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THE AMERICAN EDITION OF JAN KOZAK'S
GUIDEBOOK: "HOW PARLIAMENT CAN PLAY A
REVOLUTIONARY PART IN THE TRANSITION TO
SOCIALISM, AND THE ROLE OF THE
POPULAR MASSES."

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HERE'S HOW OUR GOVERNMENT
WAS TAKEN OVER

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"And Not A Shot Is Fired"

First, the legislative power, *at all governmental levels* — local, State and national — is manipulated as pressure "from above"; then the people's power is manipulated as "pressure from below". Concurrently, a "wide popularization of the demands and slogans of the policy of the Communists" is promoted, serving "as a means for the revolutionary education of the popular masses." (p. 19) Gradually, and by cooperative legislative action, business, industry, agriculture, finance, the professions, and even living conditions, come under the domination of The State. (p. 20)

Thus, by "a democratic and constitutional course", the legislature is reconstituted "into an instrument of the transformation of the whole state and its machinery . . . [and the] revolutionary transformation of capitalist society into a socialist one . . . [proceeds] absolutely legally." (pp. 33-4)

As an institution, the legislature "cannot be erased from life", so the technique in regard to it is pliant: "It is necessary therefore to work in it and to use it . . ." (p. 35)

The delicately balanced mechanism of self-government is employed, cleverly and with deliberation, to destroy its character and itself. And not a single move need be identifiable as communist inspired.

The book on the left assembled by John Howland Snow tried to warn everyone as early as 1962 about the dangers of "agencies" the intent of which is to take power and authority away from elected officials and place it under "agencies" whose personnel is non-elected. This formula on how to convert representative government into a socialist government, altering the governmental processes of the victimized country into regional agencies, is detailed by communist Jan Kozak. Quite obviously, this method is being used on state and federal levels all over the U.S.A., which is the reason why we have not been able to stop communist advancements. We CANNOT vote out personnel in non-elected agencies! Agencies now have more power over the personal lives of the people than was ever delegated to elected representatives!

Jan Kozak, the author, is a Czech. He was a member of the Secretariat of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia at the time he presented the guidebook to his fellow theoreticians in Prague. It is not easy reading, as the idiom is that of the confirmed dialectician. Its inestimable value lies in its complete authenticity.

Here is the technique by which a democratic, representative government is metamorphosed into a socialist state by legal, democratic means. The steps are gradual, unsensational, and obscure.

The apparently dull text reveals a fascinating story in peaceful revolution. It is a document of extreme importance.

The author presents as illustration the authentic inside story of the take-over of Czechoslovakia, a story never before told outside the communist imperial orbit. And here it is illustration, nothing more. /

The technique is all-important. Its operation becomes ever more recognizable as one reads; in the Middle East, in Latin America, in Africa, in Asia, and on the continent of Europe. With further reading, a realization grows that there are disturbing parallels to be seen in these United States.

How does the technique work? It may, for instance, be applied to some easily discoverable public concern. To answer the need, a piece of "enabling legislation" is suggested, carrying no authority, expressed or implied. It sets up an "agency". The agency, once established, follows normal agency behavior. The need becomes more precisely defined. A modicum of authority is requested. Pressures are organized, artificial and real, from "above" and from "below". The requested authority is voted, and pressures wane. In due course, further authority is suggested, and new coalitions of pressure appear. All in good time an Authority is there, self-contained; a new instrument of power has arisen, sufficient unto itself. This instrument may be local, regional or nationwide. Its key is the word Authority. In the beginning, this word is seldom employed.

By such parliamentary means a democratic and representative government can be made authoritarian, legally, and piece by piece.

The form remains, an empty shell. Its philosophy and its content are gone. The person, the individual, who one year is free and independent, is next year just a little more restricted. Then a little more; and a little more. Suddenly, overnight, he no longer is a person. He is a cog, being moved inexorably by the monolithic machinery of the State.

And not a shot is fired.