

'Fear' claimed as cause in Czech-Russian conflict

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The Czechoslovakian invasion, German unity and American influence were central topics at a University panel discussion of "Eastern Europe in Revolt-1968" Friday afternoon.

Panelists were Dr. Roy Laird, Dr. Rodger Kanet and Dr. Charles Gati, all of the University of Kansas political science department. Moderator was Dr. Ivan Volgyes of the University political science department.

The Soviet Union invaded Czechoslovakia for three basic reasons, Laird said. First was a fear that Czechoslovakia's domestic liberalization policy would get out of hand.

A second reason was the fear of a "domino reaction" in eastern Europe if the Czechoslovakian liberalization succeeded. And, third, was a Soviet fear of cooperation between Czechoslovakia and West Germany, he continued.

Czechoslovakia was a backward country for many years in the field of liberalization, Kanet commented. However, starting in 1967, Czechoslovakia rapidly passed up other east European nations in liberalization.

This process went too far and too fast to suit the Russian's taste, Laird said. There were strong moves toward

a more capitalistic economic system, pluralistic politics and a free press.

The Czech invasion was not basically a question of ideology, Gati said. The Soviet Union was acting as a great power to retain its influence in Eastern Europe. It was probably the fear of an effective competition for power in a pluralistic society that made the Russians take action, he said.

German influence was also a factor in the invasion, Gati continued. The Germans are always very much on the minds of Soviet policy makers.

No one in Europe really wants to see Germany reunited except the Germans, Gati said. However, the division of Germany is unnatural and cannot last.

Laird said that the reason the United States keeps so many troops in West Germany is because we are afraid of what a reunited Germany could accomplish. A report prepared for the State Department supports this claim, he added.

There is a great deal of good will in eastern Europe for the United States, Gati said. The people like almost everything that Americans do, he continued. Assassinations are really the only thing they don't understand about America.

One Yugoslavian Communist leader said he favored the American action in Vietnam, Laird said. The leader

saw the United States as holding back the Chinese. Many other East Europeans share this view, Laird added.

We must do something to promote this good will in the East European countries, Dr. Gati said. We need to have more contact with the people. Perhaps we could make travel in the United States easier for citizens of these countries, he continued.

Kanet added that the East European countries are very interested in western goods. He said that we make it hard for these countries to trade in the West and force them into close trade relations with the Russians. Perhaps we could grant them "most favored nation" treatment in economic areas, he said.

"It is impossible for anyone who knows anything about Eastern Europe to consider it a monolithic Communist bloc", Kanet continued. There are strong elements of nationalism and distaste for the Russians that prevent anything of this kind.

In response to a question, Laird said that the East Europeans sympathized with our race problems. He added that one student equated our race situation with the gypsy problems in Europe.

Gati added that there is racism almost everywhere in the world. He related an incident with a group of East Europeans who could not understand his racial tolerance.

Campus Calendar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

(All events in the Nebraska Union unless otherwise indicated.)

- 12:30 p.m. Placement Luncheon
- 3:30 p.m. University Housing Policy Committee Panel Discussion
- 4:30 p.m. Union Film Committee AWS-Sorority Court Tassels
- 7 p.m. UNICORNS
- 7:30 p.m. Business Economics Roundtable Math Counselors
- 9 p.m. Afro American Collegiate Society
- 10 p.m. Innocents

Mierhenry co-edits communication text

Dr. Wesley Meierhenry, chairman of the department of adult and continuing education at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, is the co-editor of a new book entitled "Educational Media: Theory into Practice."

In addition to editing the text involving 11 different authors, all recognized experts in their own disciplines, Dr. Meierhenry wrote the final chapter in the text entitled "A Look Ahead." Dr. Raymond V. Wiman of the University of Iowa is also a co-editor.

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Draft counselor training seminars slated this week

The Nebraska School of Religion and the ASUN education committee will sponsor two selective service counselor training seminars this week, according to John Dietz, member of the Nebraska Draft Resistance Movement.

The first seminar, planned for disciple clergymen in Nebraska, will be held at the Nebraska School of Religion, Feb. 13.

THE SECOND seminar is open to any person wishing to learn detailed information about the Selective Service and desirous of counseling others. It will be held February 14, in two three-hour sessions beginning at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

No advance registration will be required for the Friday course.


Further information is available from the Nebraska School of Religion, the ASUN education committee, the United Ministries of Higher Education and members of the Nebraska Draft Resistance Movement.

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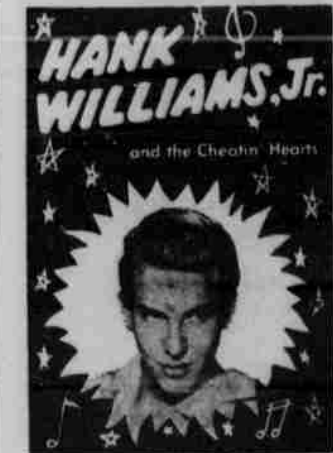
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