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VIENNA, SEPT 10 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN VIENNA ON MONDAY NIGHT AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE 14TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY, LED TO A SHARP CLASH BETWEEN WEST GERMAN PROFESSOR ERNST BLOCH, CANADIAN PROFESSOR RAYMOND KLIBANSKY AND SOVIET PHILOSOPHER FJEDOR KONSTANTINOV.

DISCUSSING MARXISM, KLIBANSKY STATED THAT THERE IS NOT SUCH A THING AS "MONOLITHIC MARXIST TEACHING" BUT ONLY "DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS OF MARXISM."

"WE HAVE SEEN HOW A POWER DOMINATED BY MARXISM ARROGATED ITSELF TO IMPOSE ITS OWN INTERPRETATION ON ANOTHER MARXIST COUNTRY. HOW COULD SUCH A VIOLANT ACTION BE JUSTIFIED FROM A MARXIST STANDPOINT?", KLIBANSKY ASKED.

"THERE ARE NO DIFFERENCIES OF OPINION BETWEEN US AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK STATE AND CZECHOSLOVAK MARXISM", KONSTANTINOV SAID.

WEST GERMAN PROFESSOR BLOCH CALLED KONSTANTINOV'S STATEMENT "EMPTY TALK ABOUT HUMANISM AND PEACE" AND ADDED THAT DOGMATIC MARXISM REPRESENTS A DEADLY DANGER FOR TRUE MARXISM.

AFTER BLOCH'S STATEMENT, SOVIET PROFESSOR KONSTANTINOV LEFT THE ROOM.

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