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HERE WITH LANGENDORF REPORT THROUGH NOON TODAY FRIDAY:

"THERE ARE THREE MORE GERMAN PUBLICATIONS DEVOTING SOME SPACE TO RFE IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT CHANGES ON TOP LEVEL. TWO OF THEM ARE THE LEADING EXPELLEE WEEKLY. THE CATHOLIC "VOLKSBOETE" (CIRCULATION 80,000), CLOSE TO THE ADENAUER GOVERNMENT, AND THE SECOND ONE THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE SUDETEN GERMAN LANDSMANN-SCHAFT. THE LONG FRONTPAGE ARTICLE IN THE "VOLKSBOETE" IS WRITTEN BY FRANZ GAKSCH A (SUDETEN GERMAN) MEMBER OF THE BAVARIAN PARLIAMENT. IN MAY 1955 GAKSCH HAD DELIVERED, FROM THE FLOOR OF THE BAVARIAN PARLIAMENT, A VIOLENT DISTRIIBE AGAINST RFE WHICH HAD RECEIVED WIDE PUBLICITY IN THE GERMAN PRESS. THE LINE TAKEN IN THE ARTICLE INTENDS TO PROVE THAT THERE IS SOMETHING ROTTEN IN RFE; IN FINAL SENTENCE THE WRITER IS DEMANDING FROM MR. SMITH A FIRM HAND IN HIS EFFORTS TO PUT THE HOUSE IN ORDER.

THE ARTICLE IN THE "SUDETENDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG", WRITTEN IN THE STYLE OF AN EDITORIAL, IS SOMEWHAT Milder IN TONE BUT USES, MORE OR LESS, THE SAME LINE. IT ATTACKS RFE'S POLICIES IN GENERAL BUT TAKES SPECIFIC ISSUE WITH BENES FOLLOWERS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ON THE CZECH DESK. PAPER CLAIMS THAT THESE ELEMENTS ARE TOTALLY UNFIT FOR THE JOB THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO DO. PAPER EXPRESSES UNDERSTANDING FOR MR. HAZELHOFF'S ACTION.

THE THIRD PAPER DEALING WITH RFE IS THE DAILY "FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU", ONE OF THE LEADING SPD PAPERS. THE ARTICLE LISTS ALL THE TROUBLES RFE HAD EXPERIENCED DURING THE RECENT YEARS. (ATTACKS BY GERMAN POLITICAL PARTIES, THE HUNGARIAN CRISIS, THE ELIMINATION OF CONDON, THE WINTERSTEIGER CASE, THE SIT-DOWN STRIKE MENACE OF THE POLISH DESK, THE REVOLT ON THE CZECH DESK AND THE RECENT RESIGNATIONS ON TOP LEVEL.) PAPER FURTHER STATES THAT RFE'S EXISTENCE ON GERMAN SOIL IS "BURDEN FOR BONN FOREIGN OFFICE".

THE SILESIAN EXPELLEE PAPERS HAVE NOT MENTIONED RFE IN RECENT ISSUES. NEITHER HAS THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC EXPELLEE PAPER "DIR BRUCKE".

(END OF LANGENDORF PRESS REPORT)

THIS AFTERNOON SMITH AND DUNNING PAID COURTESY CALL ON BAVARIAN LABOR MINISTER STAIN (SEE PREVIOUS MESSAGE) WITH LANVENDORF. HE EXPRESSED SAME IDEAS AS IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH LANGENDORF AND SUGGESTED EXCHANGE OF IDEAS FROM TIME TO TIME. WE INVITED HIM TO SEE SHOP. OVERALL ATMOSPHERE FRIENDLY AND VISIT WAS CLEARLY WORTHWHILE.

GROZIER REPORTS NO NEW STORIES OUTSIDE GERMAN PRESS AND NO IN-QUIRIES. CLIPS FORWARDED BY RAMSEY FROM DUTCH PRESS TOTALLED ONLY FOUR BRIEF FACTUAL STORIES SINCE HAZELHOFF INTERVIEW, PLUS FIVE SIMILAR FROM BELGIUM.

UNLESS UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENTS, THIS WILL BE LAST REPORT UNTIL MONDAY.  
REGARDS.

END MSG