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1. BULGARIA: A PARTY CC PLENUM ON AGRICULTURE OPENED YESTERDAY AND IS CONTINUING TODAY, ACCORDING TO RADIO SOFIA LAST NIGHT (DS). A REPORT BY TODOR ZHIVKOV WAS DISTRIBUTED IN ADVANCE. RADIO AND TV REPORTERS WERE MENTIONED AS PRESENT SO PERHAPS WE SHALL LEARN MORE DETAIL THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE WITH OTHER RECENT CC PLENA. ALSO ACCORDING TO RADIO SOFIA LAST NIGHT, DEPUTY TRANSPORT MINISTER NIKOLA KOLAROV HAS BEEN REPLACED BY ENGINEER GEORGIEV STAMENOV. KOLAROV NOW BECOMES DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE BULGARIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE. NO REASON FOR KOLAROV'S TRANSFER WAS GIVEN, BUT IT MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE SACKING FOR CORRUPTION SOME WEEKS AGO OF THE FORMER TRANSPORT MINISTER.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: ACCORDING TO RADIO PRAGUE, THE NEW CS-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP TREATY WILL BE SIGNED ON 5 MAY, AT WHICH TIME THERE WILL BE A RALLY OF "WORKING PEOPLE" AT THE PRAGUE CASTLE. THERE IS STILL NO MENTION OF WHICH SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES WILL TRAVEL TO PRAGUE FOR THE SIGNING. ON 7 MAY THERE WILL BE "LIBERATION ANNIVERSARY" CELEBRATIONS, WITH FOREIGN DELEGATIONS PRESENT, FOLLOWED BY A PARADE ON 9 MAY.

TANJUG'S REPORTER IN PRAGUE, VELIMIR BUDIMIR, WROTE A PARTICULARLY GOOD PIECE YESTERDAY ON THE CONFUSION REGARDING THE PARTY CARD EXCHANGES (DS). BDS MAY USE IN NEWSCASTS OR OTHER PROGRAMMING. WE FIND THE PIECE ANALYTICALLY SOUND, ALTHOUGH WHEREAS BUDIMIR TALKS ABOUT THE PURGE PERHAPS CONTINUING TO AUTUMN, WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT IT MAY CONTINUE TO THE END OF THE YEAR. INDEED, AT THIS POINT PROBABLY NO ONE, INCLUDING HUSAK, KNOWS EXACTLY HOW LONG IT WILL LAST.

3. HUNGARY: TANJUG'S CORRESPONDENT IN BUDAPEST, MILOS COROVIC, WROTE A PLAUSIBLE SOUNDING DISPATCH ON THE POSSIBLE RETURN TO HUNGARY FROM SOVIET EXILE OF MATYAS RAKOSI, NOW AGE 78 (DS). WE HAVE HEARD RUMORS TO THIS EFFECT PERIODICALLY FOR YEARS, BUT THIS TIME THE RUMORS SOUND MORE SOLIDLY BASED AND ARE MORE RESPONSIBLY REPORTED. PERHAPS THE HUNGARIAN REGIME HAS DECIDED TO MAKE A PURELY HUMANITARIAN GESTURE ON THE "LIBERATION ANNIVERSARY." AFP CARRIES A BRIEF STORY FROM BUDAPEST TO THE SAME EFFECT. BDS MAY USE THE STORY IN NEWS OR OTHER PROGRAMMING WITH CLEAR ATTRIBUTION TO SOURCE.

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