

X/13 CS - ERNST FISCHER ON CONSEQUENCES OF CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS

VIENNA, SEPT 10 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- AN APPEAL TO BREAK OFF ALL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET PARTY LEADERSHIP UNLESS THE WARSAW PACT TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWN FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE COUNTRY'S SOVEREIGNTY RE-ESTABLISHED, WAS ADDRESSED ON TUESDAY NIGHT TO ALL INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES BY ERNST FISCHER, A MEMBER OF THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

FISCHER, INTERVIEWED ON AUSTRIAN TELEVISIONS "HORIZONTE" PROGRAM AT 2015 HOURS SAID THAT SUCH A DECISION BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES WOULD IMPRESS MOSCOW BECAUSE AS FISCHER PUT IT, "THE LUNATIC DECISION TO INTERVENE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS NOT BEEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE SOVIET PARTY LEADERSHIP."

"I AM SURE THE REAL ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES ARE NOT TO BE FOUND IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA BUT WITHIN THE SOVIET PARTY LEADERSHIP", FISCHER SAID AND ADDED THAT HE STILL BELIEVED IN A POSSIBLE DIFFERENTIATION WITHIN THE SOVIET PARTY AND THAT WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS MIGHT BE ABLE TO EXERT A CERTAIN INFLUENCE ON THE EVOLUTION IN THE SOVIET PARTY.

ACCORDING TO FISCHER, THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA REPRESENTS NOT ONLY A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, BUT ALSO A CRIME COMMITTED AGAINST SOCIALISM.

FISCHER CALLED THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAK AND SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES "A DICTATORIAL ACT."

AND "A DICTATORIAL ACT IS NOT AN AGREEMENT ... THERE IS NO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KNIFE AND THE INFLICTED WOUND," FISCHER, SAID.

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