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FISCHER SAID THAT "IT IS OUR PROGRAM, THE PROGRAM OF THE WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES, TO BACK CIVIL LIBERTIES, AS FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, THE RIGHT OF ASSEMBLY, THE RIGHT OF DIFFERENT PARTIES TO COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER, GENUINE ALTERNATIVES AND GENUINE CO-DETERMINATION."

THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST LEADER WHO HAD RECENTLY CALLED THE PRAGUE REFORMS "A SIGNAL IN DARK TIMES," SAID TONIGHT THAT "TIMES HAVE BECOME MUCH MORE DARKER" SINCE THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY SOVIET AND OTHER WARSAW PACT FORCES.

HE TERMED THE OCCUPATION "AN AWFUL AND CRIMINAL RAID."

PROF. ERNST BLOCH, WHO HAS LIVED IN WEST GERMANY SINCE THE BUILDING OF THE BERLIN WALL AND WAS FORMERLY A PROFESSOR AT LEIPZIG UNIVERSITY, SAID THAT "WE HAVE TO RENOUNCE FOR SOME TIME - MAY BE FOR A RATHER LONG TIME - THE LEADING ROLE OF THE SOVIET PARTY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIALISM."

HE TERMED THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA "A VERY STUPID (SAUDUMM), INCOCEIVABLE, NAIVE, SHAMLESS, BRUTAL AND CRUDE ACTION."

HE ADDED THAT "SOCIALISM CAN NO RPT NOT BE MISHANDLED AND BETRAYED LIKE THAT."

IT WAS ESPECIALLY BAD THAT "SO LONG AFTER STALINS DEATH IT WAS DEMONSTRATED THAT NOTHING IMPORTANT HAD CHANGED BUT THAT THE THING HAD BECOME MORE MONSTROUS AND WAS MORE ALIENATED FROM THE INITIATIVES OF THE BEGINNING," PROF. BLOCH SAID.

HE ADDED THAT "ONE CAN SAY THAT THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION WAS STANDING UP AGAINST."

E HE SAID "WE ARE VERY DOUBTFUL ABOUT THE LEADING ROLE OF SOVIET PARTY IN THE SOCIALIST STRUGGLE."

"IT CONSISTS ONLY OF DISCREDITATIONS FROM WHICH SOCIALISM CAN NOT RPT NOT RECOVER FROM IF ITS WANTS TO REMAIN SOCIALISM AT ALL," HE ADDED.

TO PRESERVE SOCIALISM "MOSCOW MUST BE STRIPPED OF ITS LEADING ROLE," PROF. BLOCH SAID.

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