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East Germans Again Dun West Berlin Senat

The East German news agency, ADN, reported on 13 February that GDR Minister for Posts and Telecommunications Schulze has again written to the West Berlin Senat demanding payment for services rendered to West Berlin by the GDR postal administration. Schulze pointed out that the West Berlin debt amounted to over 630 million marks (over \$150 million) as of 31 December 1967.

Schulze also made the pro forma statement that the Senat 25X1 bears full responsibility for all consequences arising from a further refusal to pay.

COMMENT: Schulze's letter comes hard on the heels of one by Finance Minister Boehm in which the latter pressed for payment of 112 million marks which he alleged West Berlin owes the GDR for collecting road transportation taxes on vehicles and goods transiting East German territory. Boehm had sent a similar letter to FRG Finance Minister Strauss25X1 demanding payment from Bonn of 123 million marks. The West German Foreign Office considers the Boehm letters to be the opening salvo in a GDR plan to raise highway tolls. SFCRET Approved For Release 2006/03/03 : <u>GA-RDP79B00864A000</u>800010106-

Poles Strike Cautious Note on Budapest Meeting

After weeks of charging up the propaganda hill with articles on the momentous import of the forthcoming Budapest conference, the Poles appear to be tempering their optimism as the date for the conclave approaches. The 14 February issue of the non-party daily Zycie Warszawy strikes for the first time a self-admitted "realistic" note when it cautions that "although agreement on basic matters among the vast majority of parties" gives cause for optimism about the conference, "nevertheless its complete success will certainly not be automatic."

COMMENT: Notably, the Poles new realism comes in the wake of Polish-Rumanian party talks in Warsaw last week, and on the same day that Bucharest announced that it would attend the meeting.

Albanian's Report Solidarity Among Marxist-Leninist Splinter Groups

Kazimierz Mijal, leader of the pro-Peking "Polish Communist Party," reportedly has met with Jacques Jurquet and Fosco Dinucci (heads of the French and Italian Chinese oriented communist parties), according to a 12 February radio Tirana broadcast. They met to exchange "ideas" and "experiences" 25X1 in a demonstration of "militant solidarity and proletarian internationalism!

COMMENT: Mijal is directing the activities of his "Polish Communist Party" from Albania, and while his presence there is generally accepted as fact, it has not been confirmed. The failure of this broadcast to indicate that time and place of the meetings suggests the reference is to consultations held during Jurquet's and Dinucci's August and September visits to Albania.

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