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1. BULGARIA: NOTE THE DEWITT ITEM (DS) ON THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE'S TALKS IN SOFIA. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT DIESEL DID NOT GO FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE CHARTER FLIGHT ISSUE BUT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ASKED TO RAISE IT. BUT JUST WHAT OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THE TALKS CENTERED ON IS HARD TO ESTABLISH.
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOTHING.
3. HUNGARY: NOTE THE RESUMPTION OF VATICAN-HUNGARIAN TALKS IN ROME.
4. POLAND: NOTHING OF INTEREST TO REPORT TODAY ON GIEREK IN FRANCE.
5. RUMANIA: THE PRESS VERSION OF CEAUSESCU'S SPEECH IN CLUJ (SEE YESTERDAY'S DAILY REPORT) DID NOT CARRY HIS REMARKS ON CHURCH-GOING COMMUNIST STUDENTS. NEITHER WAS THE REFERENCE TO THE 500 PETITIONS HE HAD RECEIVED PICKED UP.

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6. OTHER: THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE CENTRALIST YUGOSLAVS AND THE REPUBLICAN LIBERALS IN THE LCY APPEARS TO BE SHARPENING (SEE CAA PAPER ENTITLED "CRISIS BETWEEN 'HARD-LINERS' AND 'SOFT-LINERS' IN YUGOSLAV PARTY?" OF 28 SEPTEMBER). THE SERBIAN AND CROATIAN PARTIES ARE BEING INFORMED OF THE CONTENTS OF "TITO'S LETTER" CONTAINING PRESUMABLY NEW DIRECTIVES FOR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PARTY POLICIES. THIS LETTER, THE CONTENTS OF WHICH HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC, WOULD APPEAR TO CONTAIN PROPOSALS FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A MORE CENTRALISTIC LINE BY THE LCY ON THE REPUBLICAN PARTIES, FOR THE ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THE LCY OF UNITY WITH PURGES NOT EXCLUDED AND FOR A FIRMER DEGREE OF PARTY CONTROL IN PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY ECONOMIC, AFFAIRS. THE LETTER WHICH WAS ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU OF THE LCY PRESIDUM (OVER THE HEAD OF THE PRESIDUM AND THUS OF QUESTIONABLE STATUTORY VALIDITY) BEARS THE SIGNATURE OF TITO AND IS THOUGHT TO BE AT THE ROOT OF THE SHARP SPEECHES MADE LATELY BY JURE BILIC AND STANE DOLANC. IN A REVEALING COMMENTARY OVER RADIO ZAGREB, ANNOUNCER ZARKO BOZIC NOTES THAT THREE QUESTIONS ARE AT THE "CENTER OF POLEMICS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LETTER." THESE ARE THE ISSUES OF STRONG-PARTY VS SELF-MANAGEMENT, THE ROLE OF THE MARKET AND DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM IN THE LCY. ACCORDING TO BOZIC, SOME PEOPLE HAVE INTERPRETED THE NEED FOR A MORE DECISIVE PARTY AS "AN ATTEMPT TO USURP POWER," "DESTROY DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES" AND THREATEN "POLICE ACTIONS IN SOCIETY." THUS THE STRUGGLE WITHIN THE LCY BETWEEN THE MODERATES AND THE CENTRALISTS IS OVER THE CRUCIAL ISSUE OF THE ROLE OF THE LCY AND IS CERTAIN TO BE INTENSE.

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