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1. BULGARIA: STANKOVIC CAA PAPER ISSUED TODAY REVIEWS AN AUGUST 9 NIN (BELGRADE WEEKLY) ARTICLE WHICH CHARGED BULGARIAN OFFICIAL INTERFERENCE WITH THE BULGARIAN MINORITY IN YUGOSLAVIA--ABOUT 58,500 PEOPLE MOST OF WHOM LIVE IN BORDER DISTRICTS. OUR BD HAS RECEIVED PRIVATE, UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT BULGARIAN STUDENTS IN YUGOSLAVIA HAVE RECEIVED IMSTRUCTIONS TO RETURN HOME, DUE TO A "SHORTAGE OF HARD CURRENCY" AND A "WORSENING OF RELATIONS" WITH YUGOSLAVIA.
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: THE CS GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY APPROVED UNSPECIFIED MEASURES DESIGNED TO "REMOVE DIFFICULTIES IN BRINGING IN THE HARVEST," ACCORDING TO RADIO PRAGUE AND CETEKA (DS). ACCORDING TO RADIO BUDAPEST YESTERDAY, ABOUT 70 SLOVAK WOMEN WORKERS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED JUST ACROSS THE BORDER IN THE HUNGARIAN TOWN OF KOMARON. WE HAVE HAD REPORTS EARLIER TO THE EFFECT THAT HUNGARIAN WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED IN CIERNA NAB TISOU IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
3. HUNGARY: WALL SPECIAL (DS) GPVES DETAILS ON THE EXTENSION TO HUNGARY BY BRITISH BANKS OF A 14.4 MILLION DOLLAR CREDIT. THE AUSTRIAN CATHOLIC WEEKLY DIE FURCHE IN TODAY'S ISSUE (DS) REPORTS THAT RAKOSI HAS RETURNED TO HUNGARY AND IS LIVING IN A SMALL VILLA ON THE BUDAPEST ROZSADOMB. BD WILL NOT USE, HAVING TWICE PREVIOUSLY CARRIED SIMILAR REPORTS AND REQUESTED REGIME CLARIFICATION.
4. POLAND: POLISH AUTHORITIES YESTERDAY CLOSED THE POLISH-SOVIET FRONTIER TO GOODS TRAFFIC AT MEDYKA, SOUTHEAST POLAND, BECAUSE OF THE SOVIET CHOLERA EPIDEMIC, ACCORDING TO RADIO WARSAW. PASSENGER TRAFFIC WAS STOPPED ON THE PRECEDING DAY. OTHER BORDER CROSSING POINTS EVIDENTLY REMAIN OPEN.
5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

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6. OTHER: CHANCELLOR BRANDT RETURNED TO BONN YESTERDAY AFTER MEETING WITH PREMIER KOSYGIN. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT DURING THE MEETING KOSYGIN EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN FINDING WAYS TO ENLARGE TRADE AND TECHNOLOGICAL CONTACTS WITH WEST GERMANY. RFE'S BONN CORRESPONDENT REPORTS (DS) THAT FUTURE AGREEMENTS WOULD GO BEYOND TRADE AND ENCOMPASS PROBLEMS OF COOPERATION IN PRODUCTION AS WELL AS IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER WHEN BOTH ECONOMICS MINISTER KARL SCHILLER AND SCIENCE MINISTER HANS LEUSSINK ARE SCHEDULED TO VISIT MOSCOW. PERHAPS AS A RESULT OF KOSYGIN'S REPORTED INTEREST IN ENLARGED TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION, A LARGE NUMBER OF ARTICLES IN THE WESTERN PRESS HAVE TAKEN UP THE ISSUE OF SOVIET-WEST GERMAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS. SOME ITEMS GO SO FAR AS TO SUGGEST THAT THE PRIMARY SOVIET MOTIVATION IN SIGNING THE TREATY WAS TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE FOR LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. GWERTZMAN IN THIS MORNING'S "NEW YORK TIMES" INTERPRETS REMARKS BY "BONN OFFICIALS" SAYING THAT THEY TEND TO DEEMPHASIZE THE VIEW THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD POLITICAL MOTIVATIONS IN SEEKING TO GAIN ADHERENCE TO THE STATUS QUO IN EUROPE. IN A SIMILAR VEIN RESTON MAINTAINS THAT THE "BEST INFORMED DIPLOMATS" IN WASHINGTON TEND TO EXPLAIN THE BRANDT-KOSYGIN TREATY PRIMARILY IN ECONOMIC TERMS. IN OUR OPINION, WHILE ECONOMIC FACTORS HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY PLAYED A ROLE, THE SOVIET INTEREST IN SIGNING A TREATY WITH WEST GERMANY WAS PRIMARILY MOTIVATED BY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, AND THE NAME OF THAT GAME IS TO DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO WOO THE GERMANS FROM THEIR CLOSE WESTERN TIES.

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6. OTHER (CONTINUED)

THE FRENCH NEWS AGENCY, AFP, REPORTS FROM VIENNA THAT YUGOSLAVIA AND THE VATICAN WILL ESTABLISH AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL RELATIONS ON 15 AUGUST. AFP IDENTIFIES ITS SOURCE AS DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN BELGRADE QUOTED BY THE VIENNESE CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY, KATHPRESS. ACCORDING TO THE SAME REPORT THE VATICAN PRELATE, CASSAROLI, WILL ARRIVE IN BELGRADE FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT ON 24 AUGUST AND WILL HAND OVER AN INVITATION TO TITO ON BEHALF OF POPE PAUL VI. IT IS BELIEVED THAT TITO MIGHT TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF A FORTHCOMING VISIT TO ROME TO SEE THE POPE. ANTIC CAA PAPER OF 28 JULY PROVIDES BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR BD COVERAGE.

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