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1. BULGARIA: GRECHKO'S VISIT TO SOFIA BEGAN YESTERDAY. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION AS TO ITS REAL PURPOSE. NOTE THE DECREE ISSUED YESTERDAY (DS) ABOLISHING DEFERMENT FROM MILITARY SERVICE FOR ALL CITIZENS OVER 18. WHATEVER THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS DECISION MIGHT BE, WE BELIEVE THAT IT ALSO REFLECTS AN EASING OF THE EMPLOYMENT MARKET SITUATION IN RECENT MONTHS.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: HUSAK AND STROUGAL LEFT YESTERDAY SO SPEND THEIR VACATION IN THE SOVIET UNION. WE ARE NOT SURE AT THIS POINT JUST WHO WILL BE DEPUTIZING FOR THEM DURING THEIR ABSENCE. DPA OF YESTERDAY FROM PRAGUE (DS) REPORTED A SECOND ATTACK ON PROFESSOR LANG, THIS TIME IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF TVORBA. THE AUTHOR IS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF JIRI HAJEK. JUDGING BY THE DPA SUMMARY, THE TONE OF HAJEK'S CRITICISM MAY WELL BE STRONGER THAN THAT OF MOC AND FOJTIK IN RUDE PRAVO. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER WE ARE SEEING THE BEGINNING OF A FULL-SCALE ANTI-LANG MEDIA CAMPAIGN.

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3. HUNGARY: RADIO BUDAPEST YESTERDAY QUOTED CRITICISM BY TU OFFICIALS AND WORKERS CONCERNING THE HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION MINISTER'S FAILURE TO CONSULT THE TRADE UNION BEFORE DISMISSING BUILDING MINISTRY MANAGERS FOR INCOMPETENCE (DS). UNDER THE NEW LABOR CODE, THE COMPETENT TRADE UNIONS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE CONSULTED PRIOR TO APPOINTMENTS AND DISMISSALS AT THE TOP MANAGERIAL LEVEL. THIS IS THE FIRST CASE WHERE AN OPEN CLASH ON THIS CONSULTATION RIGHT HAS CAME TO THE SURFACE. EERA IS PREPARING A BACKGROUNDER ON THE SUBJECT TODAY.

4. POLAND: DUCKWITZ WILL MEET FOREIGN MINISTER JEDRYCHOWSKI BRIEFLY BEFORE STARTING THE NEW ROUND OF POLISH-FRG TALKS THIS MORNING. AN EVENT LIKE THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC IS USUALLY THE OCCASION FOR UTTERLY ROUTINE, SELF-SATISFIED RETROSPECTIVE ARTICLES. NOT ONLY FOR THIS REASON, THE CRITICAL, SOUL-SEARCHING TENOR OF THE ZYCIE WARSZAWY CONTRIBUTION (A PAP SUMMARY OF WHICH WE ARE SENDING AS A DS) IS OF OUTSTANDING INTEREST. WHILE EXPRESSING PRIDE IN THE ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST 26 YEARS, THE AUTHORS ASK WHETHER THE PRICE PAID FOR SUCCESS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN TOO HIGH IN SOME AREAS. THEIR STRESS ON THE NEED FOR PARTAKING IN THE SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION WITHOUT DELAY, AS A KEY FACTOR IN IMPROVING POLAND'S POSITION IN THE WORLD, REFLECTS A SENSE OF URGENCY WHICH IS CLEARLY BECOMING EVER MORE INSISTENT -- A GROWING CONVICTION THAT POLAND SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD TO REMAIN OUTSIDE THE MAINSTREAM OF THIS WORLDWIDE TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION.

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6. OTHER: THE EGYPTIAN REPLY TO THE ROGERS PROPOSAL APPEARS, FROM REPORTS EMANATING FROM WASHINGTON AND SOURCED TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, TO HAVE BEEN ASSESSED AS "POSITIVE THOUGH QUALIFIED" (SMITH "NYT"), DESPITE THE FACT THAT BARTCH REFUSED TO EXPRESS AN OFFICIAL POSITION ON IT. AT ANY RATE THE US WILL NOT TAKE THE UAR RESPONSE TO DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAEL AND JORDAN. THE NATURE OF THE EGYPTIANS' RESERVATIONS TO THE ROGERS PROPOSAL IS UNKNOWN BUT SINCE IT IS A COUNTER-PROPOSAL THEY PROBABLY CONCERN ONE OF THE THREE MAJOR AREAS LEFT OPEN BY THE ROGERS INITIATIVE. THESE THREE ISSUES ARE, OF COURSE: (1) THE QUESTION OF INTERPRETATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS TO WHETHER "THE" TERRITORIES UNDER OCCUPATION (IMPLIES "ALL") OR JUST TERRITORIES UNDER OCCUPATION (IMPLIES NOT ALL) WAS INTENDED (THE OFFICIAL TEXT IN RUSSIAN WOULD NATURALLY BE AMBIGUOUS SINCE IN RUSSIAN THERE IS NO DEFINITE ARTICLE); (2) THE QUESTION OF A TEMPORARY CEASE-FIRE WITHOUT PROVISION FOR A "STATUS QUO ANTE" CONCERNING THE MOVING OF WEAPONS AND FORCES AND ADEQUATE INSPECTION TO ENSURE THIS; AND (3) THE PROBLEM OF THE MODALITIES OF THE DISCUSSION (RHODES FORMULA ETC). WITH THESE THREE VITAL ISSUES LEFT INDEFINITE THE EGYPTIAN COUNTER-PROPOSAL WHICH WILL BE MADE TO APPEAR AS A COMPROMISE BY MOSCOW AND CAIRO, MIGHT WELL BE INTENDED TO PUT PRESSURE ON TEL AVIV BY, FOR INSTANCE, ACCEPTING PART "A" OF THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL (THE TEMPORARY CEASE-FIRE TO WHICH, FOR STRATEGIC REASONS, ISRAEL HAS ALREADY OBJECTED) WHILE LEAVING PART "B" (THE REPORT FROM JARRING TO U THANT) OPEN FOR DISCUSSION. CAIRO MIGHT HAVE EVEN SUGGESTED THAT INDIRECT DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAEL MAY BE ACCEPTABLE IN EXCHANGE FOR A CEASE-FIRE PUTTING OFF THE ULTIMATE DECISION ON "ALL" OR "SOME" TERRITORIES

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FOR EVACUATION TO THE CEASE-FIRE PERIOD IN ORDER TO CONSULT THE UAR'S ALLIES IN DAMASCUS AND AMMAN (INCLUDING THE PALESTINIANS). WHILE KNOWING NOTHING OF CAIRO'S ANSWER THE FACT THAT A COUNTER-PROPOSAL WAS MADE WOULD INDICATE SOME ATTEMPT TO SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE AND FILL AT LEAST SOME OF THE LACUNAE IN THE ROGERS PROPOSAL WITH A CONTENT ACCEPTABLE TO NASSER. WE MAY KNOW SOMETHING MORE OF NASSER'S ATTITUDE AFTER HIS SPEECH TODAY. IF HIS ADDRESS VARIES ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE FROM THE LINE HE TOOK IN HIS PHILLIPIC AT BENGHAZI ON 25 JUNE THERE WOULD APPEAR SOME AREA FOR COMPROMISE (CF. DR NO. 147). IF NOT, THIS WOULD NOT BE THE FIRST TIME ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO USE NEGOTIATIONS AS A WEAPON TO GET WHAT WAS UNATTAINABLE BY FORCE OF ARMS. "MAARIVE," THE LARGEST CIRCULATION ISRAELI NEWSPAPER, REPORTS THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WILL REJECT THE ROGERS PROPOSAL BUT THIS SEEMS TO US AT THIS JUNCTURE TO BE PREMATURE.

THE PCF FEUD CONTINUES TO PROVIDE US WITH EXCELLENT MATERIAL. THE EDWARDS SPECIAL (DS) ANALYZING THE DEBATE THIS FAR WAS MARKED ESPECIALLY USEFUL ON TODAY'S "RECOMMENDED ITEMS" LIST.

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