

RADIO FREE EUROPE
MUNICH

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

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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 51

1. BULGARIA: MORE FOOTNOTES ON THE STRANGE COVERAGE OF ZHIVKOV'S TRIP TO POLAND: OTECHESTVEN FRONT, THE COUNTRY'S SECOND MAJOR NEWSPAPER, DID NOT PUBLISH THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE TRIP (RABOTNICHESKO DELO AND VECHERNI NOVINI DID) AND NO PAPER RECEIVED HERE HAS COMMENTED ON THE VISIT. RADIO WARSAW MENTIONED THE PARTICIPATION OF GIEREK IN TALKS WITH ZHIVKOV, USING THE SAME FORMULA AS RADIO SOFIA.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: REUTER/PRAGUE YESTERDAY REPORTED THE DISMISSAL OF OTO ORNEST FROM HIS POST IN CHARGE OF PRAGUE'S THEATERS WHICH HE HAS HELD FOR ALMOST TWENTY YEARS. REUTER REFERRED TO AN "OFFICIAL REPORT" WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE. THE INFORMATION IS BIO FOR THE TIME BEING. REUTER ALSO MENTIONED THE BANNING OF THE ALFRED JARRY PANTOMINE GROUP IN PRAGUE AND REPORTS THAT THE REDUTA JAZZ CLUB IS TO BE CLOSED. THIS IS OUR FIRST NEWS ON THESE GROUPS BUT IT SOUNDS PLAUSIBLE.

HUSAK MADE AN APPEARANCE IN BANSKA BYSTRICA YESTERDAY AFTER A WEEK'S ABSENCE FROM THE PUBLIC EYE.

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING

4. POLAND: NOTHING

5. RUMANIA: WE CONSIDER TODAY'S HEDRICK SMITH/NYT ARTICLE ON SOVIET-RUMANIAN RELATIONS TOO ROSY AND SOME GERMAN PRESS ARTICLES IN THE PAST DAY TOO BLACK. WE DO NOT DETECT ANY SIGNIFICANT RECENT CHANGE IN THE RELATIONSHIP.

6. OTHER: NOTHING

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