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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 85

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: RADIO BRATISLAVA LAST NIGHT INTRODUCED A NEW PROGRAM OF "QUESTIONS FROM LISTENERS" WHICH IT REFERRED TO AS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SERIES. ONE MAY DOUBT THAT THIS INNOVATION WILL BECOME PERMANENT, GIVEN THE CONTROVERSIAL NATURE OF THE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED, E.G., PRICES RECEIVED FOR CS URANIUM SALES TO THE USSR, IS IDEOLOGICAL PROPAGANDA NECESSARY ON THE RADIO, AND A BLAST ABOUT THE UNTRUTHS ON AGRICULTURE BROADCAST BY THE RADIO. THE RADIO COMPLAINED THAT MOST PEOPLE HAD NOT SIGNED THEIR NAMES TO THEIR QUESTIONS.

3. HUNGARY: RADIO BUDAPEST LAST NIGHT SAID THAT IN THE ELECTIONS TO THE LOCAL COUNCILS ONLY FOUR PER CENT OF THE "CONTESTS" INVOLVE MULTIPLE CANDIDACIES. THIS IS FEWER THAN PREVIOUSLY INDICATED.

4. POLAND: GOVERNMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN JANIUREK, IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN ZYCIE WARSZAWY OF APRIL 8, GAVE A GLOWING ACCOUNT OF THE NEW INFORMATION POLICY WHICH HE WILL IMPLEMENT: PRESS CONFERENCES (INCLUDING FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS) EVERY WEEK OR TEN DAYS, AND A MONTHLY BULLETIN TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF PUBLIC OPINION ON VARIOUS ISSUES. WE ARE RATHER SKEPTICAL. RADIO SZCZECIN LAST NIGHT (DS) COMMENTED THAT LOCALS WORKERS WERE "DISSATISFIED WITH THE CURRENT STATE OF INFORMATION." THE SZCZECIN PARTY ELECTION AND REPORT CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY, ONE OF THE LAST TO BE HELD. (GDANSK IS STILL TO COME.) EVIDENTLY MEETINGS IN THE MOST SENSITIVE AREAS HAVE BEEN SAVED FOR THE LAST.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

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6. OTHER: AS IF THE PRESTIGE OF GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY INFLATED BY THE 24TH CONGRESS, K. RUDNEV, WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HEAD OF THE STATE COMMISSION FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND EXECUTION OF SPACE FLIGHT, HAS WRITTEN AN ARTICLE CIRCULATED BY NOVOSTI EMPHASIZING THE "IMMENSE ROLE WHICH WAS PLAYED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPACE EXPLORATION PROGRAM BY LEONID ILYICH BREZHNEV AS A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDUM AND SECRETARY OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHO WAS MADE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROBLEMS OF ROCKET ENGINEERING AND SPACE RESEARCH."

END MSG