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1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: SPEECHES, INCLUDING ONE BY HUSAK (DS), ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1948 COUP GIVE AN OVERWHELMING IMPRESSION OF STERILITY AND ARTERIOSCLEROSIS. HUSAK'S PRAISE FOR GOTTWALD IS NOTEWORTHY IN VIEW OF HIS PAST SUFFERINGS UNDER THIS MAN. IN HIS EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE "20 YEARS OF DARKNESS" THEME WHICH EMERGED IN 1968, HUSAK--UNABLE TO PRAISE NOVOTNY GIVEN THE CURRENT LINE--IS HARD PUT TO FIND ILLUSTRATIVE SYMBOLS.

SPEECH BY CZECH CULTURE MINISTER BRUZEK IN OSTRAVA YESTERDAY (DS) SEEMS TO CONTRADICT HIS RECENT MORE TOLERANT ARTICLE. IN ANY CASE, THE SPEECH AGAIN DOCUMENTS THE REGIME'S MEAGER SUCCESSES AGAINST THE INTELLECTUALS.

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

4. POLAND: THE SENTENCES IMPOSED YESTERDAY ON THE ACCUSED IN THE TATRA TRIAL (DS), BY COMMUNIST STANDARDS, APPEAR RELATIVELY MODERATE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE PROPAGANDA BUILD-UP SURROUNDING THE TRIAL. FURTHER TRIALS ARE EXPECTED IN THIS REGARD IN POLAND AND IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

5. RUMANIA: EDUCATION MINISTER CONSTANTINESCU WAS RELEASED FROM HIS JOB YESTERDAY, FOLLOWING HIS ELECTION LAST FRIDAY AS PRESIDENT OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED ACADEMY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES (DS). MIRCEA MALITA, A WELL-QUALIFIED MAN IN OUR VIEW, NOW BECOMES MINISTER OF EDUCATION. RUMANIAN BD IN LAST NIGHT'S COMMENTARY TOOK GENERALLY POSITIVE APPROACH TO BOTH APPOINTMENTS. (SEE YESTERDAY'S SITUATION REPORT, SECOND ITEM, ON THE NEW ACADEMY.)

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6. OTHER: AS YET WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE CONTENT OF GROMYKO'S TALKS IN EAST BERLIN. "TASS" REPORTS THAT GROMYKO HAD A "THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS" WITH ULBRICHT AND STOPH AND THAT THEY REACHED "FULL UNANIMITY." EARLIER IN THE DAY "ADN" REPORTED THAT GROMYKO AND WINZER DISCUSSED "QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST" BUT DID NOT MAKE ANY REFERENCE TO FULL UNANIMITY. WE PRESUME THIS DIFFERENCE IN CHARACTERIZING THE TWO DISCUSSIONS IS MORE APPARENT THAN REAL BUT WILL INVESTIGATE THE TEXTS OF "ADN" AND "TASS" TRANSMISSIONS IN ANY CASE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S PRESENTATION TO CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ABM DEPLOYMENT AND SITE ACQUISITIONS, DR. JOHN FOSTER, THE PENTAGON'S CHIEF SCIENTIST, OBSERVED THAT THE CHINESE NUCLEAR TEST PROGRAM IS MOVING ALONG QUICKLY AND THAT THE CHINESE HAVE EXPLODED A THREE MEGATON WARHEAD SUITABLE FOR DELIVERY BY ICBMS. ON THE ICBM QUESTION FOSTER STATES THAT THE CHINESE COULD TEST AN ICBM IN THE CURRENT YEAR AND MIGHT HAVE AS MANY AS 10 TO 25 ICBMS IN 1975 IF THE TESTING IS SUCCESSFUL. THIS NEW ESTIMATE, WHICH ONE WOULD EXPECT AT THE TIME OF A SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS OF A PROPOSAL FOR NEW ABM SITES, IS ALSO OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH THE SINO-SOVIET DEVELOPMENTS. AS WE HAVE OBSERVED BEFORE, THE OPTIONS OPEN TO THE SOVIETS IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE CHINESE ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO CHINESE WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT AND THE MID-SEVENTIES SHOULD SEE A NARROWING OF THESE OPTIONS IF FOSTER'S ESTIMATE IS CORRECT.

FRENCH COMMUNIST GARAUDY WILL SHORTLY HAVE PUBLISHED IN FRANCE A NEW BOOK ENTITLED, "THE WHOLE TRUTH." THIS BOOK IS TO BE PUBLISHED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF MARCH AND DEALS, IT WOULD SEEM, WITH GARAUDY'S SPEECHES AT CLOSED SESSIONS OF THE PCF LEADERSHIP. "LE FIGARO" OF 24 FEBRUARY CONTAINS SOME EXCERPTS FROM THE BOOK (DS) WHICH INDICATE THAT IT WOULD BE OF SOME USE TO US. ESPECIALLY INTERESTING ARE THE PASSAGES IN WHICH GARAUDY ACCUSES THE SOVIETS OF FOMENTING SPLITS IN VARIOUS COMMUNIST PARTIES AND OF ENFORCING A DOUBLE STANDARD FOR THE EVALUATION OF ITS ACTIONS AND THOSE OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

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