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THE US DELEGATION SOURCE WHICH RECENTLY REPORTED THAT THE US HAD APPROACHED ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT FREDERICK H. BOLAND TO UNDERTAKE A SPECIAL MISSION TO HUNGARY TOLD RFE TODAY THAT THIS PARTICULAR PLAN WAS OFF BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND HAD NOT FOUND IT ACCEPTABLE FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION AT HOME.

AS REPORTED IN THE PREVIOUS MEMORANDUM, (NYC99) BOLAND IN PRINCIPLE AGREED TO APPROACH MOSCOW AND BUDAPEST ON THE FUTURE OF HUNGARY IN RELATION TO VARIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS ON THAT SUBJECT. THIS TENTATIVE US PLAN, WHICH WAS SAID TO HAVE HAD THE BACKING OF SEVERAL WESTERN COUNTRIES, WAS CONTINGENT ON OFFICIAL BLESSINGS FROM DUBLIN. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF IRELAND, ACCORDING TO THE US SOURCE, SAID THE PLAN WAS ALRIGHT IN PRINCIPLE BUT CONTAINED CONNOTATIONS OF "APPEASEMENT" TO THE SOVIETS "WHICH WOULD BE HARD TO EXPLAIN TO THE IRISH PEOPLE." IT THEREFORE REJECTED THE IDEA THAT BOLAND, WHO IS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRELAND IN THE UNITED NATIONS, SHOULD BE THE ONE TO EXECUTE THE PLAN.

THE US SOURCE ADMITTED THAT THE BASIC IDEA OF THE MISSION WAS TO FEEL MOSCOW OUT ON THE DEGREE OF CONCESSIONS IT MIGHT OFFER IN EXCHANGE FOR A TACIT AGREEMENT THAT, IF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS OF THE PRESENT LOT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE WERE IMPLEMENTED, THE WEST WOULD NOT PRESS THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE WITH SUCH VIGOR IN THE FUTURE. IT IS EMPHASIZED BY THE SOURCE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THIS MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS "APPEASEMENT". ON THE OTHER HAND, WASHINGTON IS ALSO CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRESENT TREND IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY EVENTUALLY LEAD TO A POLITICAL ATTRITION OF THE ITEM WITHOUT ANY POLITICAL OR MATERIAL BENEFITS FOR THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE. IN CONSIDERING THESE MOVES, THE US IS UNDERSTOOD TO EXPECT THAT THE SOVIET BLOC WILL NOW COMPARE MOSCOW'S RELATIONS WITH HUNGARY TO WASHINGTON'S RELATIONS WITH CUBA. THIS, IT IS FEARED, MAY TAKE AWAY SOME OF THE FORCEFULNESS OF WESTERN ARGUMENTS AGAINST SOVIET REPRESSION IN HUNGARY, AS FAR AS THE ATTITUDE OF MANY NEUTRALIST COUNTRIES IS CONCERNED.

THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE WEST WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE THE HUNGARIAN QUESTION WITH THE SOVIETS ARE NOT KNOWN. IT IS ALSO UNCERTAIN WHETHER THE US WILL TRY TO EMPLOY THE SERVICES OF SOME OTHER RENOWN UN STATESMAN, IN PLACE OF BOLAND, TO CARRY OUT THE FIRST AGE OF THE PLAN, NAMELY TO CONTACT THE SOVIETS AS TO THEIR WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THIS POSSIBILITY OF "REDUCTION OF EAST-WEST TENSIONS."

IN ANY CASE, HOWEVER, THE RFE SOURCE BELIEVES THAT IF THIS PARTICULAR PLAN DOES NOT WORK OR IS FOUND NOT FEASIBLE, WASHINGTON IS LIKELY TO SEARCH FOR NEW FORMULAS IN THE HUNGARIAN QUESTION IN THE BELIEF THAT A NEW APPROACH IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO GET THIS PROBLEM "OFF DEAD CENTER" AND TO MAKE SOME POLITICAL PROFIT FROM IT FOR BOTH THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE AND THE WEST.

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