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1. BULGARIA: AN ARTICLE IN THE ARMED FORCES' NEWSPAPER NARODNA ARMIYA OF 17 FEBRUARY (BY COLONELS SLANCHEV AND TEMENLIEV) SHARPLY CRITICIZES THE CP COMMISSIONS OF THE BULGARIAN ARMY FOR INADEQUATE WORK IN "KEEPING THE PARTY RANKS PURE." SOME COMMISSIONS ARE LAUDED, BUT THE MAJORITY ARE CHASTIZED FOR NEGLIGENCE CONCERNING BOTH THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS AND THE "SYSTEMATIC CLEANSING OF PARTY RANKS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR QUALITIES AS PARTY MEMBERS." AMONG THE SINS OF MEMBERS OVERLOOKED BY COMMISSIONS ARE "CAREERISM," LACK OF PRINCIPLE AND "PETIT-BOURGEOIS ATTITUDES." IN A HIGHLY UN-MARXIST OBSERVATION, THE ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT SOME COMMISSIONS HAVE NOT OBSERVED "THE DIRECTIVE THAT PARTY MEMBERS SHOULD BE RECRUITED MAINLY FROM AMONG OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS." WE SHALL DISCUSS THIS ARTICLE FURTHER HERE, IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT SEEMS TO BE AN INCREASING TENDENCY TO CRITICIZE PARTY ACTIVITY AT ALL LEVELS BELOW THE TOP AND IN ALL SOCIAL SECTORS.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS SURVEY ISSUED TODAY (NO. 2297) CONTAINS TWO ARTICLES FROM "TRIBUNA" OF FEBRUARY 4 ON EXCHANGE OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP CARDS WHICH ARE IN SHARP CONTRAST TO EACH OTHER. CHIEF EDITOR SVESTKA'S ARTICLE FOLLOWS THE MORE MODERATE HUSAK LINE ON PURGES WHEREAS THAT BY DOLINA IS CRUDELY ULTRAIST. THIS NOT ONLY ILLUSTRATES THE CONTINUING CLASH BETWEEN THESE FORCES AND MENTALITIES, AND IN THE SAME ISSUE OF TRIBUNA, BUT ALSO STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT CHIEF EDITOR SVESTKA IS NOT IN A POSITION TO CONTROL THE EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE PAPER. THE CS CP CENTRAL CONTROL AND AUDITING COMMISSION YESTERDAY DISCUSSED THE "RESULTS OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION" AGAINST FORMER CS MINISTERS PAVEL (INTERIOR) AND BORUVKA (AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION) AND DECIDED TO PRESENT ITS CONCLUSIONS TO "APPROPRIATE BODIES" OF THE CC. (DS) THUS FAR, THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION SEEMS TO REMAIN WITHIN PARTY CHANNELS, AND IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHETHER OR NOT "LEGAL" PROCEEDINGS ARE IN THE OFFING.

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3. HUNGARY: THE CC SESSION ENDED YESTERDAY, AND WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE A LARGE AMOUNT OF PUBLISHED MATERIAL (RESOLUTIONS, REPORTS, SPEECHES) NEXT WEEK. THE CONVENING OF THE PARTY CONGRESS FOR THE END OF 1970 DOES NOT COME AS A SURPRISE.

4. POLAND: NOTHING.

5. RUMANIA: RUMANIAN MEDIA HAVE STILL MADE NOT MENTION OF THE NIXON REPORT.

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6. OTHER: ADN'S SECOND CRITICISM OF THE BRANDT REPLY TO STOPH INCLUDED THE ASSERTION THAT "THERE CAN BE NO PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN STATES WITH DIFFERING SOCIAL SYSTEMS EXCEPT ON THE BASIS OF GENERALLY ACCEPTED NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW" AND THAT BRANDT'S CONTENTION THAT THE TWO STATES SHOULD HAVE "INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS" WITH EACH OTHER "MEANS NOTHING LESS THAN THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC FROM AN INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN, SOCIALIST STATE INTO A PROVINCE OF THE WEST GERMAN NATO STATE." QUALIFIED OBSERVERS BELIEVE NEVERTHELESS THAT A MEETING BETWEEN BRANDT AND STOPH WILL TAKE PLACE. IN ADDITION, YESTERDAY'S ADN CRITICISM WAS NOT INTERPRETED BY BONN OFFICIALS AS AN INDICATION THAT THE EAST GERMANS WILL REJECT BRANDT'S PROPOSAL. THIS FEELING IS FORTIFIED BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE EAST GERMAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (FDGB) OF THE WEST GERMAN TRADE UNION'S (DGB) PROPOSAL FOR THE FIRST TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO UNIONS IN NINE YEARS. THE GAP IN COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS OF EAST AND WEST GERMANY EXTENDS BACK TO 1961 WHEN THE BERLIN WALL WAS BUILT AND THE WEST GERMAN UNIONS BROKE OFF ALL CONTACTS WITH THE FDGB AS A PROTEST. AHLERS HAS JUST MADE A STATEMENT (DS) INDICATING STOPH IS ACCEPTING BRANDT'S PROPOSAL FOR TALKS IN MARCH.

THE OFFICIALS OF "COMES" HAVE RESPONDED TO THE SOVIET WRITERS' UNION WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTICIPATION AND THE GRIBATCHEV CONDEMNATION OF THE "COMES" DEFENSE OF SOLZHENITSYN WITH TWO STRONG CRITICISMS OF THE SOVIET WRITERS' UNION AND THE STATE OF SOVIET LITERATURE. GIUSEPPE UNGARETTI, PRESIDENT OF "COMES" AND ITALY'S BEST KNOWN POET, DENOUNCED THE SOVIET WRITERS' UNION'S PERSECUTION OF SOLZHENITSYN AND SAID THAT "COMES" WILL NOT BOW TO SOVIET PRESSURE. GIANCARLO VIGORELLI, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF "COMES," ALSO ISSUED A LENGTHY STATEMENT CRITICIZING THE SOVIET WRITERS' UNION'S COMMUNIQUE IN "LITERATURNAYA GAZETA" AND THE ATTACK BY GRIBATCHEV, DEFENDING BOTH TVARDOVSKY AND SOLZHENITSYN, AND CONDEMNING SOVIET BUREAUCRATS "WHO PERSECUTE SOLZHENITSYN AND TVARDOVSKY, AND DAY AFTER DAY HUMILIATE AUTHENTIC SOVIET LITERATURE BRINGING IT BACK TO THE METHODS AND MODELS OF STALINISM." THE RIGHT-WING ROME DAILY "IL TEMPO" HAS REPRODUCED THE ENTIRE LETTER BY TVARDOVSKY TO THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE SOVIET WRITERS' UNION, FEDIN, IN 1968, IN DEFENSE OF SOLZHENITSYN.

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