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NEWS REPORTS AND MONITORING RECEIVED OVER WEEKEND FROM HUNGARY APPEAR TO US TO INDICATE CONTINUED STEADY INCREASE OF RIGID STATE CONTROL, POLICE ACTIVITY AND TERROR TACTICS ON SCALE EQUAL TO RAKOSI REGIME AT ITS WORST. AMONG THE MORE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS WHICH BEAR OUT THIS TREND ARE THE FOLLOWING: (1) SPEECH BEFORE SATURDAY SESSION OF PARLIAMENT BY STATE PROSECUTOR SZENASI WHICH VIOLENTLY ATTACKED IMRE NAGY, REVISIONISTS, REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES, EMPHASIZED THAT COURTS MUST CONTINUE WITH STRICT MAINTENANCE OF "JUSTICE" AND STATE PROSECUTORS AND POLICE MUST CONTINUE DRIVE AGAINST "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES," TAKING CARE NOT TO EASE UP IN FERRETING OUT "CLASS ENEMY ELEMENTS" STILL HIDING OUT IN COUNTRY; (2) INTRODUCTION IN PARLIAMENT OF LEGISLATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "PEOPLE'S CONTROL COMMITTEES" TO CHECK ON REVISIONISM AND COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY NOT ONLY IN ECONOMIC FIELD (FACTORIES, TRADE ORGANIZATIONS) BUT ALSO IN PRIVATE LIFE (SEE OUR RFEA 8 OF TODAY); (3) KOSSUTH RADIO COMMENTARY BY IMRE KOMOR BROADCAST DEC. 21, SHARPLY ATTACKING NAGY AND GYORGY LUKACS; (4) ANNOUNCEMENT BY SZENASI IN SPEECH REFERRED TO ABOVE THAT LENGTH OF TIME FOR INTERNMENT OF INDIVIDUALS IN INTERNMENT CAMPS CAN NOW BE EXTENDED INDEFINITELY (PREVIOUSLY INTERNMENT HAD BEEN LIMITED TO NOT MORE THAN SIX MONTHS); (5) RADIO KOSSUTH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT POLITICAL PROSECUTORS WILL NOW HAVE OFFICES IN FACTORIES WHERE COMPLAINTS, REPORTS AND DENUNCIATIONS BY WORKERS CAN BE HEARD DIRECTLY; (6) CONTINUED RUMORS OF SECRET TRIALS OF MILITARY, CLERICAL AND CIVILIAN PERSONS WHO TOOK PART OR ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PART IN REVOLUTION (SEE MUN 34 OF DEC. 18 AND MUN 97 OF DEC. 20).

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