

"IN TRANSLATION THIS MEANS: THE OBJECTIVE OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES WAS TO SEVER OUR CZECHOSLOVAK FRATERNAL COUNTRY FROM THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY -- WHICH SVITAK DARED TO CALL 'ASIA' IN NAZI-TYPE JARGON -- AND TO DRIVE IT INTO THE ARMS OF THE IMPERIALISTS, IN THE STYLE OF GOEBBELS AND STRAUSS SIMPLY DESCRIBED AS 'EUROPE'," KIESSLING EXPLAINED.

IF THE PROCESS HAD DEVELOPED FAR ENOUGH, HE MAINTAINED, THE "FINAL STEP, THE LEAP INTO THE IMPERIALIST CAMP, WAS THEN TO BE MADE UNDER THE PROTECTIVE FIRE ('FEUERSCHUTZ') OF NATO."

BUT IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE THAT THIS FINAL LEAP COULD NOT RPT NOT BE MADE, "IT WAS IN LINE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD IN CONFORMITY WITH NATURAL LAWS ('GESETZMAESSIGE ENTWICKLUNG DER WELT')," KIESSLING SAID.

NEVERTHELESS, "JUSTIFIED QUESTIONS" ABOUT THE CAUSES OF THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA REMAINED, HE CONCEDED.

KIESSLING SAID THAT "ONE OF THE MOST ESSENTIAL" CAUSES WAS THAT "FOR YEARS" THE IMPORTANCE OF MARXISM-LENINISM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIALIST SOCIETY HAD BEEN "UNDERESTIMATED" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THAT THIS "PHILOSOPHY OF THE WORKING CLASS" WAS LATER DISREGARDED "AND EVENTUALLY DISCREDITED -- PARTICULARLY BY 'NON-AFFILIATED MARXISTS,' BY WRITERS AND ARTISTS, BY HISTORIANS AND ECONOMISTS."

THIS PROCESS GATHERED MOMENTUM ESPECIALLY LAST SPRING AND "INCLUDED, TO AN INCREASING EXTENT, ATTEMPTS TO SHAKE THE FOUNDATIONS OF MARXISM-LENINISM" WHEN LENINISM WAS DISMISSED AS "A REGIONAL VARIATION OF MARXISM" AND "A DOGMATIC CONFINEMENT ('EINENGUNG') OF CREATIVE MARXIST THINKING," KIESSLING SAID.

IN THIS SITUATION, WHEN "ANTI-SOCIALIST" ELEMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA MAINTAINED THAT MARXISM-LENINISM WAS NO LONGER OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE COUNTRY BECAUSE IT WAS ONLY ONE POSSIBLE VARIATION OF MARXISM, IT WAS THE "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALIST DUTY" OF THE "FRATERNAL COUNTRIES" AND, ABOVE ALL, THE SOVIET UNION TO HELP GUARANTEE THE "NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND THE SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT OF THE (CZECHOSLOVAK) BROTHER COUNTRY," KIESSLING STATED.

HE SAID THAT IN WORLD WAR TWO IT WAS THE SOVIET UNION WHICH RESTORED THE INDEPENDENCE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS POLAND, HUNGARY AND RUMANIA, BY GIVING THEM A CHANCE "TO BECOME INDEPENDENT NOT RPT NOT ONLY FORMALLY BUT ACTUALLY" AS THEY GOT THE CHANCE "TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM ONCE AND FOR ALL."

KIESSLING NOTED IN THIS CONTEXT THAT "AFTER ALL, THERE IS AN ESSENTIAL QUALITATIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF A CAPITALIST STATE AND THAT OF A SOCIALIST STATE," AND IF TODAY MILITARY FORCES OF SOCIALIST STATES WERE TEMPORARILY STATIONED ON THE TERRITORY OF ANOTHER SOCIALIST STATE "THIS HAS NOTHING -- NOTHING WHATSOEVER -- TO DO WITH A RESTRICTION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THAT SOCIALIST COUNTRY. ON THE CONTRARY, IT SERVES TO MAINTAIN THAT COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE."

THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES "WHICH RENDERED THEIR MILITARY ASSISTANCE" AVERTED JUST IN TIME THE DANGER THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA MIGHT ONCE MORE LAPSE INTO "IMPERIALIST DEPENDENCE," THE EAST GERMAN IDEOLOGICAL EXPERT SAID AND ADDED THAT "FOR THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES THE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION IS NOT RPT NOT ONLY A CLASS QUESTION BUT ALSO A QUESTION OF THEIR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY."