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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 36

1. BULGARIA: ZHIVKOV IS NOW IN THE FOURTH DAY OF HIS VISIT TO EGYPT WHICH, DESPITE THE BULGARIAN MEDIA'S MASSIVE ATTENTION, HAS NOT YET PRODUCED ANYTHING OF INTEREST.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: AN ARTICLE IN THE CPC'S IDEOLOGICAL WEEKLY TRYBUNA ON FEBRUARY 12 OMINOUSLY COMPLAINS THAT NONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE 1968 REFORM MOVEMENT HAS YET MADE A "SCIENTIFIC SELF-CRITICISM OF HIS THEORETICAL CONCEPTS." REUTER--JUSTIFIABLY IT SEEMS TO US--COMMENTED THAT SOME POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN PRAGUE SEE THE ARTICLE AS A SIGN THAT THE REGIME IS PLANNING ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO EXTRACT FULL PUBLIC RECANTATIONS FROM DUBCEK, SMRKOVSKY, CERNIK AND CISAR. THE ARTICLE, THE FINAL HALF OF WHICH WILL APPEAR IN THE FEBRUARY 19 TRYBUNA, WAS WRITTEN BY JAROSLAV KUCERA, WHO WORKS IN THE PARTY'S CENTRAL SECRETARIAT AND WHO HAS RISEN TO SOME PROMINENCE SINCE 1969. EERA WILL TRANSLATE THE FULL TEXT OF THE ARTICLE. THE ARTICLE CLEARLY REPRESENTS AN ESCALATION, BUT AT PRESENT THERE IS NO WAY TO JUDGE HOW FAR THE ESCALATION WILL GO. WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS A GROWING HYSTERIA IN PRAGUE WHICH IS CAUSING THEM TO LASH OUT IN ALL DIRECTIONS, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC. ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THIS

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IS THE PUBLICATION IN THE SAME TRYBUNA--IN THE FORM OF EXCERPTS FROM A REPORT OF THE CZECH EDUCATION MINISTRY-- OF AN ATTACK ON FRG TRADE MISSION CHIEF OTTO HIEPERTZ FOR BEING A "SPECIALIST OF THE HITLER-REGIME ON ARMAMENTS" AND FOR HAVING ACTIVELY SUPPORT "BONN'S POLICY OF INTERFERENCE" IN CS AFFAIRS IN 1968. SEE DS FOR FRG REPLY.

3. HUNGARY: WE CONTINUED TODAY OUR DISCUSSION OF THE REMARKABLE 3 FEBRUARY MOSCOW PRAVDA ARTICLE ON HUNGARY. (CF SATURDAY'S DR) WHILE IT WOULD BE GOING TOO FAR TO SUGGEST THAT KADAR'S VISIT TO MOSCOW IS A RESULT OF THIS ARTICLE, IT IS REASONABLE TO SUGGEST THAT THE SOVIET CONCERNS REFLECTED IN THE ARTICLE ARE BEING DISCUSSED. NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE CONCERNING THE SPECIFICS OF THE VISIT. NEPSZABADSAG OF 13 FEBRUARY HAS PUBLISHED EXCERPTS FROM REMARKS BY KADAR AND NEMET AT A MEETING OF THE BUDAPEST PARTY COMMITTEE ON 10 FEBRUARY IN WHICH BOTH STRESSED THAT THE SITUATION IN HUNGARY IS BASICALLY GOOD BUT ADMITTED THAT NEGATIVE PHENOMENA SUCH AS NATIONALISM, BOURGEOIS LIBERALISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM STILL EXIST.

WILSON SPECIAL ON HUNGARIAN-VATICAN ACCORD NEAR (DS) IS A USEFUL REPORT, ALTHOUGH THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT MAY NOT BE QUITE AS IMMINENT AS STATED IN THE LEAD.

4. POLAND: NOTHING.

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5. RUMANIA: BRULON IN THE 12 FEBRUARY FIGARO REPORTED THAT ACCORDING TO "VARIOUS SOURCES" RUMANIA HAD AGREED TO WARSAW PACT MANOEUVERS ON HER TERRITORY DURING THE JANUARY 19 VISIT TO BUCHAREST OF YAKUBOVSKI AND SHTEMENKO. REPORTEDLY THE SOVIETS AGREED TO GIVE FORMAL GUARANTEES ON THE LENGTH OF THE STAY OF SOVIET TROOPS IN RUMANIA AND TO PROVIDE RUMANIA WITH MUCH-NEEDED SPARE PARTS FOR HER MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THERE COULD BE SOME TRUTH IN THE REPORT, BUT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO BROADCAST THE BRULON STORY WHICH IS BIO.

CEAUSESCU, TOGETHER WITH MAURER AND NICOLESCU-MIZIL, MET WITH YUGOSLAV LCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SECRETARY STANE DOLANC ON SATURDAY IN THE RUMANIAN BORDER TOWN OF ARAD. (DS) DOLANC WAS A RATHER LOW LEVEL DISCUSSION PARTNER FOR THE RUMANIAN GROUP, BUT THE RUMANIANS WERE IN ARAD ANYWAY AND DOLANC IS A FAST-RISING YUGOSLAV WHO HAS MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO RUMANIA IN THE PAST.

THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE SOVIET MAGAZINE MEZHDUNARODNAYA ZHIZN HAS QUOTED AN OLD BERLINER ZEITUNG ARTICLE WARNING AGAINST PEKING'S HOSTILE ACTIVITY IN THE BALKANS. RADIO MOSCOW BROADCAST EXCERPTS TO RUMANIA ON 12 FEBRUARY. (DS) PERHAPS NIXON'S UPCOMING VISIT TO CHINA HAS CAUSED THIS QUIESCENT THEME TO BE REITERATED.

6. OTHER: NOTHING.

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