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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 191

1. BULGARIA: AN ARTICLE IN RABOTNICHESKO DELO OF AUGUST 21 ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS MAKES TWO REFERENCES TO THE "FORTHCOMING PARTY CONGRESS," WITHOUT HOWEVER GIVING ANY CLUES CONCERNING WHEN IT WILL TAKE PLACE.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: AFP REPORTED FROM PRAGUE YESTERDAY THAT ULTRA DOGMATIST BOHUMIL CHNOUPEK, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF CS RADIO, WILL REPLACE VLADIMIR KOUCKY AS CS AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW. WE HAVE HAD THE SAME INFORMATION FROM PRIVATE SOURCES. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, CHNOUPEK WILL BE REPLACED BY JAN RISKO, A SLOVAK WHO IS AT PRESENT HUSAK'S PRESS SECRETARY IN THE CC. (RISKO WAS FORMERLY AN EDITOR OF BRATISLAVA PRAVDA AND CTK CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW; ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION HE BEHAVED WELL DURING THE INVASION AND HAS FOLLOWED HUSAK'S LEAD SINCE THEN.) (ACCORDING TO ANOTHER REPORT, KOUCKY WILL FILL THE AMBASSADOR'S JOB IN BRUSSELS LEFT OPEN SINCE THE ABORTIVE EFFORT TO PLACE CISAR THERE.) IF CHNOUPEK'S REPLACEMENT IS CONFIRMED, IT COULD MARK THE BEGINNING OF A HUSAK COUNTER-OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE ULTRAS, WHO AT PRESENT ARE INFESTING THE RADIO. WE HAVE NOW READ THE FULL TEXT OF VLADIMIR DOSTAL'S ATTACK ON RADIO COMMENTATORS JANIK AND PRIBAMSKY (TVORBA, AUGUST 19). THE ARTICLE IS EVEN SHARPER THAN THE AUGUST 21 REUTER STORY HAD INDICATED, ATTACKING THE ULTRAIST COMMENTATORS FOR HELPING THE "RIGHTIST OPPOTUNISTS" BY THEIR DEMAGOGIC TACTICS, "OLD HACKNEYED PHRASES," "CARNIVAL BARKING," "IDEOLOGICAL MOONSHINING," ETC. ACCORDING TO PRIVATE INFORMATION, TVORBA EDITOR JIRI HAJEK IS BEING GROOMED FOR A HIGHER POST. IN THIS CONNECTION IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE EDITOR HAJEK'S EXPLANATORY NOTE TO THE DOSTAL ARTICLE. ITS DEFENSIVE TONE AND PRAISE FOR "EVERYTHING WITH WHICH THE COMRADES IN OUR RADIO ARE BEGINNING TO RESPOND TODAY TO THE NEW TASKS..." SHOWS THAT HAJEK (HUSAK?) CONSIDERS THE TIME RIPE TO ATTACK THE ULTRAS, BUT NOT WITHOUT AN INSURANCE POLICY.

3. HUNGARY: WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED THE TEXT OF THE HUNGARIAN PARTY "GUIDELINES". A QUICK PERUSAL REINFORCES OUR EARLIER IMPRESSION THAT THE GUIDELINES STRESS CONTINUATION OF KADAR'S PRESENT POLICY, INCLUDING "FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY." EERA WILL ISSUE AN ANALYSIS BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. WE ARE NOW RECEIVING A FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION FROM FBIS.

4. POLAND: NOTHING.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

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6. OTHER: BONN SPOKESMAN CONRAD AHLERS HAS DISCLOSED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE DAIMLER-BENZ KAMA RIVER TRUCK PLANT NEGOTIATIONS (CF. DR. NO. 190). ACCORDING TO THE "FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE," AHLERS SAID THAT SCHEEL EXPRESSED THE POSITIVE INTEREST OF THE FRG IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRUCK PLANT WHILE IN MOSCOW. THE DIFFICULTY WAS, ACCORDING TO FAZ, THAT DAIMLER-BENZ WAS INTERESTED ONLY IN A LICENSING AGREEMENT AND NOT AS A GENERAL CONTRACTOR TO CONSTRUCT THE TRUCK PLANT. THIS, HOWEVER, IS PRECISELY WHAT INTERESTED THE SOVIETS. THUS, AHLERS IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID, IT WAS NECESSARY TO LOOK FOR NEW FORMS OF COOPERATION. DAIMLER-BENZ HAS APPARENTLY BEEN PERSUADED TO ACT AS THE LEADING MEMBER OF A CONSORTIUM, IN WHICH IT IS NOW REPORTED RENAULT IS EVIDENCING SOME INTEREST. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL WEST GERMAN SOURCES, THE SOVIET PLAN HAS YET TO BE SUBMITTED IN DETAIL AND THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BY NO MEANS FINAL. REGARDING THE LATTER, AHLERS STATES THAT THE RULE APPLIED TO EXTENDING CREDIT TO THE USSR WILL CONFORM WITH THE GENERAL PRACTICE IN CREDIT EXTENSION TO EASTERN EUROPE AND WILL ALSO DEPEND ON THE GENERAL STATE OF THE MONEY MARKET IN GERMANY AND WESTERN COUNTRIES. THE INTEREST RATE OF 4 PER CENT MENTIONED BY THE "NYT" TODAY MAY WELL BE A FIGURE SUGGESTED BY THE SOVIETS. IF SUCHAN INTEREST RATE WERE EXTENDED TO THE USSR ON A LONG TERM LOAN THERE WOULD BE MUCH DISCONTENT IN POLISH AND US CIRCLES AND WEST GERMAN PUBLIC OPINION MIGHT REACT UNFAVORABLY. THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN ALTOGETHER CANDID ON THIS AFFAIR AND THE OPPOSITION MAY WELL FEEL CONSTRAINED TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION. THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ADDITIONAL CHAPTERS TO THIS INTERESTING STORY. BD'S ARE COVERING THE SITUATION IN PRESS REVIEWS AND FACTUAL REPORTAGES.

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IN CONNECTION WITH ROBERTS' OBSERVATIONS IN THE "WASH POST" (CF. DR. NO. 190) IT IS OF INTEREST THAT BERLIN MAYOR KLAUS SCHUETZ AND STATE SECRETARY BAHR HAVE BOTH MADE GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC STATEMENTS THAT SOME PROGRESS MIGHT BE REGISTERED ON THE SUBJECT OF BERLIN IN THE COURSE OF THE FOUR-POWER DISCUSSIONS.

GWERTZMAN REPORTS FROM MOSCOW THAT THE SOVIETS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE BUMPER HARVESTS IN GRAIN, VEGETABLES, FRUITS AND INDUSTRIAL CROPS. THIS ACCORDS WITH CAA'S PROJECTION OF 13 AUGUST ("SOVIET GRAIN HARVEST OUTLOOK") AND PROBABLY REFLECTS THE ESTIMATES OF THE U.S. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE IN MOSCOW. THE GRAIN HARVEST, WHICH HAS GROWN DURING RECENT YEARS AT AN AVERAGE OF 3.5 PER CENT PER YEAR, IS EXPERIENCING THE RESULT OF CONSECUTIVE INCREASES IN MECHANIZATION AND FERTILIZER INPUTS AND SOME SOURCES BELIEVE THAT, WITH GOOD WEATHER FOR THE REST OF THE GROWING SEASON (THOUGH LOCALLY SOME BAD WEATHER HAS LATELY BEEN REPORTED), THE GRAIN HARVEST MAY SET A NEW RECORD.

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