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VIENNA, SEPT 9 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- COMMUNISM REMAINS AND WILL REMAIN IDENTICAL WITH DICTATORSHIP, AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY HEAD AND FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER DR. BRUNO KREISKY SAID ON SUNDAY ' SPEAKING TO REGIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY FUNCTIONARIES IN SALZBURG, KREISKY SAID THAT TO SEE WESTERN COMMUNISM IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT THAN COMMUNISM IN THE EAST WOULD BE A DANGEROUS ILLUSION.

KREISKY STRESSED THAT CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY CZECHOSLOVAK YOUTH, WAS STRIVING FOR MORE FREEDOM THAN SYMBOLIZED BY THE NAMES OF DUBCEK AND SVOBODA.

"EVERYWHERE WHERE LIBERALIZATION THREATENS TO TURN INTO REAL DEMOCRACY, THE GUILLOTINE OF DICTATORSHIP COMES DOWN", KREISKY SAID.

TOUCHING UPON AUSTRIAS STAND IN THE CURRENT MIDDLE EUROPEAN CRISIS, KREISKY EMPHASIZED THE DANGER "TO BELIEVE THAT DICTATORS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COULD BE APPEASED THROUGH SILENCE, ACCEPTANCE AND NON-COMMITTAL DECLARATIONS."

"WEAKNESS, FAINT-HEARTEDNESS AND COWARDICE ARE NOT TO BE MISTAKEN FOR PRUDENCE," KREISKY SAID AND CRITICIZED WHAT HE CALLED THE AUSTRIAN CONSERVATIVE PEOPLES PARTY GOVERNMENTS "TACITURN ATTITUDE IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS."

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