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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 54

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: FIRST ITEM IN YESTERDAY'S DR WAS ERRONEOUS AND CONFUSED. THE NEW VERSION OF LITERARNI LISTY, ALTHOUGH NOT CLANDESTINE (AS CORRECTLY STATED YESTERDAY), IS NOW BEING PRINTED IN ITALY AND L'EUROPA HAS PUBLISHED EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS FROM IT IN ITALIAN. SEE YESTERDAY'S WILSON SPECIAL (DS). THE EXILE EDITORS HOPE TO BRING OUT ONE ISSUE ON EACH ANNIVERSARY OF PALACH'S SUICIDE BUT ARE NOT YET CERTAIN WHETHER THEY WILL HAVE THE FINANCIAL MEANS TO DO SO

3. HUNGARY: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE NEW PASSPORT REGULATIONS BECAME AVAILABLE IN NEPSZABADSAG OF MARCH 4. SEE DGS TODAY. OUR GENERAL IMPRESSION IS THAT THE REGULATIONS ESSENTIALLY CODIFY EXISTING PRACTICE AND AS SUCH MUST BE A DISAPPOINTMENT TO THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE. BY COMPARISON WITH OUR OTHER COUNTRIES, THE HUNGARIAN REGULATIONS AND TRAVEL POLICY ARE, OF COURSE, PROGRESSIVE. HOWEVER, CROSS-REPORTING WILL BE FACTUAL AND OBJECTIVELY ANALYTICAL, FOLLOWING OUR STANDING POLICY THAT CROSS-REPORTING ON HUNGARY WILL AVOID EXPLICIT RFE EDITORIAL PRAISE OF HUNGARIAN PROGRESSIVENESS.

4. POLAND: NOTHING.

5. RUMANIA: NOTE UPI-BUCHAREST ON DISMISSAL OF DEPUTY FOOD MINISTER ZAHARIA. THIS SEEMS TO BE A CLEAR CASE OF CORRUPTION. HAMILTON'S NYT ARTICLE TODAY ON DATCOU'S STATEMENT AT THE GENEVA DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE YESTERDAY SEEMS GOOD TO US, WITH THE TWO EXCEPTIONS NOTED ON THE RECOMMENDED LIST. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE STATEMENT CONTAINS NOTHING NEW, THE CONTINUING STRONG RUMANIAN STATEMENTS (E.G., ON MILITARY MANEUVERS ON THE TERRITORY OF FOREIGN STATES) INDICATE THAT THE PRESSURES FROM MOSCOW ARE NOT BEING REDUCED.

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6. OTHER: THE BERLIN TALKS, ACCORDING TO BONN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN AHLERS, ARE DEADLOCKED ON "TECHNICAL AND PROTOCOL QUESTIONS." THE EAST GERMANS HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY PUT FORWARD REQUIREMENTS WHICH WILL OBLIGE BRANDT TO MAKE MANY SYMBOLIC OBEISANCES TO EAST GERMAN STATEHOOD. SOME OF THESE, SUCH AS WHETHER BRANDT MUST FLY TO THE DDR AND LAND AT SCHOENEFELD OR CAN LAND IN WEST BERLIN AND MOTOR TO THE EAST SECTOR, ARE SPECULATED ON IN THE WEST GERMAN PRESS. (TODAY'S "NEUES DEUTSCHLAND," IN AN ATTACK ON THE SPRINGER PRESS AND "MORGENPOST" FOR LEAKING INFORMATION ON THE TALKS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE AGREEMENT, ITSELF REVEALS THAT AT THE FIRST MEETING THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT BRANDT SHOULD TRAVEL TO THE "GDR CAPITAL" BY TRAIN FROM WEST GERMANY PASSING THROUGH WEST BERLIN AS HE DOES SO. THIS SUPPORTS SCHLEICH'S OBSERVATION THAT SOME AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN REACHED (SEE DR NO. 53). BONN'S PRESENT PESSIMISM IS REFLECTED IN AHLER'S OBSERVATION THAT ONE MUST NOW SEE "IF THERE CAN BE ANY MEANINGFUL CONTINUATION." THE TALKS WILL APPARENTLY RECONVENE ON MONDAY BUT THE FRG LEADERSHIP IT SEEMS SEES LITTLE PROSPECT OF RECONCILING THE TWO POSITIONS AT THIS TIME.

PAJETTA HAS REPLIED TO "RUDE PRAVO" AND "TVORBA" IN "L'UNITA" (DS) IN A PRINCIPLED CRITICISM OF THEIR ATTACKS ON THE PCI'S EVALUATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION. PAJETTA WRITES THAT IT IS THE PCI'S RIGHT TO COMMENT ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION AND THAT THE PCI CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT THE JUDGEMENTS AND ANALYSES ISSUED BY THE "DIRECTIVE ORGANS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY." IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE CS MEDIA HAVE LITTLE TO GAIN IN PURSUING THIS DIALOGUE.

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