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CURT - CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGREES TO RUSSIAN COEXISTENCE POLICY;  
REPLICATES DOGMATIC-LEFTIST VIEWS

Prague, July 8 (Haldeman) -- Czechoslovakia has made it unmistakably clear that it fully supports Khrushchev's coexistence policy.

A page-long "Eude Pravo" article (July 8) and the resolution of the just-ended Party conference leave no doubts as to whose side Czechoslovakia is taking in the ideological rift that has developed in the Soviet bloc.

The "Eude Pravo" article, written by top Communist and deputy editor-in-chief of the paper, Dr. Gustav Cisar, all but mentions the Chinese Communists by name as it chastises, in a number of passages, the leftist-dogmatists within the Soviet bloc who advocate the inevitability of war. While rejecting the theory that there has been a change in the nature of capitalism it maintains that "these leftists are not right either who stick dogmatically to the tenet of the inevitability of war until imperialism is destroyed completely.....".

The author fully agreed with the decisive Moscow "Pravda" article of last month which was a verbal slap at the Chinese and strong suggestion if not a directive to get back into the "correct" ideological ranks. In reviewing Lenin's book, "Left-wing Communism: An Infantile Disorder", "Eude Pravo" said, the Russian newspaper "criticized the assertions of the contemporary leftists within the international Communist movement who contradict Leninism". These leftists were described as those who "underestimate the enormous changes which have taken place and are taking place in the world, (are) afraid of imperialism and brandishing of weapons, (do) not have confidence in the policy of peaceful coexistence, (do) not believe in the strength and ability of socialism to prove its superiority in peaceful competition with capitalism".

The leftist-dogmatists' approach to the East-West struggle was characterized as simplified, not corresponding to the "much more diverse and multifarious" approach of the socialist camp led by the Soviet Union with a decisive emphasis on economic competition. The socialist camp underlined peaceful coexistence and competition as one of the forms of class struggle, the most acceptable and most realistic under present conditions.

Also, the dogmatists' view that all imperialists are the

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sense and that negotiations with them on any subject can only be of propaganda value was deprecated. "Kade Pravo" maintained that there was a difference between a capitalist who wanted to compete in peace and one who wanted to compete only in atomic destruction.

Conference Resolution Praising Fight Against Reactionists

The Party conference resolution published July 7 also pledges allegiance to Khrushchev and promises to fight against left-wing dogmatism. Support of peaceful coexistence did not mean, however, that "the aggressive acts of West German reactionists" would be tolerated -- a stipulation for peaceful coexistence which Czechoslovakia never fails to make when treating of this subject.

In essence, the "Kade Pravo" article is a firm declaration that the Soviet bloc will continue to pursue an opportunistic, but peaceful, policy in international affairs. It exudes confidence in the military superiority of the East but maintains that the bloc does not want to prove the superiority on the battlefield and that there are increasing signs that the West is beginning to see the hopelessness of trying to destroy socialism by war. "Kade Pravo" states that it is apparent, furthermore, that the time is coming when the socialist camp will be able to compel the imperialists to sit down to realistic and constructive negotiations. The time was now, however, to compete peacefully with the East and to exploit the deep conflicts not only between bourgeoisie and proletariat but also within the bourgeoisie.

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