

RADIO FREE EUROPE
MUNICH

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TO: DURKEE INFO YARROW HOVEY DUNNING KAUFMANN REYMAN
FM: WALTER INFO COOK BEDE BERNARD BROWN KOHAK LYON
NOWAK PECHACEK/BELLUS ZAHARIEFF

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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 213

1. BULGARIA: RADIO SOFIA (DS) HAS SHARPLY RESPONDED TO YUGOSLAV CRITICISM OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF A PAMPHLET DENYING THE EXISTENCE OF THE MACEDONIAN NATION (SEE YESTERDAY'S DAILY REPORT). NOT ONLY WAS THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PAMPHLET NOT DENIED, BUT THE ACCURACY OF ITS CONTENT WAS STRESSED. THE PAMPHLET IN QUESTION APPEARS TO BE ONE ISSUED IN 1968 BY THE HISTORICAL INSTITUTE OF THE BULGARIAN ACADEMY. THE BULGARIAN BD WILL CONTINUE TO REFRAIN FROM COMMENT.
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOVEMBER 26-27 HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AS THE PROPOSED DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTIONS. HUSAK'S SPEECH YESTERDAY HEAVILY STRESSED THE NEW MEASURES TO IMPROVE SOCIAL BENEFITS, AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANCE OF STRONGER REPRESENTATION OF WORKERS, WOMEN, YOUTH AND NON-PARTY PEOPLE IN NATIONAL FRONT ACTIVITIES. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT ONE CANDIDATE WOULD BE NAMED IN EACH ELECTION DISTRICT -- DESPITE THE THEORETICAL OPTION UNDER THE NEW ELECTION LAW TO PUT FORWARD MULTIPLE CANDIDATES. HUSAK EXPRESSED SOME OPTIMISM ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING TALKS WITH BONN, WHILE REITERATING THE CALL FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INVALIDITY OF THE MUNICH AGREEMENT AB INITIO. INDRA AND KAREL HOFFMANN WERE NAMED TO THE PRESIDUM OF THE NATIONAL FRONT, AND INDRA WAS ALSO APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL ELECTION COMMISSION. SINCE, IN ADDITION, HE IS NOW THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY CC COMMISSIONS ON AGRICULTURE AND YOUTH, INDRA'S ACCUMULATION OF AUTHORITY WOULD SEEM TO HAVE GROWN CONSIDERABLY. THE WESTERN PRESS IS GIVING HEAVY COVERAGE TO THE SMRKOVSKY INTERVIEW.
3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.
4. POLAND: WE WILL ATTEMPT TO GET AS MUCH MATERIAL AS POSSIBLE ON LAST NIGHT'S "CITIZENS' TRIBUNE" TV PROGRAM (SEE 2 DS ITEMS). THE MOST INTERESTING POINT TO EMERGE SO FAR, NEXT TO THE INTRIGUING PROSPECT OF GOMULKA WRITING HIS MEMOIRS, IS THE INDICATION THAT OLSZOWSKI WAS ASKED ABOUT THE ASSESSMENT OF THE MARCH 1968 AND DECEMBER 1970 EVENTS AND THE "ANALOGIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO SOCIAL MOVEMENTS." DOES THIS SUGGEST THAT THE QUESTION OF MARCH 1968 IS GOING TO BE AIRED MORE OPENLY? THE OFFICIAL ASSESSMENT HAS THUS FAR NOT CHANGED UNDER GIEREK.
5. RUMANIA: THE CEAUSESCU MESSAGE TO NIXON MAY WELL ENCOURAGE SOME WILD NEW SPECULATIONS ON RUMANIA, AND WE WILL KEEP A CAREFUL WATCH ON WESTERN PRESS COMMENTARY.
6. OTHER: NOTHING.

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