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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 12

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: THE REGIME IS SHOWING SIGNS OF NERVOUSNESS IN CONNECTION WITH TODAY'S PALACH ANNIVERSARY. THE NYT REPORT TODAY FROM VIENNA REGARDING MEASURES TO LIMIT STUDENT GROUPS AT PALACH'S GRAVE SOUNDS PLAUSIBLE TO US, AS DOES THE REUTER REPORT FROM PRAGUE (DS) THAT THE POLICE IN WENCESLAS SQUARE WERE INCREASED SLIGHTLY. WE CONSIDER THAT THE EXTENSIVE POLICE SEARCH OPERATION OF THE NIGHT OF 14-15 JANUARY WAS DESIGNED TO INTIMIDATE PEOPLE ON THE EVE OF THE PALACH ANNIVERSARY.

RADIO PRAGUE COMMENTARY LAST NIGHT BY ROHACEK (DS) ON "TROTSKYITE GROUP" DOES NOT REVEAL ANY NEW FACTS, BUT CONTAINS A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TIE-IN OF THE "TROTSKYITES" TO THE PROGRESSIVES. ROHACEK SAID TROTSKY'S HEIRS IN CS AIM TO CARRY OUT THEIR WORK "AMONG THE PART OF THE YOUTH WHICH WAS INOCULATED WITH ANTI-SOVIETISM IN THE YEAR 1968 BY THE SMRKOVSKYS, SIKS AND THEIR HELPERS AMONG THE SO-CALLED PROGRESSIVE JOURNALISTS."

LE MONDE YESTERDAY CARRIED AN AFP REPORT ON PRAGUE (DS) ON ARRESTS OF STUDENTS AND YOUNG COMMUNISTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TROTSKYITE PLOT. THE DETAILS IN THE REPORT ARE NOT CONFIRMED BY ANY OTHER SOURCE AND WE HAVE LISTED BIO. A REUTER REPORT FROM PRAGUE MENTIONS THAT SEVERAL YOUTHS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE TROTSKYITE ORGANIZATION BUT GIVES NO DETAILS; WE FIND THIS PLAUSIBLE AND WILL USE WITH CLEAR ATTRIBUTION.

OUR READING OF THE FULL TEXT OF RADIO BRNO'S COVERAGE OF INDRA'S SPEECH IN PROSTEJOV (CF. YESTERDAY'S DR) RAISES THE POSSIBILITY THAT INDRA WAS DEFENDING HUSAK'S POLICIES TO A HOSTILE AUDIENCE, ALTHOUGH THE SPEECH WAS VICIOUS, PARTICULARLY REGARDING DUBCEK, BY ANY OBJECTIVE STANDARDS. HOWEVER, YESTERDAY'S HYPOTHESIS THAT INDRA IS PLAYING A DOUBLE GAME ALSO REMAINS PLAUSIBLE.

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YESTERDAY'S RUDE PRAVO ARTICLE BY DIRECTOR OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK FILM JIRI PURS (CF. UPI REPORT) TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CS FILM INDUSTRY WILL BE PURGED OF "ANTI-STATE AND ANTI-SOVIET ELEMENTS" PROVIDES ANOTHER INDICATION THAT EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY WHICH WILL PROBABLY SUCCEED IN STIFLING THIS FLOURISHING SECTOR OF CS CULTURAL LIFE.

3. HUNGARY: NEPSZABADSAG HAS PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE UNDER THE TITLE "REVOLUTION OR ANARCHY" IN WHICH IT EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER HUNGARIAN YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MAO, CHE GUEVARRA, ETC. THE ARTICLE IS NOW BEING TRANSLATED. SEE LE MONDE ITEM (DS) FOR SUMMARY. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THEO ARTICLE'S APPEARANCE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE TROTSKYITE CHARGES IN CS, AND WE SHALL WATCH FOR SIGNS OF ANY COORDINATED BLOC EFFORT AGAINST THE "NEW LEFT."

4. POLAND: NOTHING.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

6. OTHER: EAST EUROPEAN PRELIMINARY REACTION TO BRANDT'S ADDRESS CONTINUES ALONG THE LINES STATED IN YESTERDAY'S DR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BULGARIA WHICH IS TAKING A MORE NEGATIVE LINE. (SEE YESTERDAY'S BULGARIAN SITUATION REPORT, ITEM 4).

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YUGOSLAV RADIO COMMENTATOR MILIKA SUNDIC PRAISED YESTERDAY'S ADDRESS AS BEING "UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS COMPLETELY SUFFICIENT FOR THE BEGINNING OF A TRULY POLITICAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO GERMAN STATES." HE FURTHER SAID THAT BRANDT "COULD NOT HAVE OFFERED MORE THAN HE OFFERED." THE SUNDIC REPORT CRITICIZED THE NEGATIVISM OF PANKOW AND ITS PRACTICE OF JACKING UP ITS DEMANDS

HAVE OFFERED MORE THAN HE OFFERED." THE SUNDIC REPORT CRITICIZED THE NEGATIVISM OF PANKOW AND ITS PRACTICE OF JACKING UP ITS DEMANDS FOR CONCESSIONS. EAST GERMAN PAPERS CONTINUED TO PUBLISH THE INITIAL ADN REPORT MENTIONED YESTERDAY BUT "NEUES DEUTSCHLAND," IN DISCUSSING THE ZAMYATIN PRESS CONFERENCE, OBSERVED THAT "MOSCOW IS BACKING THE DEMAND THAT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. THE SOVIET UNION DEMANDS JUST AS WE DO THAT THE BORDERS WHICH RESULT

AND WHICH CURRENTLY EXIST, BE RECOGNIZED." THE ARTICLE CONTINUES, SAYING THAT THE SOVIETS' SUPPORT OF THE GDR POSITION THAT DISCRIMINATING LAWS AGAINST GDR CITIZENS PASSED BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC BE REPEALED AND THAT THE STATUS OF WEST BERLIN AS AN INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ENTITY BE OBSERVED. AT ANY RATE THE DEFINITIVE EAST GERMAN POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE BRANDT ADDRESS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ENUNCIATED AT ULBRICHT'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY, 1000 HOURS MUNICH TIME. IN SEEMING CONTRAST TO THE ORIGINAL QUALIFIED MILD CRITICISM OF THE BRANDT ADDRESS RELEASED BY TASS YESTERDAY IS A MORE AUTHORITATIVE ARTICLE APPEARED IN "PRAVDA" OF 16 JAN, PORTIONS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY TASS, WHICH SEEMS TO BE ALMOST COMPLETELY NEGATIVE. THE ARTICLE, WRITTEN BY YEVGENI GRIGORYEV, CRITICIZES BRANDT'S POLICY AS "INCONSISTENT AND CONTRADICTORY", IN THAT BRANDT HAS EXPRESSED A READINESS FOR "NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS" WITHOUT RECOGNIZING THE GDR IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND ACCUSES BRANDT OF MAKING STATEMENTS WHICH RECALL THE HALLSTEIN DOCTRINE AND OF ADVANCING CONDITIONS WHICH MAY COMPLICATE WORK FOR AN ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE. THESE NEGATIVE OBSERVATIONS MAY BE QUALIFIED IN THE ARTICLE AND WE MUST AWAIT THE FULL TEXT BEFORE WE ARE ABLE TO EVALUATE.

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THE COMMUNIST CONCLAVE HELD IN MOSCOW ENDED WITH A NON-COMMITTAL COMMUNIQUE WHICH OBSERVED THAT THE PARTICIPANTS HAD "EXCHANGED VIEWS ON PROBLEMS OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY AND PEACE ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT," AND THAT "A SPIRIT OF COMRADELY COOPERATION" GRACED THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 28 DELEGATES. ALL OF EUROPE'S COMMUNIST PARTIES APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED (EXCEPT FOR THE DUTCH, ALBANIAN AND ICELANDIC CPS). BORIS PONOMAREV, CPSU-CC SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF RELATIONS WITH NON-RULING PARTIES, PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING ACCORDING TO WESTERN REPORTS. REUTERS WRITES THAT THE MEETING WAS "THE FIRST SESSION OF A COMMISSION OF EUROPEAN PARTIES SET UP SECRETLY AT LAST JUNE'S WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE" TO INFORM NON-RULING COMMUNIST PARTIES OF MOSCOW'S POLICIES. THE YUGOSLAVS AGREED TO ATTEND IN PART PROBABLY BECAUSE A CONFERENCE OF ALL-EUROPEAN ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES WAS ON THE AGENDA. THE SOVIET INTENTION OF PUMPING NEW LIFE INTO THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE MOTIVE FOR THE MEETING AND ONE WESTERN REPORT STATES THAT ACCORDING TO "INFORMED EAST EUROPEAN SOURCES" THE SOVIETS HAVE PROPOSED POPULAR FRONT TACTICS INCLUDING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES TO FURTHER THEIR OBJECTIVES. WHILE WE HAVE NO HARD FACTS ON WHAT WAS SAID AT THE MEETING WE SHOULD SHORTLY BE GETTING INFORMATION FROM ITALIAN AND YUGOSLAV MEDIA. RADIO ZAGREB'S MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT BORIS HYZIC REPORTS THAT THE MEETING "PROBABLY DEALT WITH THE CHANCES OF CONVOKING A 'SO-CALLED CONGRESS OF EUROPEAN ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES.'" BD'S ARE REPORTING AS MANY HARD FACTS AS ARE AVAILABLE AND SOURCING THE MORE SPECULATIVE REPORTS PENDING FURTHER DISCLOSURES.

THE PCI IS HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY IN RATIONALIZING ITS POSITION FOR GREATER FREEDOM OF DISCUSSION WITHIN PARTY BODIES AND PUBLICATIONS WITH ITS SUPPRESSION OF "MANIFESTO." THE UNINTIMIDATED "MANIFESTO" GROUP HAS JUST DECIDED AT A MEETING IN NAPLES TO OPEN A POLITICAL CENTER IN NAPLES TO ORGANIZE ACTIVITY AT THE RANK-AND-FILE LEVEL. EDITOR LUIGI PINTOR STATES THAT THIS IS "JUST THE BEGINNING OF POLITICAL ACTION DESTINED TO GROW AND GIVE LIFE TO A POLITICAL NUCLEUS." HE SAID THAT CENTERS ARE PLANNED FOR OTHER CITIES. IN THE MEANTIME THE PCI IS MAKING POSITIVE SOUNDS IN "L'UNITA" ABOUT LEGITIMATIZING INTRA-PARTY DISSENT; HOWEVER, THE HORNS OF THE DILEMMA ARE EVIDENT IN THE RESERVATION THAT SUCH DISSENT MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM AND IN THE CONTEXT OF A "UNITARY DIALECTIC." THUS, WHILE MAKING PLEASING NOISES THE PCI HAS CONCEDED NOTHING TO DISSIDENCE.

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ABOUT 100 MEMBERS OF THE PCF HAVE SIGNED A DECLARATION CALLING FOR THE COMMUNIST CONDEMNATION OF THE SO-CALLED "NORMALIZATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA." AMONG THE SIGNATORIES ARE MANY PROMINENTS OF THE PCF. THE DECLARATION CALLS UPON THE PARTY TO FOLLOW UP ITS DISAPPROVAL OF THE INVASION "BY A CONDEMNATION" AND STATES THAT THE SIGNATORIES "DENOUNCE THE CURRENT ATTEMPTS IN FRANCE TO DISSIMULATE, TO MINIMIZE OR TO MAKE PEOPLE FORGET THE EFFECTS OF THE MILITARY INTERVENTION AGAINST SOCIALIST CZECHOSLOVAKIA." THE BD'S HAVE BEEN URGED TO USE THIS FRENCH COMMUNIST CRITICISM OF THE INTERVENTION.

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