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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 89

1. BULGARIA: FOREIGN DELEGATIONS ARE NOW ARRIVING IN SOFIA FOR THE CONGRESS. APART FROM BREZHNEV IT IS CLEAR THAT KADAR FOR ONE FROM AMONG THE EAST EUROPEAN CHIEFS, IS COMING, ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY NOT TILL WEDNESDAY. DURING HIS LEISURELY PROGRESS TO SOFIA, VIA MOLDAVIA AND RUMANIA, BREZHNEV BRIEFLY MET NICULESCU-MIZIL JUST OUTSIDE BUCHAREST. PROTOCOL WOULD PROBABLY HAVE DICTATED THAT CEAUSESCU MEET BREZHNEV. WHETHER THIS MEANS THAT CEAUSESCU WILL BE GOING TO SOFIA REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

THE BULGARIAN MEETING TODAY DISCUSSED THE EVE OF THE CONGRESS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO LARRABEE'S PAPER OF LAST FRIDAY.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: A PAPER IS BEING PREPARED -- PROBABLY TO BE SENT TOMORROW OR WEDNESDAY -- ON THE PARTY REGIONAL CONFERENCES HELD LAST WEEKEND. HUSAK MADE AN INTERESTING SPEECH IN PRAGUE WHERE HE DENIED: 1) THE SETTING UP OF "CONCENTRATION CAMPS" FOR REFORMERS DURING THE CONGRESS (HE ATTACKED RFE IN THIS REGARD FOR REPEATING WESTERN PRESS REPORTS ON THE SUBJECT); 2) ALLEGATIONS THAT SVOBODA WOULD RETIRE AND HE HIMSELF WOULD BE KICKED UPSTAIRS; 3) THAT BILAK HAD MADE THE "INVITATION" MOVE AGAINST HIM AT THE DECEMBER PLENUM. WHILE STRESSING THAT THE PARTY WAS UNITED, HUSAK MADE SEVERE CRITICISMS OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PARTY AND THE SITUATION IN MANY WALKS OF PUBLIC LIFE. THREE OTHER SPEECHES ARE WORTHY OF NOTE (ALL ARE SENT DS); 1) THAT OF KEMPNY WHO MADE NO BONES ABOUT THE DISUNITY IN THE PARTY AND REFERRED IN STRONG TERMS TO THE NEED FOR ACTION AGAINST LEFT-EXTREMISM; 2) THAT OF LENART WHO, LIKE KEMPNY, ATTACKED LEFT-EXTRIMISM; 3) THAT OF BILAK WHO SNIDELY PRAISED HUSAK FOR HIS FORMULATIONS ON THE 1968 INVASION MADE AT THE RECENT CPSU CONGRESS.

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3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

4. POLAND: THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ABOLITION, FROM THE BEGINNING OF 1972, OF COMPULSORY DELIVERIES ON SLAUGHTER ANIMALS AND GRAIN, IS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN JUST HOW BENEFICIAL IT WILL BE IN PRACTICAL TERMS BUT ITS POLITICAL-PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED. BEFORE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TREND HAD PREPARED A COMPREHENSIVE PAPER ON AGRICULTURAL POLICY UNDER GIEREK. THIS WILL BE PUT OUT AS IS, AND HE WILL COVER THE ABOLITION OF COMPULSORY DELIVERIES IN A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY PAPER.

THERE IS NOT MUCH OF IMPORTANCE FROM THE NEW MATERIALS ON LAST FRIDAY'S PLENUM. THE BABIUCH SPEECH (EXCERPTS SENT DS) IS RATHER DISAPPOINTING IN ITS LACK OF REAL INFORMATION. NOTE HIS REMARK ABOUT WORK STOPPAGES NOW HAVING ENDED ONLY "IN PRINCIPLE." HIS AND JAROSZEWICZ'S SPEECH (CONFINED SOLELY TO ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE NEXT POLISH SITUATION REPORT.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

6. OTHER: THE CROATIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE LED BY BRANKO JELIC INCREASINGLY APPEARS TO BE SECURING SOVIET SUPPORT. MORGAN PIECE IN "WASHINGTON POST" INDICATES EXTENT TO WHICH "HRVATSKA DRZAVA," BERLIN ORGAN OF THE CROATIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, HAS COME OUT PUBLICALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET UNION. THE CROATIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE HELD A RALLY IN MUNICH THIS WEEKEND (DS) AND JELIC BLAMED THE WEST FOR FORCING EXILE CROATS TO TURN TO SOVIETS. JELIC SUPPORTED DISMEMBERMENT OF JUGOSLAVIA AND CREATION OF SEPARATE CROATIAN STATE. JELIC AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE ARE DIRECT DESCENDENTS OF NOTORIOUS NAZI COLLABORATOR ANTE PAVELIC AND THE USTASHA. SOVIET SUPPORT FOR THIS DISCREDITED GROUP SHOWS THE SOVIETS PREPARED TO PLAY ON NATIONALIST EXTREMISM TO ATTAIN THEIR OBJECTIVES IN THE POST-TITO PERIOD. CAA WILL ROUND UP WHAT IS KNOWN OF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR THE EXILE CROATIAN FASCISTS IN A PAPER TO BE ISSUED TOMORROW.

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