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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 173

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: FOLLOWING FRIDAY'S MAJOR "TRYBUNA LUDU" EDITORIAL, "RUDE PRAVO" CAME OUT WITH AN EDITORIAL OVER THE WEEKEND SHARPLY CONDEMNING CHINESE EFFORTS TO RALLY AROUND PEKING A COALITION OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED STATES. AS FAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED FROM THE SOMEWHAT GARBLED CETEKA VERSION, THE ARTICLE DESCRIBES AS "TRICKY" THE ASSERTION THAT HISTORY SHOWS THAT WHENEVER THESE NATIONS ROSE, THEY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE. IT WAS PRECISELY THIS ASSERTION WHICH CEAUSESCU MADE IN HIS SPEECH OF JULY 23 IN CONSTANTA.

3. HUNGARY: KADAR ARRIVED IN MOSCOW ON SATURDAY TO START A VACATION IN THE SOVIET UNION. HE MET BREZHNEV AND PODGORNYY FOR TALKS THE SAME DAY. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE SAME DUO HAS RECENTLY HELD "VACATION" TALKS WITH HUSAK AND GIEREK-CYRANKIEWICZ. WITHOUT ANY SOLID, SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT OF ALL THESE TALKS, ONE CAN ONLY SPECULATE, BUT CHINA AND RELATED PROBLEMS ARE WHAT IMMEDIATELY COME TO MIND.

4. POLAND: THE POLISH LEADERSHIP HAS LOST HARDLY ANY TIME IN REASSIGNING THE RECENTLY REPLACED OLSZTYN VOIVODSHIP FIRST SECRETARY BIALKOWSKI (SEE DAILY REPORT NO. 168). HE WILL BE SENT AS AMBASSADOR TO NORTH KOREA.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING

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6. OTHER: SCHAEFER IS PREPARING FOR TODAY A SHORT ROUNDUP OF EAST GERMAN COMMENT ON THE COMECON MEETING. THE MOST INTERESTING IS THE EMPHATIC ASSERTION BY "SCANTEIA" OF HOW BUCHAREST WILL INTERPRET THE DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE SESSION - AS TO BE EXPECTED, IN TERMS OF THE COOPERATION OF FULLY SOVEREIGN MEMBER COUNTRIES. AFP AND DPA FROM WARSAW (THE LATTER BASED ON ARTICLES IN SUNDAY'S "TRYBUNA LUDU" AND "ZYCIE WARSZAWY" WHICH WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN) CLAIM THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AT THE BUCHAREST MEETING ON ACHIEVING CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES BASED ON THE TRANSFER RUBLE BY 1975. SCHAEFER WILL ALSO DISCUSS THIS POINT IN TODAY'S PAPER, BUT -- AT LEAST PENDING RECEIPT OF THE TWO POLISH PAPERS -- WE HAVE LISTED BTO THE DPA AND AFP ITEMS WHICH SPEAK OF A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH AND WHICH MAY WELL BE OVER-INTERPRETING A MERE GENERAL DECLARATION OF INTEREST. IN ANY CASE FOCK'S STATEMENTS AFTER THE MEETING CERTAINLY DID NOT SUGGEST ANY BREAKTHROUGH ON THIS SUBJECT - AND THE HUNGARIANS HAVE EVIDENTLY BEEN STRONG ADVOCATES OF CONVERTIBILITY.

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SATURDAY'S "NEUES DEUTSCHLAND", OFFICIALLY COMMENTING ON THE DISCLOSURE OF WEST BERLIN NEGOTIATION PAPERS BY "QUICK" MAGAZINE LAST WEEK, REVEALED A RECENT EAST GERMAN OFFER ON EAST-WEST BERLIN CONTACTS. THE RELATIVELY SHORT STATEMENT (PUBLISHED ON P. 2 OF ND) MAINTAINS THAT THE EAST GERMANS HAVE PROPOSED A PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH WEST BERLINERS COULD VISIT THE GDR AND EAST BERLIN UP TO SIX TIMES A YEAR, FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS' DURATION, OR ONCE A YEAR FOR UP TO 30 DAYS. FOR THE VISIT WEST BERLIN IDENTITY CARDS COULD BE USED, DULY STAMPED WITH AN EAST GERMAN ENTRY VISA. OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL INVOLVE THE REITERATION OF EARLIER EAST GERMAN OFFERS CONCERNING TRANSIT TRAFFIC BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND WEST BERLIN, AND CERTAIN MINOR TERRITORIAL EXCHANGES INVOLVING THE ENCLAVES AROUND BERLIN.

THE CATCH IN THE EAST GERMAN PROPOSAL APPEARS TO COME IN A SENTENCE IN WHICH THE WEST BERLIN SENATE IS TOLD TO GUARANTEE ORDERLY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISITORS' TRAFFIC, AND "SPARE WEST BERLIN UNNECESSARY COMPLICATIONS." THE LATTER PHRASE IS BELIEVED TO REFER TO EVERYTHING THAT THE EAST GERMANS THEMSELVES CONSIDER AS "COMPLICATIONS," SUCH AS POLITICAL MEETINGS HELD IN BERLIN, WEST GERMAN POLITICAL PRESENCE, ETC.

THE FACT THAT THE EAST GERMANS DID NOT RAISE A HUE AND CRY OVER "QUICK'S" PUBLICATION OF THE BERLIN DOCUMENT COULD BE SEEN AS A POSITIVE ELEMENT. THE PROPOSALS OUTLINED ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO THE TALKS BETWEEN THE BERLIN SENATE AND THE GDR, WHICH HAVE BEEN HELD PERIODICALLY SINCE LAST MARCH.

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