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SPEAKER SAYS TOO MUCH  
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MISSOULA---

Sidney Lens said Friday night at the University of Montana that "uncontrolled democratization" led to the invasion of Czechoslovakia by Russian troops last August.

In a lecture cosponsored by the UM Department of Economics and the Public Exercises Committee, Lens, a free-lance writer, traveler and lecturer, said the Czechs wanted "to establish what they call socialism with a human face" and the Russians felt this was a real threat to their rigidly centralized form of government.

Lens said there has been a recognition in the Soviet world, which includes Russia, Czechoslovakia and five other nations, that the seven countries "need to decentralize economically and democratize politically, and in varying degrees all of them are doing so."

"The Czechs, however, decided to go further in both respects," Lens emphasized, "and above all to democratize all at once.

"What the Russians objected to was not democratization, but uncontrolled democratization and they therefore invaded Czechoslovakia Aug. 20-21," Lens added.

He said the basis of the Soviet world's problem is that the seven nations have been living on an economic planning system that has been rigidly centralized because they felt they were in a war situation, they were denied long-term credit and they were unable to buy strategic materials from the West.

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