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1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: SEE DGS FOR DETAILS ON SLOVAK PLENUM. OUR GENERAL IMPRESSION IS THAT THE PROCEEDINGS WERE MORE MODERATE THAN THOSE IN PRAGUE, AND THAT THE NEW PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIPS REPRESENT A MODERATE SHIFT TOWARD CONSERVATISM. WE NOTE WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST THAT THE ULTRAS SUCH AS CHUDIK AND SALGOVIC WERE NOT RPT NOT ABLE TO MAKE A COMEBACK. BILAK DID BECOME A CC MEMBER, BUT WE WOULD CHARACTERIZE HIM AS A PRO-SOVIET CONSERVATIVE AND NOT AN ULTRA. HE IS NOT A HUSAK MAN, BUT CC MEMBERSHIP ALONE DOES NOT GIVE HIM A SIGNIFICANT LEVER IN SLOVAK POLITICS. THE ONLY POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT RIVAL TO HUSAK IN SLOVAKIA WOULD SEEM TO BE JANIK, THE NEW BRATISLAVA FIRST SECRETARY, WHO ATTAINED PRESIDUM AND SECRETARY STATUS AT THE PLENUM. IN THE CZECH LANDS PURGES CONTINUE AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL (SEE DESK SPECIAL), INCLUDING PARTY DISCIPLINARY ACTION INITIATED AGAINST SPACEK, AND EXPULSION FROM THE PARTY OF SABOTA AND SMITAL.

3. HUNGARY: RADIO BUDAPEST COMMENTARY LAST NIGHT ON SZIRMAI FUNERAL SUGGESTED IMPRISONMENT UNDER RAKOSI WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ILLNESS WHICH LED TO HIS DEATH.

4. POLAND: RADIO WARSAW IS REPORTING FULLY AND RATHER OBJECTIVELY ON THE WEST GERMAN POLITICAL SCENE. LAST NIGHT COMMENTARY INCLUDED THE SENTENCE "WE SHALL JUDGE THE NEW GOVERNMENT WITHOUT PREJUDICE, BASED ON ITS DEEDS AS WELL AS ITS PROGRAMS."

5. RUMANIA: ACCORDING TO ADN YESTERDAY (NOT REPORTED BY RUMANIAN MEDIA), RUMANIA WILL BE REPRESENTED AT GDR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS BY DEPUTY PREMIER AND CC MEMBER ION PATAN. THIS PARALLELS GDR SENDING OF A DEPUTY PREMIER TO BUCHAREST LAST AUGUST 23.

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