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FOLLOWING IS OUR PRESENT THINKING ON THE PROBLEMS OF AN AGENDA FOR MONTHLY DIRECTIVE NR 32 TO COVER MAY, 1961. AS WE HAVE ALREADY POINTED OUT IN NYC NR 58 OF APRIL 18, IT WOULD SEEM TO BE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO START A MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION OF GUIDANCE LINES ON MAJOR ISSUES AT THIS MOMENT. ALL WE KNOW NOW IS WHAT WE SHOULD LIKE TO COVER IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO COVER IT; AND WE ARE IN FACT SOMEWHAT APPREHENSIVE THAT THE TASK OF DRAFTING A DIRECTIVE ON APRIL 24TH TO COVER THE PERIOD FROM MAY 1ST TO MAY 31ST MAY PROVE TO BE INSUPERABLE IF THIS SHOULD BE SO, DELAYS IN DRAFTING IT MUST BE EXPECTED.

SECTION I SHOULD AS USUAL ATTEMPT TO PROPOSE A SOUND PERSPECTIVE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. THEORETICALLY, THE CONCEPT OF SUCH A PERSPECTIVE SHOULD MOST CLEARLY EMERGE FROM A COMPARISON OF THE SITUATION IN MAY 1960 WHEN THE LEADERS OF THE WORLD CONGREGATED FOR A SUMMIT MEETING IN PARIS, WITH THE SITUATION TODAY. THE TROUBLE IS, OF COURSE, THAT THREE MAJOR ISSUES WHICH BEAR HEAVILY ON THE SITUATION TODAY, ARE NOT ONLY WHOLLY UNRESOLVED BUT MAY HAVE REPERCUSSIONS WHICH ARE PRESENTLY UNFORESEEABLE. REFERENCE IS TO CUBA, LAOS AND TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. (MORE)

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APART FROM THE FACT THAT THESE CRISES MAY DOMINATE THE SCENE THROUGH MAY, WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS SHOULD BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF PUBLIC ATTENTION. THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF NATO MEETS IN OSLO FROM MAY 8TH TO MAY 10TH. CHANCELLOR ADENAUER WILL SEE PRESIDENT DE GAULLE AT THE END OF THE MONTH, A FEW DAYS BEFORE PRESIDENT KENNEDY WILL CALL ON PRESIDENT DE GAULLE IN AN ATTEMPT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON SUBJECT MATTER SERIOUSLY AFFECTING THE FUTURE OF NATO. WHETHER WE CAN GO BEYOND STATING THE PROBLEMS -- AND WHETHER EVEN THIS IS FEASIBLE -- REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

IN SECTION II, UNDER "FREE WORLD VALUES," WE PROPOSE TO HANDLE MAY DAY ROUTINELY AND TO DEAL WITH THE ELEVENTH CONFERENCE OF THE O.A.S. AT QUITO, SCHEDULED FOR MAY 24. THE REASON WE PROPOSE TO PUT THE QUITO CONFERENCE UNDER "FREE WORLD VALUES" LIES IN THE ASSUMPTION THAT KENNEDY'S LATIN AMERICAN PROGRAM, THE ALLIANCE FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS, WILL DOMINATE THE PROCEEDINGS AND ENABLE US TO RE-EMPHASIZE BASIC PRINCIPLES.

UNDER SECTION III, "BEHIND CURTAIN AFFAIRS," WE HAVE AN ITEM WHICH WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS WITH YOU. DETAILED FIGURES AVAILABLE TO US ON THE COMMUNIST AID PROGRAM CLARIFY BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT THAT THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA PER CAPITA CARRY THREE TIMES THE BURDEN WHICH THE SOVIET UNION HAS ASSUMED. THERE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE INDICATIONS THAT THE CZECHS RESENT THIS FACT, AND IF SO, IT WOULD SEEM LOGICAL TO EXPLOIT SUCH RESENTMENT. QUESTION TO YOU: WHAT DO YOU KNOW (MORE)

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ABOUT AID FROM OTHER CAPTIVE COUNTRIES AND WHAT IS YOUR EVALUATION
OF THE EXTENT OF TH RESENTMENT?

SECTION IV, (ANNIVERSARIES):

- A. MAY 2TH TO 22ND: JOINT SEMINAR ON "THE YOUNG
GENERATION AND SOCIALISM" HELD BY SOCIALIST INTER-
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL OF SOCIALIST YOUTH IN
SCHEFFHAUSEN.
- B. MAY 27TH: TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF PEIPING'S ANNOUNCEMENT
OF "PEACEFUL LIBERATION" OF TIBET.

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