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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 20

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: REUTER AND THE LONDON TIMES REPORT THAT JAN VLK HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON. SEE DS.
3. HUNGARY: COUNTRY MEETING TODAY REVIEWED THE SITUATION IN THE FIELD OF PAINTING AND SCULPTURE. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN GREAT PROGRESS TOWARD THE FREEDOM OF THE ARTIST TO CREATE WHAT HE WANTS SINCE 1956 AND PARTICULARLY IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, THE BUREAUCRATIZATION OF CULTURAL LIFE STILL HAS A STULTIFYING EFFECT. PAINTERS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO FOLLOW "SOCIALIST REALISM" AND MAY PAINT WHAT THEY LIKE; HOWEVER, THE STATE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS REMAINS THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT SOURCE OF INCOME FOR ARTISTS AND ITS TASTES ARE EXTREMELY CONSERVATIVE. PARTY CONSERVATISM IS AIDED AND ABETTED BY THE HUNGARIAN ART "ESTABLISHMENT" AND BY POPULAR TASTES. THE DAILY PRESS IS ULTRA CONSERVATIVE ON QUESTIONS OF ART, BUT THERE ARE SEVERAL CULTURAL JOURNALS WHERE DEBATES OF A HIGHER NIVEAU OCCUR. OUR PROGRAMMING APPROACH IS NOT TO MIX IN THESE DEBATES BUT RATHER TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM INFORMATION TO INTERESTED LISTENERS ON TRENDS IN WESTERN ART, ABOUT WESTERN REACTIONS TO CURRENT HUNGARIAN ART AND ABOUT HUNGARIAN EMIGRE ARTISTS WHO ARE PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN CONTEMPORARY WESTERN ART.
4. POLAND: A WORKERS' COUNCIL IN WROCLAW HAS VOTED 18 TO 1 TO OUST THE FIRM'S DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR. (DS) THE INFORMATION APPEARED IN THE UNION WEEKLY "RADA RABOTNICZA" AND WAS REPRINTED IN "TRIBUNA LUDU." ALTHOUGH RARE, SUCH OUSTINGS HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PAST. THE UNIQUE ASPECT IS THE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE CASE BY THE PUWP DAILY.
5. RUMANIA: NOTHING

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6. OTHER: THE FIRST DAY OF THE SECOND YUGOSLAV PARTY CONFERENCE FEATURED SPEECHES BY TITO, GLIGOROV, VLAHOVIC, LJUBICIC AND ZAGREB CITY COMMITTEE SECRETARY MARINKO GRUJIC. WHILE TITO APPEARED TO PLAY DOWN THE TROUBLES OF THE LCY ATTRIBUTING MUCH OF THE PROBLEM TO MISINTERPRETATIONS IN THE FOREIGN PRESS, EXECUTIVE BUREAU MEMBER VLAHOVIC, WHO WAS THE KEY NOTER, FREELY CONCEDED THAT THE LCY IS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES. VLAHOVIC ADMITTED THAT THE LCY HAD MADE MISTAKES AND SUFFERED FROM FACTIONALISM, "LEADERISM" (REFERENCE TO TRIPALO), FAILURES IN IMPLEMENTING ITS PROGRAM WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SELF-MANAGEMENT, AN "IDEOLOGICAL CRISIS," OPPORTUNISM, NATIONALISM, POLITICAL CRITERIA, ETC. VLAHOVIC CALLED FOR A STRENGTHENING OF THE LCY AND A REALIZATION OF PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM. BOTH GLIGOROV AND LJUBICIC ALSO CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF A STRONGER, MORE AUTHORITATIVE PARTY. CAA IS ISSUING A REVIEW OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FIRST DAY OF THE CONFERENCE FOR BD USE TODAY.

THE WARSAW PACT SUMMIT HAS BEEN PRODUCTIVE THUS FAR OF LITTLE EXCEPT SOME ARID SPECULATION IN THE WESTERN PRESS AND ASSURANCES FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN MEDIA THAT THE MEETING IS IMPORTANT AND WILL YIELD FRESH INITIATIVES ON THE ISSUES OF PEACE AND SECURITY. THE FIRST DAY OF THE MEETING WAS STRICTLY A NORTHERN TIER AFFAIR WITH HONECKER AND GIEREK PRESIDING OVER THE SESSIONS. THE "GUARDIAN" REPORTS THAT OFFICIAL GREETER GUSTAV HUSAK WELCOMED ALL DELEGATION LEADERS AT PRAGUE WITH THE USUAL BEAR HUG AND BUSS, EXCEPT FOR CEAUSESCU WHO RECEIVED A "SMILE AND A HANDSHAKE." RADIO BUDAPEST REPORTS THAT THE DELEGATES RECONVENED TODAY AT 10:00 AM AT HRADCANY AND SIGNED THE FINAL DOCUMENTS. THESE ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE TO US.

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