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YUGOSLAVIA

Pressures Mount to Oust Dissident Professors

The Serb leadership is keeping up the pressure to force expulsion of eight dissident philosophy lecturers at Belgrade University. Yesterday, the Serbian Executive Council advised that it would not fund scientific projects in the philosophical or sociological fields if direction of these projects were entrusted to the controversial professors or their followers.

Furthermore, if the faculty committee fails to take decisive action against the professors, the newly-elected secretary of the LC University Committee threatens further unspecified measures by the university assembly. The faculty committee charged with the disposition of the case has consistently been either unwilling or unable to resolve the issue.

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POLAND

Warsaw, Bonn Haggles over Credits

Polish-West German negotiations designed to clear the way for party chief Gierk to visit Bonn in March are not making much headway. The bilateral commission that was established to negotiate an FRG credit to Poland has met and failed to agree; Bonn is offering only DM one billion, which Gierk probably does not regard as a sufficient basis for his trip. The Poles are asking DM three billion. Given the stalemate on credits, Deputy Foreign Minister Czyrek's current talks in Bonn on the emigration of ethnic Germans from Poland will probably not produce much.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Ripoffs, Socialist Style

At a press conference yesterday in Prague, the Director of Public Security announced that 30,000 persons were arrested

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last year for economic crimes, chiefly the theft of socialist property. Their criminal activities resulted in losses to the state amounting to approximately 17 million dollars. He said that a frequent condition leading to economic crime is the lack of discipline in the economy, especially in construction.

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