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X/13 CS - 1ST ADD ERNST FISCHER ... (CN 165) XXX SAID

SPEAKING ABOUT THE SOVIET DEMAND OF "A NORMALIZATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION", FISCHER SAID THAT THE SITUATION WILL BE NORMAL "ONLY AFTER THE LAST FOREIGN SOLDIER HAS LEFT CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AFTER THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNTRY'S FULL SOVEREIGNTY, AFTER THERE ARE NO FOREIGN EXPERTS AND SECRET POLICEMEN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

ACCORDING TO FISCHER, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SUPPORT SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY'S CHAIRMAN HERMANSON'S SUGGESTION FOR CALLING A CONFERENCE OF ALL INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES.

"THIS IS AN ISSUE WHERE I AM ABLE TO COOPERATE WHILE I AM TOTALLY POWERLESS TOWARDS THE CONDITIONS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND IN CHINA", FISCHER SAID AND ADDED THAT A TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY IS NOW WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS.

SPEAKING OF THE SOVIET ATTITUDE, FISCHER SAID THAT EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS WERE FACING THE INCONSIDERATE POLITICS OF A BIG POWER WHICH HAD DESTROYED THE IDEAS OF SOCIALISM.

"BUT THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM WILL BECOME STRONGER THROUGHOUT THE EAST BLOC IN THE FUTURE, EVEN IF IT IS NOT TO BE TOMORROW OR THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW", FISCHER SAID.

ACCORDING TO FISCHER, THE EVOLUTION WILL FORCE EVEN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO ADAPT THEMSELVES TO THE DEMANDS OF MODERN INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY AND THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA REPRESENTS ONLY "FEAR OF FREEDOM AND AN ATTACK AGAINST THE PROGRAM OF NEARLY ALL WESTERN DEMOCRATIC AND COMMUNIST PARTIES."

"THEY SPEAK OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION BUT THIS COUNTER-REVOLUTION IS SEEMING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, ~~FRESS~~, THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT ... AND THIS IS OUR PROGRAM WHICH WE WILL DEFEND ALSO AGAINST MOSCOW", FISCHER SAID.

CONCLUDING, FISCHER SAID THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE FUTURE DEPENDS SOLELY ON COMMUNIST PARTIES BUT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT OF COMMUNISTS, SOCIALISTS AND CATHOLICS.

"I AM FOR A NEW LEFT, I CONSIDER IT POSSIBLE AND NECESSARY", FISCHER CONCLUDED. PRW/E 2108/68 SEPT 10