

X/13 C/S -- SED PAPER: CSSR DEVELOPMENTS BEGAN TEN YEARS AGO

BERLIN, SEPT. 10 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH)--IN A LENGTHY ARTICLE OUTLINING THE "HISTORY OF THE IDEOLOGICAL AND THEORETICAL PREPARATION OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY (SED) DAILY NEUES DEUTSCHLAND TODAY SAID THE ROOTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT WENT BACK SOME TEN YEARS.

THE SED ORGAN SAID THE "DECISIVE" ELEMENTS IN PREPARING THE DEVELOPMENT WHICH CAME TO A HEAD THIS SUMMER WERE "THE IDEOLOGICAL INFILTRATION, THE REVISION OF THE BASIC POSITIONS OF MARXISM-LENINISM (AND) THE MASSIVE PROPAGATION OF PETIT-BOURGEOIS, NATIONALIST, ANTI-SOVIET (AND) ANTI-COMMUNIST IDEOLOGIES."

THIS PROCESS BEGAN "LONG BEFORE JANUARY 1968" AS THE SPREADING OF VIEWS WHICH WERE "LABELED AS A STRUGGLE AGAINST DOGMATISM, AGAINST THE BOGEY OF 'STALINISM'" -- BUT WHICH, IN FACT, WERE DIRECTED AGAINST "THE SOCIALIST ORDER, THE PARTY OF THE WORKING CLASS AND THE BASIC POSITIONS OF MARXISM-LENINISM" -- STARTED AS LONG AGO AS "IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE 'FIFTIES," NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID.

THESE ATTACKS WERE LAUNCHED "IN CONNECTION WITH THE MASSIVE ASSAULTS OF IMPERIALISM AND REVISIONIST ELEMENTS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, THE SOCIALIST WORLD SYSTEM AND THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT" AT THAT TIME, AND THE ORGANIZERS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, "THE SPIRITUAL SPEARHEAD ('VORREITER') OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION," WERE "A GROUP OF INTELLECTUALS, WRITERS, ARTISTS, ECONOMISTS, SOCIOLOGISTS AND OTHERS WHO WERE MOST CLOSELY CONNECTED, ABOVE ALL, WITH THE IMPERIALIST AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC IDEOLOGISTS IN WEST GERMANY AS WELL AS WITH REVISIONISTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES," THE PAPER SAID.

THEIR MOST IMPORTANT TOOLS WERE THE MASS MEDIA IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA "WHICH THE GROUP CONQUERED STEP BY STEP AND (EVENTUALLY) DOMINATED COMPLETELY." THE PRESS, RADIO, TELEVISION AND FILMS TURNED OUT TO BE "TOP-RANKING INSTRUMENTS OF POWER" WHICH ENABLED THE INTELLECTUALS TO "PRODUCE, DIRECT AND SPREAD THE FLOOD OF PETIT-BOURGEOIS, NATIONALIST IDEOLOGY" AND ALSO MADE IT POSSIBLE TO PRACTICALLY "EXERT INFLUENCE ON THE DECISIONS OF THE PARTY AND STATE LEADERSHIP," NEUES DEUTSCHLAND EXPLAINED.

THE PAPER SAID THE KAFKA CONFERENCE IN MAY 1963 WAS "AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE" OF THE GROWING INFLUENCE OF REVISIONIST AND BOURGEOIS IDEOLOGICAL CONCEPTS. "HERE REVISIONISM IN THE CSSR APPEARED MASSIVELY AND OPENLY FOR THE FIRST TIME" AS PHILOSOPHERS ERNST FISCHER OF VIENNA AND EDUARD GOLDSTUECKER OF PRAGUE DISPUTED THE MARXIST-LENINIST THEORY OF ESTRANGEMENT.

THE ATTACK ON THE MARXIST-LENINIST VIEW OF THIS PROBLEM WAS "NO COINCIDENCE," NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID. "AS DEMONSTRATED, ABOVE ALL, BY ERNST FISCHER AT THE KAFKA CONFERENCE AND EVEN MORE CLEARLY IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS, THE ESTRANGEMENT THEORY DEVELOPED (AT THE CONFERENCE) BY GOLDSTUECKER AND OTHERS WAS EXCELLENTLY SUITED FOR AN ALL-ROUND DEFAMATION OF SOCIALISM.

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