

X/13 CS -- NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AGAIN ATTACKS "NEW SOCIALISM"

BERLIN, SEPT 7 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH) -- NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST (SED) DAILY, TODAY CONTINUED ITS POLEMICS AGAINST THE "NEW SOCIALISM" ADVOCATED BY "THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES IN THE CSSR AND THEIR WEST GERMAN ANTI-COMMUNIST PATRONS."

THE PAPER ESPECIALLY CRITICIZED THAT THE "ALLEGEDLY NEW 'DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM'" WAS TO BE BASED NOT RPT NOT ON "SOCIALIST POWER" BUT ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND A "FREE PLAY OF FORCES."

IN THE 120-YEAR HISTORY OF THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL SOCIALISM THE "APOSTLES OF A 'TRUE AND HUMANITARIAN SOCIALISM'" WERE, IN FACT, NOTHING NEW, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID AND INTERPRETED THEM AS "THE EXPRESSION OF PETIT-BOURGEOIS PROTEST AGAINST THE INEVITABILITY AND HARSHNESS OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE BETWEEN CAPITAL AND LABOR."

BUT THE SOCIALIST SOCIETY DID NOT RPT NOT NEED A "BALANCE OF FORCES" BUT A MONOPOLY OF THE "MARXIST-LENINIST WORKERS PARTY," JUST AS SCIENCE, IN THE INTEREST OF HUMANISM, DESERVED A MONOPOLY OVER "SUPERSTITIONS AND FANTASIES."

THE IDEA THAT PROBLEMS OF THE SOCIETY COULD BE SOLVED BY MEANS OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND DEMOCRATIC PLURALISM WAS "ONLY A VARIATION OF THE FORMULA OF THE 'BALANCE OF FORCES'," AND IT WAS SHEER HYPOCRISY TO PRETEND THAT ANY FORM OF HUMAN COMMUNITY COULD EXIST WITHOUT "THE USE OF ORGANS OF POWER," NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ARGUED.

THE ISSUE TODAY WAS NOT RPT NOT ONE OF ACCEPTING OR REJECTING THE PRINCIPLES OF POWER, BUT IT WAS ONLY A QUESTION OF "HOW AND IN WHOSE INTEREST IT IS BEING USED."

"A 'RENEWAL OF SOCIALISM' WHICH IS AIMED AT THE LIQUIDATION OF SOCIALIST POWER HAS AS ITS OBJECTIVE THE RESTORATION OF THE POWER OF THE EXPLOITING CLASSES," NEUES DEUTSCHLAND MAINTAINED.

THE "PETIT-BOURGEOIS PROTEST" -- WHICH TODAY, IN VIEW OF THE WORLD-HISTORIC ROLE AND THE AUTHORITY OF SOCIALISM, WAS FREQUENTLY OFFERED UNDER THE LABEL OF "MODERN MARXISM" -- WAS BEING EXPRESSED ALSO IN "THE DEMAND THAT 'CONTRADICTION' MUST BE INTRODUCED INTO THE EXISTING SOCIALIST SOCIETY," THE PAPER SAID AND COMMENTED THAT "THIS PSEUDO-MARXIST PHRASE ALSO IS ONLY ANOTHER EXPRESSION FOR THE 'FREE PLAY OF FORCES' OF THE BOURGEOIS COMPETITIVE SOCIETY."

"WHAT ERNST FISCHER IN VIENNA, FOR EXAMPLE, PROCLAIMS AS THE 'INTRODUCTION OF CONTRADICTION' IS BEING PUBLICIZED BY EDUARD GOLDSTUECKER IN PRAGUE AS 'THE INTRODUCTION OF FREEDOM INTO THE SOCIALIST SOCIETY,'" NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID, ADDING THAT "WHAT THESE 'MODERN MARXISTS' HAVE IN COMMON WITH SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM IS... UNDISCOVERABLE."

THE PROBLEM WAS, THE PAPER EXPLAINED, THAT IF CONTRADICTION COULD BE INTRODUCED IT MUST ALSO BE POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE IT, I.E., TO BUILD A SOCIETY WITHOUT CONTRADICTIONS. THE "INTRODUCTION OF CONTRADICTION" WAS, IN FACT, PRESUPPOSING THE PREVIOUS NON-EXISTENCE OF CONTRADICTION, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ARGUED AND ADDED: "NOW YOU GO AND FIND A PASSAGE IN MARX, ENGELS (AND) LENIN WHERE THEY SPEAK OF THE EXISTENCE OF FORMS OF SOCIETY WITHOUT CONTRADICTION."

THE PAPER SUMMED UP BY SAYING THAT "WHEREEVER YOU INSPECT THE FRAIL STRUCTURE ERECTED BY THE SOCIAL DREAMERS OF PETIT-BOURGEOIS PROTEST AGAINST THE CLASS STRUGGLE YOU WILL FIND NOTHING BUT HOLLOW PHRASEOLOGY, DISTORTION AND HELPLESSNESS VIS-A-VIS THE REALITY OF THE HARD FACTS."

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