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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 35

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: SLOVAK EDUCATION MINISTER LUCAN IS SPENDING A WEEK VISITING SCHOOLS IN LONDON. CS BD WILL USE STRAIGHT WHATEVER MATERIAL HOOD CAN OBTAIN TO SUGGEST CONTRAST WITH ULTRADOGMATIC AND PARANOID CZECH EDUCATION MINISTER HRBEK.

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

4. POLAND: ENDRST SPECIAL ON HIJACKING (LISTED ESPECIALLY USEFUL) ENABLES US TO CONTINUE USEFUL PROGRAMMING ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

6. OTHER: THE CPSU-CC DECREE ON THE CUTTING OF EXPENDITURES FOR MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS IS A FURTHER STEP IN THE RATIONAL EXPLOITATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOLLOWING THE SHCHEKINO-INSPIRED REFORM FOR REDUCING REDUNDANT LABOR. THE DECREE CRITICIZED THE MULTI-LEVEL SYSTEM OF MANAGEMENT WHICH STILL EXISTS IN SOME BRANCHES, THE DUPLICATION OF FUNCTIONS WITHIN MANAGEMENT, OVERBLOWN MANAGEMENT ECHELONS IN SMALL ENTERPRISES AND THE OVEREXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ON TRIPS AND CONFERENCES. THIS DECREE WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN A LOWER NOMINAL FIGURE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT ECHELON (THE DECREE CALLS FOR A 1.7 BILLION RUBLE REDUCTION), BUT IT IS LIKELY ALSO THAT MANY OF THE PEOPLE AFFECTED WILL MERELY PERFORM THE SAME JOB WITH THE SAME WAGES UNDER A DIFFERENT JOB DESCRIPTION.

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TION. THUS, IN EFFECT, WHILE THE MANAGEMENT ESTABLISHMENT HAS BEEN THREATENED BY THIS DECREE IT WILL PROBABLY SEEK TO AVOID THE CONSEQUENCES OF ITS IMPACT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THE DECREE IS UNUSUAL IN THAT, SIMILAR TO THE KHRUSHCHEV DECREE REDUCING THE PROFESSIONAL MILITARY OFFICER CADRES, IT STRIKES AT THE MANAGEMENT APPARATUS AND WILL BE UNPOPULAR WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT. IT IS UNCHARACTERISTIC IN THAT B & K HAVE AVOIDED HERETOFORE ALIENATING THE APPARATUS.

THE GWERTZMAN REPORT IN THE NEW YORK TIMES OF TODAY, CONCERNING PROTESTERS AMONG THE SOVIET OFFICERS OF AN ATOMIC SUBMARINE WHO HAVE ADOPTED THE IDEAS OF SAKHAROV, IS INTERESTING IN THAT IT FOLLOWS CLOSELY ON A REPORT OF A SIMILAR INCIDENT IN LENINGRAD. IN A REPORT RECEIVED BY THE POLISH BD FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THE NAMES OF THE OFFICERS PARTICIPATING ARE DIFFERENT, THE SUBMARINE IS NOT ATOMIC AND THE LOCATION IS DIFFERENT, BUT THE ESSENCE OF THE STORY IS THE SAME. CAA IS DOING A BACKGROUND PAPER WHICH COMBINES THE TWO EVENTS, CONCEALING THE ORIGIN OF THE POLISH ITEM. IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT THE TWO REPORTS DO NOT CONCERN THE SAME EVENT BUT IT IS HOPED THAT FURTHER INFORMATION FROM WESTERN SOURCES WILL CLARIFY THIS.

"L'HUMANITE" HAS REPORTED THAT THE SEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE WFTU IN FACT HAS ALTERED THE CONSTITUTION IN THE PROGRESSIVE DIRECTIONS EARLIER INDICATED BY THE UPI REPORT. "L'HUMANITE" STATES THAT THE CONGRESS HAS ELIMINATED THE PROVISIONS FOR EXPULSION OF MEMBER UNIONS FROM WFTU, HAS ABOLISHED THE OLD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, HAS ESTABLISHED A ONE VOTE RULE IN THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND HAS RECOGNIZED THAT THE NATIONAL UNIONS NEED ONLY APPLY DECISIONS OF WFTU IN TERMS OF THEIR OWN CONCRETE CONDITIONS AND NEED NOT APPLY THEM AT ALL IF THEY ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH THE DRAWING UP AND VOTING ON THE WFTU ACTIONS. WHILE THIS IS A CONSIDERABLE FORMAL STEP FORWARD IN DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURE FOR THE WFTU IT REPRESENTS LARGELY A DE JURE RECOGNITION OF

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DECENTRALIZATION FORCED ON THE ORGANIZATION BY THE ACTIVITIES OF ITS MEMBERS. THE CHANGES HAVE NOT GONE SO FAR AS TO INCORPORATE A PROVISION FOR REGIONALISM DESIRED BY THE AUTONOMISTS NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY EXPRESSION OF THE PROGRESSIVES' WISH TO SEPARATE TRADE UNION LEADERSHIP FROM PARTY AND STATE DIRECTION THUS PROVIDING FOR TRADE UNION AUTONOMY. THE WFTU SEVENTH CONGRESS ENDS ON SUNDAY AND WE WILL ISSUE A GUIDANCE ON MONDAY ROUNDING UP BOTH THE CHANGES IN THE STATUTES AND THE ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS.

CONCERNING SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS A RECENT TRAVELLER ON THE TRANS-SIB RAILWAY, ANDREW CLARK, REPORTS IN "THE GUARDIAN" OF 23 OCTOBER ON MILITARY MANEUVERS OBSERVED ALONG THE FRONTIER. HE ALSO RECORDS A BORDER INCIDENT ALONG THE USSURI HITHERTO NOT REPORTED TO OUR KNOWLEDGE IN WESTERN MEDIA.

A HOOD SPECIAL FROM LONDON INFORMS US THAT THE WARSAW PACT INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL BE A TOPIC AT THE BRITISH CP CONGRESS NOVEMBER 15-18. THE AGENDA INCLUDES A DRAFT RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PARTY STAND ON THE INVASION AND THE RANK-AND-FILE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO RATIFY OR REJECT THE RESOLUTION.

FROM THE AUSTRIAN CP, A PARTY INTELLECTUAL AND COMPOSER, DR. MARCEL RUBIN, HAS RESIGNED HIS MEMBERSHIP IN PROTEST AGAINST THE EXPULSION OF ERNST FISCHER.

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