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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 48

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: CZECH TRADE UNION LEADER PACOVSKY, AT PLENUM OF CZECH TU COUNCIL IN PRAGUE YESTERDAY (DS), GAVE INTERESTING STATISTICS ON PURGES IN THE CZECH TUS: 20 PER CENT OF MEMBERS OF DISTRICT TU COUNCILS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AS HAVE 13 PER CENT OF DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRMEN. FURTHER, 17 FUNCTIONARIES OF THE CZECH COUNCIL OF TUS AND 177 FUNCTIONARIES OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE CZECH ASSOCIATION OF TUS HAVE BEEN PURGED. THE PLENUM REMOVED THE COUNCIL'S DEPUTY CHAIRMAN JIRI RECINAKY FROM ALL FUNCTIONS. THIS IS SOMEWHAT PUZZLING TO US. RECINSKY WAS APPOINTED ONLY IN JANUARY 1969 AND SEEMED TO BE A HARD-LINER.

SEE KOSTRBA SPECIAL (DS) FOR KATHPRESS REPORT ON CZECH CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT RESISTANCE TO PLOJHAR'S EFFORTS TO REESTABLISH THE "PEACE PRIEST" MOVEMENT.

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

4. POLAND: DUCKWITZ RETURNS TO WARSAW ON MARCH 8 FOR THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WINIEWICZ. THE TALKS WILL PROBABLY LAST TWO TO THREE DAYS. THE ECONOMIC TALKS, INTERRUPTED FOR THE THIRD TIME ON FEBRUARY 3, SEEM TO BE IN LIMBO--PRIMARILY DUE TO THE CREDIT AND INTEREST RATE PROBLEMS.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

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6. OTHER: GDR CONTINUES TO ATTACK THE FRG AND CONDEMN THE BONN LEADERSHIP FOR NOT RECOGNIZING THE GDR UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. WINZER ARTICLE IN "HORIZONT" (DS) IS QUITE EXPLICIT ON THE REFUSAL TO ACCEPT ANY FORM OF "INNER-GERMAN" RELATIONSHIP, INSISTING THAT A TREATY RECOGNIZING THE SOVEREIGN JURIDICAL EXISTENCE OF THE GDR IS THE ONLY BASIS FOR EQUAL RELATIONS. "NEUES DEUTSCHLAND" OF YESTERDAY CARRIED AN EDITORIAL EXPOUNDING THE WINZER POSITION AND SARCASTICALLY REMARKING THAT THE "SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST GERMAN NATIONAL STATE SHALL NOT BE SOVEREIGN, NO SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, BUT AN OBJECT OF THE 'INTRA-GERMAN' POLICY OF CONQUEST OF THE IMPERIALIST WEST GERMAN NATO STATE." "NEUES DEUTSCHLAND" CALLED THE PRESENT BONN POLICY "THE OLD LINE" AND CALLED FOR REALISM AND THE RECOGNITION OF THE RESULTS OF WORLD WAR II. ACCORDING TO ADN, GROMYKO ALSO CALLED FOR A RECOGNITION OF "EXISTING REALITIES IN EUROPE" AND FOR BONN TO RECOGNIZE AS INVIOABLE THE BORDERS OF EAST GERMANY, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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THUS IT APPEARS THAT THE EAST GERMANS ARE SETTING THEMSELVES UP AT LEAST IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE BRANDT-STOPH DISCUSSIONS FOR AN ALL-OR-NOTHING APPROACH. SOVIET STATEMENTS SUPPORT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GDR WHILE NEITHER ADOPTING THE ALL-OR-NOTHING POSITION NOR IMPLYING A "STAATSVERTRAG" AS THE ONLY SOLUTION, AND NOT INSISTING ON A TREATY AS THE ONLY WAY TO ARRIVE AT DE JURE RECOGNITION. THE SOVIET APPROACH IS MADE TO SEEM MORE REASONABLE BY BEING INTERSPERSED WITH A FEW KIND WORDS FOR THE BRANDT GOVERNMENT AND BY THE REFUSAL TO PAINT THEMSELVES IN TO A CORNER SINCE BAHR RETURNS TO MOSCOW THIS WEEKEND. MOSCOW NO DOUBT BACKS PANKOW'S EFFORTS TO GET AS MUCH IN CONCESSIONS FROM BONN AS POSSIBLE BUT IT NOT IDENTIFYING ITSELF PUBLICALLY WITH THE GDR'S EXTREME TACTICS. AT ANY RATE THE TECHNICAL MEETINGS STARTING MONDAY BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE FRG ARE SHAPING UP AS A DIFFICULT PRELIMINARY ROUND FOR THE FRG IN WHAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN STOPH AND BRANDT AS THE MAIN EVENT.

CAA IS ROUNDING UP THE PAST WEEK IN GDR-FRG RELATIONS AND WILL HAVE A BACKGROUND PAPER OUT ON THE PRELIMINARIES MONDAY.

MORE GARAUDIANA, ALL OF WHICH IS USEFUL, HAS BEEN FILLED BY EDWARDS AND SEND DS.

THE PCI RESPONDED THE NEXT DAY TO THE "RUDE PRAVO" ARTICLE ATTACKING "L'UNITA", ALSO TAKING UP THE CUDGELS WITH "TVORBA" (DS). "L'UNITA" PROMISES MORE TO COME.

IN LAST SATURDAY'S DR NO. 43 IT WAS OBSERVED THAT THE SOVIETS MIGHT HAVE EMBARKED ON A LOW PRESSURE FENCE-MENDING OPERATION WITH BELGRADE, HENCE THE BULGARIAN-MACEDONIAN TECHNICAL TALKS. YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER TEPAVAC RMARKED YESTERDAY THAT "THERE IS SOMETHING NEW" IN YUGOSLAVIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE USSR, WHICH "ARE DEVELOPING INCREASINGLY SUCCESSFULLY." TEPAVAC OBSERVED THAT IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES HAVE NEVER BEEN AN IMPEDIMENT TO SUCCESSFUL STATE RELATIONS AND THUS, DESPITE CONTINUING PROPAGANDA PIN-PRICKS, WE MAY SEE A GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WHICH DETERIORATED AFTER THE GROMYKO VISIT IN BELGRADE IN SEPT 1969 AND AGAIN AFTER BASHEV'S VISIT IN DECEMBER. HOWEVER, ANY ATMOSPHERIC IMPROVEMENT WOULD NOT CHANGE YUGOSLAVIA'S BASIC SUSPICION OF THE USSR EVEN marginally.

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