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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 59 (FOR SATURDAY, 11 MAR 72)

1. BULGARIA: THE TU CONGRESS ENDED YESTERDAY WITH A NUMBER OF DECLARATIONS AND A RESOLUTION. THEY WILL BE ANALYZED CLOSELY WHEN THE PRESS IS AVAILABLE BUT THEY APPEAR TO CONTAIN NOTHING THAT WAS NOT ALREADY KNOWN FROM THE RECENT CC PLENUM ON THE TU SITUATION. WE WILL ALSO ANALYZE NEXT WEEK THE COMPOSITION OF THE TU'S NEW BUREAU AND SECRETARIAT.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOTHING.

3. HUNGARY: RADIO BUDAPEST REPORTED LAST NIGHT THAT A NUMBER OF EDITORS-IN-CHIEF OF SOVIET PAPERS HAD ENDED A TEN DAY VISIT IN HUNGARY. INVITED BY THE PRESS DEPARTMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN FOREIGN OFFICE, THEY HAD STUDIED "TOPICAL QUESTIONS OF HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LIFE." IT COULD BE ILLUMINATING TO STUDY THE RESULTS OF THE VISITS IF THEY APPEAR IN THE SOVIET PRESS. JUST AS ILLUMINATING COULD BE THE KNOWLEDGE OF WHY THE SOVIET JOURNALISTS CAME AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. IS THIS ONE OF THE RESULTS OF KADAR'S VISIT TO MOSCOW? IS IT A FOLLOW-UP TO THE CURIOUS AND BY NO MEANS REASSURING ARTICLE ON HUNGARY IN PRAVDA? WE MUST WAIT AND SEE.

4. POLAND: AFP CARRIED A STORY FROM WARSAW ABOUT THE TRIAL OF SPORTSMEN, INCLUDING PROMINENT FOOTBALLERS, CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING. THIS SMUGGLING BUSINESS, INVOLVING SPORTSMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY APPARATUS, HAS, OF COURSE, BECOME A NOTORIOUS SCANDAL, AND THE TRIAL REPORTED BY AFP IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEGUN ON FEBRUARY 22. SOME OF THE NAMES MENTIONED BY AFP ARE, HOWEVER, NEW. POLISH BD IS NOT REPORTING THE AFP VERSION AT THE MOMENT BUT MAY RETURN TO IT NEXT WEEK.

PAP REPORTED YESTERDAY ON THE REMOVAL OF PROSECUTOR-GENERAL KOSZTIRKA AND HIS REPLACEMENT BY HIS FORMER DEPUTY GENERAL CZUBINSKI. THIS SUDDEN ANNOUNCEMENT IS ACCOMPANIED BY NO EXPLANATION. CZUBINSKI'S APPOINTMENT IS NOT CONSIDERED REASSURING SINCE HE IS KNOWN FOR HARD-LINE PRONOUNCEMENTS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND ON GENERAL IDEOLOGICAL MATTERS. BD WILL ASK QUESTIONS ON THE MANNER, CIRCUMSTANCES AND REASON FOR THE CHANGE.

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JERZY PUTRAMENT'S SERIOUS ILLNESS HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED BY REUTER. HE WILL OBVIOUSLY BE OUT OF ACTION FOR A VERY LONG TIME AND THE QUESTION NOW IS WHO WILL REPLACE HIM AS THE REGIME'S "WATCHDOG" ON THE LITERARY FRONT.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

6. OTHER: AN INTERESTING ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE SOVIET MONTHLY "INTERNATIONAL LIFE" (OR "PARTY LIFE -- A POINT THAT HAS YET TO BE CLARIFIED BY CNR), WAS OUTLINED BY AFP MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT YESTERDAY. THE ARTICLE, WRITTEN BY A RATHER NOTORIOUS HARDLINE JOURNALIST, SHALVA SANAKOYEV, WHOSE EARLIER ATTACKS ON CZECHOSLOVAK LIBERALS ARE STILL REMEMBERED HERE, STRESSES THE "SPECIAL ROLE" OF THE SOVIET UNION IN THE ASSOCIATION OF SOCIALIST STATES. ACCORDING TO THE AFP WRITEUP, THE ARTICLE MAINTAINS THAT THE SU'S SPECIAL ROLE WAS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT OF THE OTHER COMMUNIST-RULED STATES AND WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THEIR SECURITY. THE ARTICLE ELABORATES ON THE ROLE OF THE SU AS A "GREAT POWER," A STATUS THAT MAKES IT MORE IMPORTANT IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL LIFE THAN THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. PARTICULAR STRESS IS PLACED ON THE NEED FOR OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TO COOPERATE WITH THE SOVIET UNION, IMPLYING THAT ANY GAP IN SUCH COOPERATION WOULD REDUCE THEIR POLITICAL EFFECTIVENESS.

WE SEE THIS PIECE AS PART OF A SERIES OF RECENT ARTICLES WHICH AS A WHOLE INDICATE A TOUGHENING OF THE SOVIET LINE IN IDEOLOGY AND POLITICS VIS-A-VIS OTHER BLOC MEMBERS AS WELL AS VARIOUS IDEOLOGICAL DEVIATIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

A SOMEWHAT CONTROVERSIAL ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE MARCH 2 ISSUE OF THE YUGOSLAV PAPER "POLITIKA" HAS BEEN TRANSLATED BY CAA. THIS SAME ARTICLE SERVED AS THE SOURCE OF A NUMBER OF RECENT WESTERN PRESS REPORTS ORIGINATING FROM BELGRADE WHICH PREDICTED AN EARLY SOVIET MOVE TO SET UP SOME FORM OF INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING BODY, SIMILAR TO THE NOW DEFUNCT COMINFORM. THE "POLITIKA" ARTICLE REFERS TO A NUMBER OF ITEMS THAT APPEARED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE SOVIET THEORETICAL JOURNAL "KOMMUNIST" SUGGESTING A NEW SOVIET IDEOLOGICAL OFFENSIVE AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A CAMPAIGN IS ALSO CONFIRMED BY THE APPEARANCE IN A RECENT ISSUE OF "NEW TIMES" OF A VERY STRONGLY WORDED DETAILED ANALYSIS CONDEMNING ALL HUES OF REVISIONISM -- BE THEY LEFT OR RIGHT ORIENTED -- WHICH NOW APPEAR IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

WE ARE HOPING TO OBTAIN A FULL TRANSLATION OF THE SANAKOYEV ARTICLE EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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