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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 83.

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA CONTINUED TO ASSAIL DUBCEK AND "DUBCEKISM." IN AN ARTICLE IN RUDE PRAVO YESTERDAY (DS), ATTACKING PROFESSOR VACLAV CERNY, THE PARTY DAILY CRITICIZED CERNY AND HIS FRIENDS FOR SUPPORTING DUBCEK AND SMRKOVSKY. RUDE PRAVO STATED THAT IN CERNY'S OPINION, DUBCEK AND SMRKOVSKY WERE "HONEST PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO REGENERATE THE STATE."

AT A PLENARY SESSION OF THE WEST BOHEMIAN REGIONAL COMMITTEE, THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF PLZEN SKODA NATIONAL ENTERPRISE VACLAV KLAIL STATED THAT AN UNCOMPROMISING STRUGGLE MUST BE WAGED IN THE IDEOLOGICAL SPHERE TO ELIMINATE "DUBCEKISM" (DS).

CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA CONTINUE THEIR SNIPING AT ZIONISM (DS). DRAWING A DISTINCTION BETWEEN ANTI-SEMITISM AND ZIONISM, RUDE PRAVO, IN AN ARTICLE BY F.J. KOLAR, SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF JEWS IN IMPORTANT PLACES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS OUT OF PROPORTION. KOLAR ALSO ACCUSED THE JEWS OF ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL AFTER THE 6-DAY WAR OF 1967. KOLAR STATED THAT A RECENT MEETING IN MOSCOW REFUTED INFORMATION THAT THERE WAS ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE SOVIET UNION. IN CONDEMNING "KAFKAISM," THE ARTICLE CRITICIZED GOLDSTUECKER AND OTHER "ZIONIST" INTELLECTUALS. THE ARTICLE ASSERTED THAT THE REACTION OF THE ANTI-SEMITISM OF THE PERSONALITY CULT OF STALIN ENABLED JEWISH PEOPLE TO OCCUPY IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN CZECHOSLOVAK CULTURAL LIFE.

3. HUNGARY: CONCLUDING HIS VISIT TO STOCKHOLM, HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PETER REPORTED THAT THE CONDITIONS FOR A EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE WERE IMPROVING, THOUGH THERE WERE STILL OBSTACLES (DS). PETER CLEARLY SUPPORTED THE ATTENDANCE OF THE U.S. AND CANADA AT SUCH A CONFERENCE, SAYING THAT SUCH A MEETING WAS "DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE" WITHOUT THEM.

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4. POLAND: NOTHING.

5. RUMANIA: FOREIGN MINISTER MANESCU CONCLUDED TALKS WITH HIS CZECHOSLOVAK COUNTERPART JAN MARKO YESTERDAY AND, WHILE CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA DID NOT MENTION THAT THERE WAS ANY AREA OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTICIPANTS, IT WAS STATED THAT THE TALKS WERE HELD IN A "SINCERE AND COMRADELY ATMOSPHERE." NO COMMUNIQUE HAS YET BEEN ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT, AND IF THE LACK OF PUBLISHED MATERIAL IS ANY INDICATION OF THE CONDUCT OF THE MANESCU TRIP, IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE TWO PARTIES HAD DIFFICULTY IN FINDING THINGS TO TALK ABOUT.

6. OTHER: FROM THE MATERIAL APPEARING FROM THE CSU CONVENTION, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH BRANDT'S OSTPOLITIK IS NOW COMING UNDER SERIOUS ATTACK FROM CDU/CSU OPPOSITION. STRAUSS, KIESINGER, BARZEL AND OTHERS HAVE CLEARLY EXPRESSED THEIR ANXIETY OVER BRANDT'S POLICY TOWARD THE EAST, AND KIESINGER STATED THAT HIS PARTY HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO MAKE OSTPOLITIK A MAJOR ISSUE IN THE FIVE UPCOMING STATE ELECTIONS THIS YEAR (CF. DE WITT SPECIALS SENT AS DS'S). EASTERN EUROPEAN AND SOVIET MEDIA HAVE ATTACKED STRAUSS, KIESINGER AND BARZEL AND THE CSU CONGRESS IN MUNICH, NOTING, ACCORDING TO RADIO PRAGUE, THAT THIS MARKS "A SHARP CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE POLICY OF CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S GOVERNMENT."

SOME SOVIET POLITBURO MEMBERS REPORTED AILING HAVE BEGUN TO RE-EMERGE INTO PUBLIC LIFE. SHELEPIN WAS REPORTED AMONG SOVIET OFFICIALS ATTENDING A SPACE MEETING IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY, AND THE SOVIET WEEKLY OGONYOK CARRIES AN INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT PODGORNYY. WE ALSO HAVE NO CONFIRMATION THAT A CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM, WIDELY REPORTED SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK, IS CONVENING, AND NOTE THAT SOME OF THOSE WHO REPORTED THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE HELD ARE NOW STATING THAT IT HAS BEEN POSTPONED, BEING RE-SCHEDULED FOR MAY INSTEAD.

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