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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 160

1. BULGARIA: RADIO SOFIA LAST NIGHT IN A REGULAR PROPAGANDISTIC PROGRAM CALLED SWORD AND SHIELD CARRIED THE FIRST INFORMATION KNOWN TO US ABOUT THE TRIAL AND SENTENCING IN RUSSE (DATE UNDISCLOSED) OF THREE YOUTHS FOR ANTI-PARTY, "TROTSKYITE" ACTIVITIES. ONE IS DESCRIBED AS THE SON OF A COMMUNIST FAMILY AND A SECOND AS A STUDENT OF GERMAN AT SOFIA UNIVERSITY. ALL THREE ORIGINATE FROM THE RUSSE DISTRICT. THEY ARE NOW IN THE STARA ZAGORA JAIL AND HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE BULGARIAN RADIO THERE. THE BULGARIAN RADIO ALSO ASKED SOME FAIRLY PROMINENT SCHOLARLY FIGURES TO COMMENT ON THEIR "DEVIATIONS." ONE OF THE SENTENCED SAID IT WAS THE DECLARED AIM OF HIS GROUP TO FIGHT AGAINST THE BCP AND THE SOVIET UNION FOR A FULL AND BETTER COMMUNISM IN BULGARIA. THE MISTAKE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKS IN 1968, ACCORDING TO HIM, WAS THAT THEY TRIED TO DO TOO MUCH TOO SOON. ONE OF SCHOLARLY COMMENTATORS CITED THEIR MENTORS AS BEING COHN-BENDIT, MARCUSE, GARAUDY, DUTSCHKE, THE WOLFF BROTHERS ETC AND ANOTHER ADDED THAT ONE COULD DETECT THE INFLUENCE OF A FOREIGN RADIO STATION (RFE, PRESUMABLY) ON THEM. A NEWS STORY ON THIS IS BEING PUT OUT. BULGARIAN BD WILL DEFER COMMENT PENDING FURTHER STUDY AND ANALYSIS. TWO POINTS MIGHT BE NOTED, HOWEVER: A) THE CENTER OF THIS ACTIVITY WAS RUSSE, A CITY THAT HAS CAUSED PREVIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THE REGIME (E.G., THE STRIKE AT THE NAYDEN KIROV PLANT EARLIER THIS YEAR; B) THE FACT THAT RADIO SOFIA CARRIED THIS EVENT MAY INDICATE CONCERN OVER A WIDER INFLUENCE OF THIS KIND OF THINKING AMONG YOUTH.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOTHING.

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

4. POLAND: NOTHING.

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5. RUMANIA: CEAUDESCU SPOKE YESTERDAY TO THE COUNCIL OF HIGH SCHOOLS IN BUCHAREST. NO DETAILS YET.

COVERAGE OF NIXON CHINA VISIT:

TO DATE ONLY TWO EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES - BULGARIA AND HUNGARY - HAVE COMMENTED ON NIXON'S ANNOUNCED VISIT TO PEKING, ALTHOUGH ALL HAVE GIVEN IT VARYING DEGREES OF NEWS PLAY, WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAKS GIVEN IT THE LEAST PLAY. BULGARIAN COMMENTS HAVE STRESSED THE FACT THAT NIXON'S VISIT FOLLOWS SYSTEMATIC REFUSALS BY THE CHINESE TO DEVELOP CONTACTS WITH THE FRATERNAL COMMUNIST PARTIES. MOREOVER, WHILE CONCEDED THAT THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING "MIGHT BE" A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PEACE, THE BULGARIANS STRESSED THE REAL INTENTION WAS TO DEEPEN THE SINO-SOVIET RIFT.

THE HUNGARIANS GAVE THE EVENT 1ST PLACE COVERAGE, QUOTING ABC AND MTI. THEY CALLED THE VISIT A RADICAL CHANGE IN CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY WHICH INDICATED AN FURTHER MOVE AWAY FROM THE

SOCIALIST CAMP. THEY QUOTED AVERELL HARRIMAN REGARDING THE FACT THAT THE VISIT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CREATE PROBLEMS IN SOVIET-US RELATIONS. ALSO OF NOTE WAS A PREDICTION WHICH WAS NOT BORN OUT THAT THE STOCK MARKET WOULD UNDERGO A BOOM. A CMD SURVEY

OF THE EXTENSIVE HUNGARIAN COVERAGE IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE SENT DS WHEN AVAILABLE. SO FAR, THE MOST FAVORABLE FOREIGN COMMUNIST COMMENT ON PRESIDENT NIXON'S PLANNED VISIT TO PEKING HAS COME FROM THE YUGOSLAVS AND THE ITALIANS. RECALLING FOREIGN MINISTER TEPAVAC'S RECENT TRIP TO PEKING, TANJUG SAID POLITICAL CIRCLES IN BELGRADE WELCOMED THIS DEVELOPMENT. BORIS HRZIC ON RADIO ZAGREB DESCRIBED THE NEWS AS "ONE OF THE GREATEST FAILURES"

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OF SOVIET POLICY, AND QUESTIONED HOW LONG THE SOVIET LEADERS COULD MAINTAIN THEIR OWN HOSTILE ATTITUDE TO CHINA. FOR THE PCI, SECRETARY-GENERAL LONGO WELCOMED "AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE," ADDING THAT HE HOPED NEW RELATIONS COULD ALSO DEVELOP BETWEEN MOSCOW AND PEKING. THERE HAS AS YET BEEN NO COMMENT FROM SOVIET SOURCES, BUT THE NEWS COINCIDED WITH SEVERAL SHARP ATTACKS ON THE CHINESE: ONE COMMENTATOR CRITICIZED THEM FOR REFUSING TO LET FRENCH COMMUNIST DEPUTIES VISIT CHINA WHILE THEY ESTABLISH INCREASINGLY CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE IMPERIALIST RULING CLIQUES.

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