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Luko- DEFINING "SOCIALISM"; "BORBA" SEES VARIANCE BETWEEN
BELGRADE AND MOSCOW AS MORE THAN SEMANTICS

MUNICH, May 13 (Stankovic) -- There is not only a difference between the Communist and free world's usage and definition of certain terms (like "peace", "democracy", "socialism", "coexistence" etc.) but a difference between Soviet bloc and Yugoslav usage and definition of these terms also.

120 In an article in "Borba" of May 10 entitled "Old Terms, New Meanings", the University of Belgrade professor of philosophy, Dr. Veljko Korac (pronounce: Korach) came to the conclusion that the Soviet bloc leaders mean something quite different from the Yugoslavs when talking about "socialism". These differences are becoming more obvious from day to day -- a fact best seen in the aggravation of the Soviet bloc-Yugoslav relations both at the ideological and state level.

The chief reason for these ever-increasing differences between Belgrade and Moscow is seen by Dr. Korac in the Soviet bloc leaders' "non-recognition of various roads to socialism; they take as a starting point the claim that socialism is not and cannot be anything which does not correspond to the interests of the camp and its policies."

In this connection Dr. Korac said: "Who can expect socialism to be the same, let us say, in Albania and Sweden, in China and England, in Kenya and Canada?" Because of different conditions in different countries socialism cannot be the same everywhere, Korac added. "This is precisely why the term 'socialism' has one meaning for a Chinese propagandist or for certain propagandists of camp socialism in general, and quite a different meaning for one of the tens or hundreds of thousands of our workers who witness the reality of socialism and realize it in actual practice in the system of workers' self-management", Dr. Korac said.

Socialism "By Decrees"

In Korac's opinion "it is quite understandable that it could not be the same thing if one talks of socialism in Yugoslavia and in the camp's propaganda which in its blindness and shortsightedness does not see and does not recognize the various roads to socialism...The ideologists of the camp's socialism are not capable of seeing the strength of socialism precisely in the

fact that it is winning under different conditions; this is why these ideologists only verbally recognize the possibilities of various roads to socialism and various meanings of the term 'socialism', while in practice they appraise every reference to specifics...from their camp's hegemonistic point of view as 'the weakening of the unity of socialist forces', 'deviation from socialism', 'revisionism' etc..."

The Yugoslav professor said further that the tragedy of the Soviet bloc theoreticians of socialism is that "they would like to prescribe by means of various decrees what socialism is and what it is not, of course, all according to their own wishes and interests..."

Here Dr. Korac sees the reason why "the differences in realizing socialism...are becoming deeper from day to day". He continued: "For when the camp's propaganda speaks about our reality and about socialism in general -- and it is doing so by using the same terms which are being used by us too but with quite different meanings -- then it is necessary because of the very principles involved in the discussion (a discussion which we have requested permanently but which is stubbornly avoided by the propagandists of the camp's socialism) to examine by scientific and philosophical methods the very language of camp propaganda..."

Dr. Korac believes that such an "examination" would inevitably prove that the Yugoslav theoreticians of socialism are right.

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