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THE SED ORGAN RECALLED THAT BEFORE AND AFTER THE PRAGUE KAFKA CONFERENCE "COMRADES FROM THE GDR CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED SUCH THEORIES," WHICH INDUCED "REVISIONIST ELEMENTS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CSSR TO LAUNCH A SLANDER CAMPAIGN AGAINST OUR COMRADES AND AGAINST THE GDR IN GENERAL."

THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT MADE COMPLETELY CLEAR WHAT WAS BEHIND THE "SEEMINGLY ABSTRACT DISCUSSIONS" OF THAT TIME, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID:

"THEY WERE TO BE USED TO CONSTRUCT AN UNBRIDGEABLE ANTAGONISM BETWEEN SOCIETY AND THE SOCIALIST STATE, BETWEEN WORKING CLASS AND PARTY, BETWEEN THE INTERESTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE SOCIALIST ORDER."

THE PAPER WENT ON TO SAY THAT "AS WE KNOW, THE CONCLUSION WAS DRAWN FROM THE THESIS OF (THE EXISTENCE OF) ESTRANGEMENT IN SOCIALISM THAT WRITERS, ARTISTS AND SCIENTISTS MUST BE, ABOVE ALL, CRITICS AND NOT RPT NOT DEFENDERS OF SOCIALISM."

IN CONNECTION WITH THE THEORIES DEVELOPED AT THE KAFKA CONFERENCE "A NUMBER OF CENTERS OF BOURGEOIS, PETIT-BOURGEOIS (AND) REVISIONIST IDEOLOGIES DEVELOPED WHICH, WITH EVER GREATER FRANKNESS AND DETERMINATION, ATTACKED THE SOCIALIST ORDER OF STATE AND SOCIETY AND THE LEADING ROLE OF THE PARTY OF THE WORKING CLASS," NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID, AND AS EARLY AS IN 1963 "FISCHER AND OTHER REVISIONIST THEORETICIANS WERE STRIVING TO TURN PRAGUE INTO A STRONGHOLD OF 'MODERN MARXISM'."

TO THIS END THEY CONDUCTED "EXTENSIVE ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO 'DISSOLVE' THE UNIFORM MARXIST IDEOLOGY AND TO 'OPEN UP' MARXISM VIS-A-VIS BOURGEOIS THEORIES," THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST DAILY SAID AND ADDED THAT SPECIFICALLY THE THESIS OF A "PLURALIST MARXISM" WAS BEING PROPAGATED BY CZECH AND SLOVAK THEORETICIANS IN NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES AND AT OPATIJA IN DECEMBER 1967 AND AT VARNA IN JUNE 1968.

WITH THE HELP OF THE PLURALISM THESIS THE "FUNDAMENTAL CLASS BORDERS, THE POLITICAL-IDEOLOGICAL CHASM BETWEEN MARXISM-LENINISM, ON THE ONE HAND, AND VARIOUS REVISIONIST, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC (AND) TROTSKYITE THEORIES, ON THE OTHER, WERE BEING OBSCURED AND THE LATTER MOBILIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDEOLOGICAL DIVERSION." EVENTUALLY THE PLURALISM THESIS SERVED AS A VEHICLE TO LAUNCH THE ATTACK ON "LENINISM AS MARXISM IN THE ERA OF IMPERIALISM AND TRANSITION TO SOCIALISM," NEUES DEUTSCHLAND STATED.

EVEN AT OFFICIAL GATHERINGS "REVISIONIST ELEMENTS" TREATED MARXISM-LENINISM AS "ONE SOCIAL SYSTEM AMONG OTHERS" WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF "THROWING ITS CLASS CHARACTER AS THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE WORKING CLASS OVERBOARD."

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