

Fisher-Galati:

'East Europe liberation absurd'

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Americans who hold the notion of eventual liberation of Eastern Europe are only dreaming, according to a Presidential advisor on foreign affairs.

"One doesn't realize the absurdity of this hope until you read Eastern European magazines," Stephen Fischer-Galati, professor of history at the University of Colorado, told about 100 University of Nebraska students and faculty members Friday in the Union.

MANY EASTERN EUROPEAN immigrants and nationalists living in the U.S. actually believe their homelands will be liberated by the Western powers, he said.

Fischer-Galati said Americans base their view of Eastern Europe on, "what you want to hear — it's not always political reality," he said.

One distorted view, which Fischer-Galati believed to be the view of Vice President Agnew is that "Eastern Europe is composed of Polaks, Hunkies, and possibly Japs and Vikings."

THE HISTORY of Europe is a history of empires, he said. "We must look at Europe in light of this fact," he added.

The assumption that Eastern Europe is an extension of Soviet colonization is accurate, he said. "I never bought the argument that Russia took over solely for economic reasons,"



Stephen Fischer-Galati

Fischer-Galati said. "Russia overtook Eastern Europe to insure that there was a sufficient amount of land between the Soviet Union and the rest of Europe," he said.

Fischer-Galati, describing his recent trip to Eastern Europe, remarked, "Never before have I found it more depressed. Depressing it is always, but now there is an utter hopelessness of the situation."

AS AN ADVISOR to President Nixon, Fischer-Galati told the President to "stay out of Eastern Europe" in 1968 when Nixon had been invited to Romania.

"The whole thing made me realize the callousness of foreign policy," he said. "Actually I think we wrote off Eastern Europe as early as

1943."

Fischer-Galati said he felt the U.S. abided by his advice because "we have no economic interest in Romania," he asked.

NIXON WENT to Romania because of the Middle East situation, not because of U.S. interest in Eastern Europe, Fischer-Galati said. "The U.S. is only paying lip service to Eastern European liberation, because it is no longer in our sphere of influence," he remarked.

"Here we are, 23 years after the Truman Doctrine, and we're in the same position that we were in then except that we speak in more polite language," Fischer-Galati noted. "Gromyko is still with us."

Wishnow to solo in recital

Emanuel Wishnow, director of the University of Nebraska School of Music, will appear in recital on the violin and viola at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, in the Kimball Recital Hall.

Wishnow has not presented a solo performance for 12 years, but he has performed regularly during this time in chamber music groups, both in Lincoln and in Omaha. He is also conductor of the University Symphony.

He will perform two violin sonatas, one in G minor by Tartini on the 200th anniversary of the composer's death, and one in D major by Handel.

He will also play Brahms' "Sonata in F minor" Opus 120, for viola and piano, with pianist Audun Ravan. "I was particularly interested in doing a sonata for viola, because I feel that instrument has been neglected," he said.

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