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1. BULGARIA; NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA; A DOCUMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK "SOCIALIST REVOLUTIONARY PARTY" (SRP) HAS VERY BELATEDLY COME TO OUR ATTENTION. IT PURPORTS TO BE A PAMPHLET OR MANIFESTO OF THE SRP DISTRIBUTED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA LAST AUGUST 21 AND WAS PUBLISHED IN THE BELGIAN EXTREME LEFT WING SOCIALIST WEEKLY "LA GAUCHE" LAST SEPTEMBER 27, WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY ONE IAN FRASER. THE DOCUMENT APPEARS AUTHENTIC, AND IT, AS WELL AS THE INTRODUCTION, COINCIDES WITH THE CHARGES RAISED BY GROESSER, BY THE JIRI HECKO ARTICLE IN RUDE PRAVO AND BRATISLAVA PRAVDA ON JANUARY 17, AND IN THE SECTION OF HUSAK'S ARTICLE DISCUSSED IN YESTERDAY'S D.R. FRASER'S INTRODUCTION STATES THAT THE SRP'S TWO MAIN CENTERS OF ACTIVITY ARE THE STUDENT MOVEMENT AND THE TRADE UNIONS, PARTICULARLY THE METAL WORKERS' UNION (AS CHARGED BY HECKO). AGAIN ACCORDING TO FRASER, THE SRP'S "BASIC COURSE IN REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISM" INCLUDES WORKS BY TROTSKY, DJILAS, KURON AND MODZELEVSKY AND OTHERS - AN ELECTIC PROGRAM WHICH CLARIFIES AND JUSTIFIES HUSAK'S LUMPING TOGETHER AS DISCUSSED IN YESTERDAY'S D.R.

IF THIS WERE A STRAIGHT-FORWARD CASE OF A NEW LWFT PARTY WHICH EXISTS, AND WHICH CS AUTHORITIES ARE NOW ROUNDING UP, IT WOULD BE A QUESTION OF SOME INTEREST TO US BUT NOT A MATTER OF PRIMARY POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE. WE ARE STILL OF THE OPINION, HOWEVER, THAT THE SRP, ITS EXISTENCE AND ITS PROSECUTION, IS A FACTOR IN THE HUSAK-ULTRA STRUGGLE. WE HAVE THEREFORE LISTED THE "LA GAUCHE" MATERIAL FOR BIO, IN ORDER TO AVOID A SITUATION WHERE OUR VOICE WOULD LEND SUPPORT TO GROESSER'S CHARGES AND - MORE IMPORTANTLY - TO ANY ANTI-HUSAK MANEUVERS IN WHICH GROESSER MAY BE INVOLVED.

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3. HUNGARY: RADIO BUDAPEST ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT KADAR AND PREMIER FOCK WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO EAST BERLIN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. WE EXPECT NOTHING SENSATIONAL FROM THE VISIT, WHICH AMONG OTHER MATTERS WILL PRESUMABLY REVIEW QUESTIONS OF BONN'S "OSTPOLITIK." HUNGARY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD RELATIONS WITH BONN SEEMS TO BE ESSENTIALLY ONE OF "WAIT AND SEE" WHAT DEVELOPS BETWEEN BONN AND MOSCOW - PANKOW - WARSAW. IN THE UNLIKELY CASE THAT BONN WERE ABLE TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THESE THREE, WE ASSUME HUNGARY WOULD MOVE TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH BONN AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, PROTECTION OF HUNGARY'S INTERNAL REFORM FROM "ALLIED" INTERFERENCE HAS FOR KADAR AN INFINITELY HIGHER PRIORITY THAN RELATIONS WITH BONN. THUS WE ASSUME THAT THE DISCUSSIONS IN EAST BERLIN WILL PROCEED IN AN (UNSPOKEN) AMBIANCE OF "WE'LL SUPPORT YOU REGARDING POLICY TOWARD BONN IF YOU LAY OFF OUR INTERNAL REFORM."

4. POLAND: THERE IS SOME CONFUSION CONCERNING THE OPENING DATE OF POLISH-FRG POLITICAL TALKS, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO SIGNS THAT A MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK HAS DEVELOPED. YESTERDAY'S "HANDELS-BLATT" REFERRED TO INFORMATION FROM INFORMED CIRCLES IN BONN THAT THE TALKS WOULD BEGIN IN WARSAW IN THE FIRST HALF OF FEBRUARY. YESTERDAY'S DEWITT SPECIAL (DS) SAID THEY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FIX A DEFINITE DATE, "THE POLES HAVING REQUESTED A DATE LATER THAN THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY "FOR TECHNICAL REASONS." TODAY'S "FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE" REPORTS DIFFERENCES OVER THE STARTING DATE.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

6. OTHER: THE USSR CONTINUES TO HAVE ITS TROUBLES WITH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL DISSIDENTS. FOLLOWING THE FOREIGN PROTESTERS WHO DEMONSTRATED IN MOSCOW EARLIER IN THE WEEK, ANOTHER, THIS TIME A NORWEGIAN, STUDENT, HAS DISTRIBUTED AN OPEN LETTER TO KOSYGIN IN LENINGRAD DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF GRIGORENKO AND GALANSKOV ON BEHALF OF THE DANISH, NORWEGIAN AND SWEDISH "SMOG" GROUPS. INTERNALLY A MINOR POET NAMED STANISLAV FEDETOV SLIPPED A CRITICISM OF SOVIET BUREAUCRACY PAST THE CENSORS IN A POEM ENTITLED "HIROSHIMA." THE EDITORS WERE CRITICIZED FOR "LACK OF VIGILANCE" BY "SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIYA," THE DAILY ORGAN OF THE BUREAU OF THE CPSU-CC FOR THE RSFSR AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE RSFSR.

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SOVIET MEDIA CONTINUE TO ATTACK WEAKNESSES IN VARIOUS ECONOMIC SECTORS, THE LATEST BEING THE FERROUS METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY ("PRAVDA") AND THE MEAT PRODUCING EFFORTS OF THE KOLKHOZY ("IZVESTIA"). INDEED THE MEAT PROBLEM HAS BECOME SO ACUTE THAT IT HAS LED TO A PROPOSAL BY THE HEAD OF THE RFSFR'S CONSUMER CO-OPERATIVES THAT THE COOPS BE GRANTED MONOPOLY RIGHTS TO PURCHASE LIVESTOCK FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES WILL NOT, OF COURSE, IMPROVE THE BASIC SITUATION IN PRODUCTION. THE SOVIET UNION IS ALSO BEING FORCED TO IMPORT MEAT. THE SITUATION IN THE MEAT INDUSTRY IS BEING ANALYZED BY CAA, PEGGED TO AN ASSESSMENT OF THE NEW PROPOSAL.

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