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Prague, Nov 14 (CTK) - Former Czech president Vaclav Havel warned against new forms of totalitarianism in his speech that he ended by the exclamation "People, Look Out," at Charles University's Faculty of Arts Saturday.

Havel used the former communist slogan (from journalist Julius Fucik's Notes from the Gallows) to point out that dictatorships and totalitarian regimes still exist in the world and that people must beware of them.

Like in his previous statements, Havel criticised the current Russia in this connection.

"The era of dictatorships and totalitarian systems has not ended at all. It may have ended in a traditional form as we know it from the 20th century, but new, far more sophisticated ways of controlling society are being born. It requires alertness, carefulness, caution, study and a detached view," Havel said.

In Russia a special, sophisticated way of general manipulation has been developed. Though the Russian state has external attributes of democracy, freedom of speech, for instance, is limited to the level that would not harm the regime representatives, Havel said.

Today's debate launched the programme prepared by Havel to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution in November 1989 which prompted the collapse of the communist regime in Czechoslovakia.

Havel discussed freedom and its importance with his guests, French philosopher Andre Glucksmann, his Czech colleague Jan Sokol, Senate deputy chairman Petr Pithart and journalist Jan Urban, in a full grand hall of the Faculty of Arts.

British playwright of Czech origin Tom Stoppard and Polish anti-communist Adam Michnik participated in the second part of the discussion.

Czech-born former U.S. secretary of state Madeleine Albright debated with students in the afternoon.

Havel started his short speech with a reminiscence of another slogan that has accompanied him since the 1989 Velvet Revolution.

"During a large demonstration on Wenceslas square I had a feeling that something poetic and noble should sound at the end of my speech and I said: "Truth and love must triumph over lies and hatred," Havel recalled.

He added he has been mocked over these words for 20 years.

However, the main idea of this famous slogan is still alive, Havel said.

By mentioning the truth and love he said he wanted to point to the fact that the truth cannot exist without personal guarantees, that it is something human and risky.

"There is quite a big difference between information and truth. The truth differs as it is not elusive... but someone guarantees it," Havel said.

He added he is immensely pleased that the call he made up in a second before he was "pushed to the balcony" from which he addressed the crowd in 1989, can still irritate someone even 20 years later.

The audience clapped hands and laughed several times during Havel's speech. After his final call people gave him standing ovations.

Havel also expressed surprise at the fact that Communists enjoyed strong support in the Czech Republic 20 years after the Velvet Revolution.