARTICLE IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND.

KIESSLING SHARPLY CONDEMNED ALL "NATIONAL" COMMUNIST CONCEPTS AND CITED MARX, ENGELS AND LENIN TO EMPHASIZE THAT "INTERNATIONALISM HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF MARXISM FROM THE VERY OUTSET."

IT WAS A BASIC ELEMENT OF THE STRUGGLE OF THE WORKING CLASS "AGAINST THE ENTIRE SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION, AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY-ORGANIZED CAPITALISM," KIESSLING SAID AND ADDED THAT "IN ORDER TO BREAK THE INTERNATIONAL STRENGTH OF CAPITALISM THE INTERNATIONAL UNITY, THE BROTHERLINESS AND THE UNIFORM ACTING OF THE WORKERS IS INDISPENSABLE."

IN THE PRESENT PERIOD, WHEN THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF CAPITAL WAS BECOMING MORE CLEARLY EVIDENT THAN EVER, IT WAS PART OF THE "IMPERIALIST GLOBAL STRATEGY" TO TRY TO DIVERT THE WORKERS MOVEMENT IN THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES FROM PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AND BIND THEM "TO AN 'INDEPENDENT NATIONAL COURSE' WHICH IS BEING BASED ON SOME KIND OF 'NATIONAL MARXISM'," THE SED IDEOLOGIST SAID.

BUT IF THE "POISON OF NATIONALISM INFILTRATES THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF LEADING FUNCTIONARIES OF A SOCIALIST STATE, IF PETIT-BOURGEOIS NATIONALIST NARROWNESS GAINS INFLUENCE ON STATE POLICY, THEN CHANCES ARE OFFERED TO OUTSIDE IMPERIALISM AND THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION WITHIN," KIESSLING STATED.

HE DECLARED THAT "MARXISM-LENINISM CONSTITUTES...THE U N I F O R M PHILOSOPHY OF THE WORKING CLASS OF A L L COUNTRIES (ED. NOTE: KIESSLING'S EMPHASIS)," AND HISTORY WAS OFFERING PLENTY OF EXAMPLES "THAT CRITICISM OF LENIN AND LENINISM SIGNIFIES THE TURNING-AWAY FROM MARXISM."

ANALYZING THE DEVELOPMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, KIESSLING CONCLUDED THAT ONE OF THE ROOTS COULD BE FOUND IN THIS VERY ATTITUDE TOWARD MARXISM-LENINISM AND IN THE PROPAGATION OF A NATIONAL-TYPE COMMUNISM.

IN THIS CONTEXT THE SED IDOLOGIST ESPECIALLY ATTACKED IVAN SVITAK AS "ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING EXPONENTS OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION" AND AN "IMPERIALIST AGENT DISGUISED AS A 'PHILOSOPHER'."

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY A WEST GERMAN REPORTER, WHO HAD INQUIRED ABOUT HIS CONCEPT OF THE FUTURE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY ASKING HIM "FROM WHERE, WHERE TO AND WITH WHOM?" SVITAK HAD SUMMED UP THE "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY" OBJECTIVES IN THE FORMULA "FROM ASIA, TO EUROPE, ALONE," KIESSLING SAID.

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