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More freedoms in E. Europe

Eastern European nations do have a certain amount of academic freedom, despite the communist governments that the teachers must work under, said Dr. Robert S. Cohen, a historical and scientific philosopher.

Cohen, the chairman for the Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy of Science at Boston University, spoke at the Texas A&M University campus Thursday as part of the Great Issues series of lectures.

Cohen defined Eastern Europe as those countries east of the German

speaking countries, including the European sections of the Soviet Union.

The Yale University graduate said there are five criteria to determine if a country has academic freedom: freedom to teach, freedom to argue a question, freedom to investigate, freedom to investigate in any way chosen, and the freedom to learn.

He said the most important of the academic freedoms is that the student must be free to learn in any possible way.

Cohen said there are a variety of

testing grounds to determine if there are academic freedoms.

Student rights can be found in many areas, such as schools, the arts, or the media. If freedom of expression or thinking is found in these, then academic freedom is present.

Another important determining factor is the resources available in a learning institution, Cohen said.

Cohen said despite the communist governments in the Eastern European countries, it is now possible for scholars in some fields to give views opposite of those in the government, but they are almost impossible to publish.

He said this is because a "loyal opposition" situation cannot exist in a communist country.

"They have a remarkably depressing absence of knowledge of the phrase 'loyal opposition,'" Cohen said.

"Loyal opposition" means that a person supports the government, but has dissenting views with it.

Cohen said, however, that the situation is changing in countries outside of European Russia.

He said dissenting scholars in Yugoslavia may be fired from their jobs, but they still receive their pay and are offered lower level jobs.

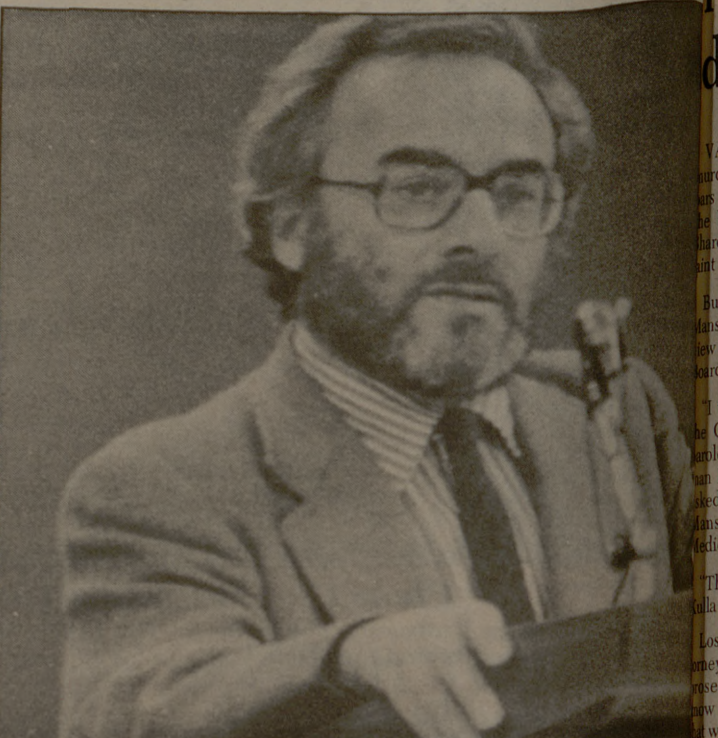
In Poland, a dissident scholar would receive a cut in pay, and a worse job.

In Czechoslovakia, they lose their salary and job, but at least they are not jailed, Cohen said.

He said the situation in Russia is improving.

He used a recent volume of essays by "dissident" Americans that was published in Russia as an example.

He said 70,000 copies of the volume were printed.



DR. ROBERT S. COHEN

Senate to vote on policies for parking, q-drop

By **DILLARD STONE**
Battalion Staff

Bills concerning parking policy revision, the Q-drop policy and graduation with honors were introduced Wednesday at the Texas A&M University student senate meeting.

The bills will be voted on at the

next senate meeting in two weeks.

One bill would change the current parking policy for on-campus students. Juniors, seniors and graduate students would be classified as "upperclassmen," while freshmen and sophomores would be designated "underclassmen."

The bill's major provision would make parking across the tracks on the West Campus mandatory for all on-campus underclassmen. The bill would not affect female parking spaces. The policy change would take effect beginning with the 1979-80 academic year.

Currently, sophomores are classified as upperclassmen, while only freshmen are required to park across the tracks.

In response to a tendency by state legislators and University administration to shorten or abolish the present Q-drop period, vice president for external affairs Joe Beall introduced a bill to request that the University maintain its present Q-drop policy. That policy allows students to drop a course without penalty within five days after mid-semester grades are reported.

The rules and regulations committee offered a bill to propose changes in the University Rules and Regulations, the "Blue Book."

One change would revert to the former policy concerning graduation with honors.

Present policy states that, beginning with all students who entered after May 30, 1978, the minimum overall grade point ratio for graduation with honors is 3.5. The old policy set the minimum at 3.25.

Austin Sterling, vice president for rules and regulations, noted that further research should be made before changing the policy.

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United Press International
WASHINGTON — Alfred Kahn, the administration's blunt-spoken chief inflation fighter, has become the first government official to raise a frightening possibility — the nation may be headed for a 1930s-style depression.

Kahn made it clear that such a disastrous development can easily be avoided if each segment of the economy abides by President Carter's voluntary anti-inflation program.

Nevertheless, Kahn's use of the term before a retailers conference Wednesday threw an immediate chill into the stock market, which is already nervous about continuing inflation and skyrocketing interest rates.

Cohen had an essay printed in the book, and had asked that it not be edited. The editor agreed, but said he would use references to Lenin and Marx in footnotes.

Cohen said some of the essays were edited, and the writers were furious. He said, however, that editors edit essays in the United States also.

Cohen said that thirty years ago, the book would not have been published in the Soviet Union.

He said many of the intellectuals in the communist countries agree with the ideas of the socialist revolution; it is the leaders that they disagree with.

He said the scholars who agreed with the leaders and the socialists' ideas are the ones in the leadership. There is freedom for those to share the same views as the government, but there is none for opposition, Cohen said.

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