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4. POLAND: NOTHING.

5. RUMANIA: THE OPEN CRITICISMS OF RUMANIAN POLICY BY MAGYAR HIRLAP AND SMENA YESTERDAY REPRESENTS AN ESCALATION OF THE PRESSURE AGAINST RUMANIA AND IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT OTHER SOVIET SATELLITES WILL SIMILARLY CRITICIZE RUMANIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE SHOULD ALSO EXPECT SHARP REBUTTALS FROM RUMANIA. THE LEVEL OF SOVIET POLEMICS AGAINST CHINA (SEE BELOW) SEEMS TO BE REACHING A NEW INTENSITY. WHILE THE INCREASED ANATHEMATIZATION OF CHINA SERVES THE SOVIET PURPOSE OF UNDERLINING THE EXTENT OF RUMANIA'S DISOBEDIENCE, THIS ALONE WOULD NOT SEEM SUFFICIENT EXPLANATION FOR THEIR NEAR HYSTERICAL TONE. ONE MIGHT SPECULATE THAT THE NEWS OF THE PRESIDENT'S UPCOMING TRIP TO CHINA, FOLLOWING CEAUSESCU'S OSTENTATIOUS TRIP TO PEKING, HAS GREATLY MAGNIFIED THE PARANOID AND ZENOPHOBIC TENDENCIES ALWAYS PRESENT IN MOSCOW. AS IS KNOWN, PARANOIA PRODUCES STRANGE AND FREQUENTLY DANGEROUS PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOR.

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE AUGUST 13 MAGYAR HIRLAP AND ARE SENDING TRANSLATED EXCERPTS DS. THE FULL ARTICLE WILL BE TRANSLATED ON MONDAY. NOTE THAT OUR COPY OF MAGYAR HIRLAP DOES NOT USE THE EXPRESSION TIRANA-BELGRADE-BUCHAREST "AXIS," BUT RATHER "THE TIRANA-BELGRADE-BUCHAREST LINE RPT LINE."

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SINCE ALL WESTERN AGENCIES AND FRIENDLY/NYT FROM BELGRADE USED THE EXPRESSION "AXIS," WE ASSUME THAT MTI DISTRIBUTED IN GERMAN AND ENGLISH AN ORIGINAL WORDING OF THE ARTICLE, WHEREAS A LAST MINUTE CHANGE OF THE WORD "AXIS" TO "LINE" WAS MADE IN THE MAGYAR HIRLAP EDITORIAL OFFICE.

BD'S THIS WEEKEND WILL NOT COMMENT EDITORIALY ON THE ESCALATION OF POLEMICS AGAINST RUMANIA, BUT WILL CARRY EXCERPTS FROM THE WESTERN PRESS PER THE RECOMMENDED LIST.

6. OTHER: THE SOVIET UNION HAS AGAIN EXPRESSED ALMOST HYSTERICAL CONCERN OVER CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY. A RADIO MOSCOW COMMENTATOR AND A SOVIET CORRESPONDENT, WHOSE ARTICLE HAS BEEN CARRIED IN AT LEAST TWO PUBLICATIONS, ATTACK THE "SPLITTING POLICY" OF THE MAO REGIME WHICH IS INTERPRETED AS BEING DIRECTED AGAINST THE UNITY OF THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THAT MOSCOW VIEWS AN IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN PEKING AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WITH INCREASED APPREHENSION IS INDICATED BY THE REFERENCE TO "A NEW FRONT" OPENED BY PEKING WHICH IS "ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS...SINCE IT PASSES DIRECTLY THROUGH THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM." ANOTHER COMMENTARY BROADCAST BY RADIO MOSCOW SPEAKS OF THE NECESSITY FOR A "DETERMINED RESISTANCE TO THE UNDERMINING SPLITTING INTRIGUES OF MAOISM" AND CONDEMNS BOTH LEFT- AND RIGHT-WING REVISIONISM, BOTH OF WHICH ARE COUPLED WITH NATIONALISM. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, FROM THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE, THERE IS NO EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO ANY COUNTRY OR PARTY FALLING SWAY TO CHINESE OVERTURES. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE CALL FOR UNITY IS AIMED AT THE BALKANS WHERE CONCERN OVER A POTENTIAL SHIFT IN ALIGNMENT HAS JUST BEEN EXPRESSED IN MAGYAR HIRLAP.

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