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JOINT WEEKKA 45 SECTION I

POLITICAL

Reactions to Hungarian developments.

Week brought ample confirmation heavy use Rumanian railways move Soviets tanks, troops to Hungary; existence disturbances some magnitude, with alleged killings students, at universities Timisoara and Cluj, perhaps also Birgu Mures and Oradea (latest story being that truck load Hungarians speaking students brought to Jilava prison); and lack confidence regime regarding possible attitude regarding key workers, students especially Transylvania, and public generally at outdoor gatherings. Syndicate head Apostol November 2 addressed key railway machine shop workers at Grivita Rosie complex (as rail born Soviet troop and armor traffic rose toward peak) explaining in conciliatory tones benefits conferred by October 30 wage and pension decree (see 44 JOINT WEEKKA); Politburo intellectual Constantinescu (no less) during week addressed faculty and students both Cluj universities re Hungarian similarly conciliatory tones urging need solidarity and promising rapid study problems relative university education and students especially "overloading programs, obligatory attendance certain courses (i.e. Russian language), improvement living conditions Normal stadium mass meeting of November 7, usually addressed by Apostol and last year attended by some 80,000, omitted from program this year.

Attitude Rumanian contacts universally of extreme depression regarding crushing independence-movement Hungary and wonderment "why US does not do something; when are you coming to save us? This supine attitude although unrealistic does accurately reflect complete impotence Rumanians in face overwhelming unpopular

regime

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regime now visibly proven to rest upon support hundreds Soviet tanks.

Prohibition diplomatic road travel outside Bucharest (Snagov as limit) continues absolute, each request being refused upon presentation to Foreign Office no matter what destination.

NEW YORK TIMES correspondent Welles Hagen directed leave Rumania two days earlier than planned as result his November 1 article. Deputy Foreign Minister Lazareanu, who was quoted in Hagen November 2 article re Rumanian attitude toward renegotiation Warsaw Pact, was noticeably reserved in demeanor toward American officials during chance encounter November 6.

SCANTEIA editorial November 2 on Soviet declaration on developing strengthening friendship collaboration USSR other Socialist countries only one this subject. Expressed appreciation USSR offer reconsider placement troops here but so adulatory USSR and all its works that Legation considers no Rumanian intention ask removal any Soviet troops.

November 7 festivities.

No public outdoor festivities were held. Claimed 5,000 persons heard Politburo member Pirvulescu deliver customary speech lauding USSR at Floresca athletic arena evening November 6. This audience consists picked Communists.

Soviet reception evening November 7 attended by Communist diplomats, Egyptian Minister and wife, Austrian, Finnish, Swiss Charges and no other member diplomatic corps. Soviet Ambassador's demeanor mild and non-inflammatory (observer opines "bad Soviet conscience") toasted "peoples US, Great Britain, France" in addition Communist states and leaders. At request resident dean (North Korean Ambassador) Ambassador of Kadarhung regime delivered thanks congratulations to Soviet Ambassador although most junior of all Ambassadors. Yugoslavs irked; "what right has he speak our behalf?"

Press soft-peddled November 7 preparations. Contrary to custom stores were open till evening. Seems reflect striving reduce occasion for street gatherings.

Conclusion US-Rumanian talks.

Talks concluded November 3 without incivility. Rumanians prepared proceed to negotiations when US proposed date; US seeks Rumanian

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Rumanian compliance existing obligations before enlarging trade facilities available Rumanians. Rumanians published brief factual press release fairly reflecting own point view and reporting our contention these discussions exploratory talks not negotiations, but not our position foregoing sentence.

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Suez Crisis:

Rumanian Government, November 2 released declaration announcing British, and French armed aggression against Egypt and asserting Israel played part of provocateur, its operations being designed to furnish England and France pretext for armed occupation Canal Zone.

November 7 press carried TASS despatch "US actually encouraging aggressors", attacking US, SC vote not discuss Soviet "non-fulfillment" item. (Also see Army).

Press Attitude:

Press treatment Hungarian crisis was exceedingly voluminous, leading to unprecedented special edition *EUROPEAN* afternoon November 4 announcing formation Kadar Government and to similarly unprecedented appearance *SCANDIA* and *STEAGUL ROSU* Monday November 5. "Factual" reporting as actual events Hungary naturally at minimum; volume consisted mostly in inflammatory signed articles re abuses "reactionaries" Hungary under incitement West, and texts declarations solidarity with Government RPR on part various groups and institutions in Transylvania, particularly among Hungarian speakers and in Hungarian autonomous region.

Re Suez amount factual material has been great and reporting actual events at UN reasonably straight. Proportion signed articles supporting Egypt and denouncing Israel, Great Britain and France has been no more than normal.

Pressure of these items plus need devoting much space to USSR and Rumanian celebrations speeches re November 7 had effect squeezing US presidential election and Dulles illness into few inches back pages.

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Soviets announce Major General E.P. Jurevlay as new army
Air and Naval Attache Vice Colonel E.P. Voronin.

On 7 November Rumanian press announced Rumanian troops would
be made available to UN for use in Suez Canal.

No unusual activities during week at military installations.
Bucharest and vicinity. (Also see political).

AIR: Negative.

NAVY: Negative.

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