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MUNICH

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TO: DURKEE INFO YARROW WALTER HOVEY DUNNING KAUFMANN REYMAN
FM: WALTER (COOK ACTING) INFO BEDE BERNARD BROWN KOHAK LYON
NOWAK PECHACEK/BELLUS ZAHARIEFF

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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 250

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: AN ARTICLE IN FRIDAY'S "RUDE PRAVO" BY CHIEF EDITOR MOC INCLUDES WHAT MAY WELL BE A FURTHER INDICATION OF PRAGUE'S READINESS TO DISPLAY SOME FLEXIBILITY IN TALKS WITH BONN ON THE MUNICH PROBLEM. MOC NOTED THAT THE SOVIET AND WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENTS SHARE THE VIEW THAT QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE MUNICH AGREEMENT WILL BE SETTLED BY NEGOTIATIONS "IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES."

REGARDING THE REUTER OCTOBER 30 STORY ON AN ULTRADOGMATIST PLOT AGAINST HUSAK, THE DAILY TELEGRAPH AND LE MONDE HAVE NOW CARRIED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME STORY. BDS MAY NOW USE WITH CLEAR ATTRIBUTION, BUT PREFACING QUOTATIONS WITH A STATEMENT THAT WE CANNOT VOUCH FOR THE ACCURACY OF THE STORY.

3. HUNGARY: THE PATTERN OF THE ELECTIONS AT THE PRE-CONGRESS MEETINGS HELD THUS FAR AT THE VARIOUS PARTY LEVELS IS AS FOLLOWS: NORMAL TURNOVER AT THE BASIC ORGANIZATIONS, AND VIRTUALLY NO CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY LEADERSHIPS. AN EERA PAPER TO BE ISSUED NEXT WEEK WILL ASSESS THE RESULTS OF THESE MEETINGS. OTHER PRE-CONGRESS PAPERS PLANNED ARE A CURTAIN-RAISER, AND AN ASSESSMENT OF THE INTEREST GROUP PROBLEM WHICH HAS NOW CLEARLY EMERGE TO THE FORE.

4. POLAND: THE POLISH BD WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE ON THE STILL UNCLEAR CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WOLNIAK'S DEATH IN PAKISTAN, WHICH POLISH MEDIA HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH ONLY IN VERY TERSE FORM. NO REALLY NEW ELEMENTS ON SCHEEL'S TALKS IN WARSAW (WHICH START TOMORROW) SURFACED OVER THE WEEKEND. DIE WELT ON SATURDAY CARRIED A REPORT OUTLINING WHAT PURPORTS TO BE THE CONTENT OF EACH OF THE ARTICLES OF THE TREATY WHICH IS TO BE INITIALED; IT DOES NOT, HOWEVER, DIFFER SUBSTANTIALLY FROM OTHER RECENT DESCRIPTIONS OF THE TEXT WHICH WE HAVE SEEN IN THE WEST GERMAN PRESS.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

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6. OTHER:

THE NEW SESSION OF THE SALT TALKS IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN HELSINKI TODAY. PRESS COMMENTARIES GENERALLY POINT OUT THE CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERE OF SOVIET - US RELATIONS WHICH HAS APPEARED AS A RESULT OF VARIOUS INCIDENTS DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS. NO ONE IS IN THE POSITION TODAY TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME OF THE PRESENT SALT SESSION. JOURNALISTIC OBSERVERS BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT DURING THE INITIAL MEETINGS THE SOVIETS WILL GIVE A FAIRLY CLEAR INDICATION OF THEIR CURRENT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS. OBSERVERS WERE STRUCK BY THE BREVITY OF THE STATEMENT MADE BY SEMYONOV, THE SOVIET DELEGATE TO THE MEETING, WHICH COULD INDICATE A SOVIET HARDLINE IN THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE COVERING THE OPENING OF THE SESSION ON THE BASIS OF U.S. AND WEST EUROPEAN PRESS MATERIAL.

THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE YUGOSLAV LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS ENDED DURING THE WEEKEND. THE CONFERENCE RECONFIRMED THE YUGOSLAV LEADERSHIP'S BELIEF IN SELF-MANAGEMENT AS THE BASIC SOCIAL SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY. ECONOMIC ISSUES TOOK PRECEDENCE IN THE DISCUSSIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CONFERENCE. IN HIS CLOSING SPEECH PRESIDENT TITO PLACED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE SPEEDY SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS NOW FACING YUGOSLAVIA. THE ENTIRE CONFERENCE WAS CHARACTERIZED BY THE OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE DEEP-LYING PROBLEMS FACING THE ECONOMY. IN COMMENTARIES WE ARE EMPHASIZING THE OPENNESS WITH WHICH THE YUGOSLAV LEADERS TREAT THIS ISSUE AS WELL AS THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN YUGOSLAVIA. CAA IS PREPARING A BROAD ANALYSIS OF THE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A GUIDANCE NOTE OUTLINING THE MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING. THE GUIDANCE NOTE WILL PROBABLY APPEAR WEDNESDAY MORNING.

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WESTERN PAPERS REPORT THAT SOVIET BIOLOGIST ZHOSES A. MEDVEDEV WAS GIVEN A JOB IN A BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE NOT FAR FROM MOSCOW. MEDVEDEV, WHO WAS EARLIER THIS YEAR FORCIBLY DETAINED IN A MENTAL INSTITUTION AND WAS LATER RELEASED, NOW APPEARS TO BE REHABILITATED BY THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES. WHILE HIS PRESENT SITUATION HAS IMPROVED SUBSTANTIALLY IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE "LENIENCY" SHOWN BY THE SOVIETS IN HIS CASE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED TO THE CASES OF OTHER SCIENTIFIC AND INTELLECTUAL FIGURES PERSECUTED IN THE SOVIET UNION.

THE NORTH KOREAN PARTY CONGRESS WHICH BEGAN TODAY WILL PROBABLY SET THE COURSE OF THAT COMMUNIST COUNTRY FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THE CONGRESS IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE THE NEXT FIVE-YEAR PLAN WHICH IS TO BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONGRESS WILL REVEAL ANY NEW SHIFT IN NORTH KOREA'S POSITION BETWEEN MOSCOW AND PEKING. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CONGRESS IS LIKELY TO REAFFIRM THE NORTH KOREAN LEADERS' HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARD BOTH JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA. FOLLOWING THE MEETING WE WILL HAVE A ROUND-UP ON THE MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING AS WELL AS ON POSSIBLE PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE NORTH KOREAN LEADERSHIP.

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