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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 174

1. BULGARIA: THE EXPULSION OF THE BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE SUDAN SHOWS THAT KHARTOUM OBVIOUSLY REMAINS UNCONVINCED BY SOFIA'S DENIALS THAT THE EMBASSY WAS INVOLVED IN THE RECENT COUP AND FURTHER RAISES THE LEVEL OF SUDANESE-EAST EUROPEAN TENSION.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: STROUGAL LEFT FOR A "VACATION" IN THE SOVIET UNION YESTERDAY. MOST PROBABLY THERE IS NO DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THIS AND THE CRIMEAN MEETING (SEE BELOW). POSSIBLY HE WILL BE BRIEFING HUSAK ON THE RESULTS OF THE BUCHAREST COMECON SESSION (HUSAK HAS BEEN IN THE USSR SINCE JULY 21).

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

4. POLAND: OUR RESERVATIONS YESTERDAY ABOUT REPORTING FROM WARSAW ON FIRM PLANS TO ACHIEVE CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES BY 1975 (SEE YESTERDAY'S DR) ARE BORNE OUT BY (1) AN OFFICIAL DENIAL FROM WARSAW, REPORTED BY AP, DESCRIBING SUCH REMARKS AS "PREMATURE" AND SUGGESTING THAT IT WOULD TAKE A NUMBER OF YEARS BEFORE A DECISION ON CONVERTIBILITY COULD BE ADOPTED; AND (2) INITIAL READING OF SUNDAY'S TRYBUNA LUDU ARTICLE (THE ZYCIE WARSZAWY ISSUE CITED BY THE ORIGINAL DPA DISPATCH HAS NOT ARRIVED YET), WHICH DOES NOT INDICATE ANY DEFINITE CURRENCY REFORM TIMETABLE.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

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6. OTHER: RUMANIAN MEDIA HAVE NOT AS YET REPORTED THE COMECON SUMMIT IN THE CRIMEA. FOR THE MEETING ITSELF, SEE TODAY'S DGS. OUR COVERAGE OF THE SUBJECT WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO BE COMPLETELY MATTER-OF-FACT AND VERY CAREFULLY RESTRAINED, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT THE POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH A MEETING WITH CEAUSESCU ABSENT COULD--WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE STRAINS BETWEEN BUCHAREST AND THE REST OF THE BLOC--BE GREAT INDEED.

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