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1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: THE NEWLY ELECTED TU COUNCIL WAS ANNOUNCED EARLY THIS MORNING. AT FIRST GLANCE THERE SEEM TO BE NO IMPORTANT CHANGES BUT A CLOSER STUDY WILL BE MADE AND THE NEXT SITUATION REPORT WILL DISCUSS.
3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.
4. POLAND: OLSZOWSKI'S LECTURE IN VIENNA, OF WHICH WE HAVE AT THE MOMENT ONLY BRIEF EXCERPTS, CONTAINS WHAT IS PROBABLY THE CLEARST STATEMENT YET OF THE EASTERN APPROACH TO A EUROPEAN SECURITY ARRANGEMENT. THIS SHOULD BE BUILT, SAID OLSZOWSKI, ON THE BASIS OF THE TWO MILITARY BLOCS IN EUROPE. WE ARE GETTING THE FULL TEXT.

PAP REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT THE POLITBURO HAD DISCUSSED A LONG-TERM PLAN FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICES TO THE POPULATION AND THAT A NATIONAL CONFERENCE WOULD BE CALLED ON THE SUBJECT IN EARLY JULY.

RADIO WARSAW CARRIED A COMMENTARY BASED ON A COMPARISON BETWEEN SUPPLIES IN THE SHOPS IN BUDAPEST AND IN CRACOW, MUCH TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL. WE ARE GETTING A FULL TRANSLATION AND THE POLISH BD PLANS A STRAIGHT, FACTUAL PROGRAM ON RELEVANT ASPECTS OF THE HUNGARIAN NEM WHICH MAY EXPLAIN THE ADVANTAGES OF THE BUDAPEST SHOPS.

5. RUMANIA: NOTE THE ITEM SENT DS ON VON WECHMAR'S REMARKS ABOUT THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE CEAUSESCU VISIT. THOUGH NOT COMPLETELY ENLIGHTENING, THEY ARE THE FIRST OFFICIAL REMARKS ON THE SUBJECT.

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6. OTHER: PODGORNÝ'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO HANOI, WHICH STILL REMAINS UNREPORTED BY SOVIET MEDIA, IS BELIEVED TO SERVE TWO BASIC PURPOSES. HE PROBABLY HOPES TO DISPEL NORTH VIETNAMESE FEARS ON ANY US-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR. BESIDES, THE VISIT WILL GIVE PODGORNÝ AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROFESS CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE HANOI LEADERSHIP. AT THE TIME OF THE NIXON VISIT TO MOSCOW, THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS PUBLISHED SOME INDIRECT CRITICISM OF THE SOVIET UNION FOR GOING AHEAD WITH THE VISIT IN SPITE OF US MINING OF HAIPHONG AND OTHER HARBORS.

HANOI'S PROBLEMS WITH PEKING ALSO CONTINUE TO PERSIST. THE ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN THE TWO CAPITALS, WHICH WAS SOMEWHAT SUBDUED DURING THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO CHINA, HAS NOT CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY. NONE OF PEKING'S STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WAR EFFORT IN THE SOUTH WENT BEYOND ROUTINE PHRASEOLOGY. THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME DELAY IN CHINA'S AID COMMITMENT TO THE DRV AND PEKING HAS APPARENTLY REFUSED SOVIET APPROACHES ON THE USE OF CHINESE PORT FACILITIES. KISSINGER'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO CHINA WILL DO LITTLE TO DISPEL HANOI'S DOUBT ABOUT PEKING'S SINCERITY.

THE LATEST MAO RUMORS APPARENTLY ORIGINATE FROM A HONG KONG SOURCE OF DOUBTFUL RELIABILITY. THE FACT THAT KISSINGER IS TO ARRIVE IN PEKING ON THE 19TH APPEARS TO DAMPEN THE RUMORS ON MAO'S GRAVE ILLNESS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME SORT OF IMPORTANT MEETING OR MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD IN THE CHINESE CAPITAL. A REUTER REPORT OF YESTERDAY DESCRIBES UNUSUAL NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITY AROUND THE MAIN GOVERNMENT BUILDING. THE LAST CC SESSION TOOK PLACE IN SEPTEMBER 1970 AND A NEW SESSION IS LONG OVERDUE.

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