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(EDS. FOLLOWING ITEM DID NOT APPEAR IN ALL BUDGETS/ESTERDAY)

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X/13/9 CURT - EAST EUROPEAN EVENTS CONTINUE FRONT PAGE NEWS

MUNICH, MARCH 11 (CNR):- EVENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE, ESPECIALLY IN POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CONTINUE TO BE FRONT PAGE NEWS IN THE WEST TO-DAY.

MANY BRITISH AND EUROPEAN NEWSPAPERS PUT THE WEEKEND CLASHES BETWEEN WARSAW STUDENTS AND POLICE ON THEIR FRONT PAGES, AND DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, INCLUDING TRIBUTES TO JAN MASARYK, WERE ALSO WIDELY REPORTED.

A ROUNDUP BY RFE BUREAUS SHOWS:-

LONDON:

(RFE SPECIAL/WELLS)--THE CURRENT POLITICAL FERMENT IN POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS FOCUSED THE ATTENTION OF THE BRITISH PRESS ON EAST EUROPE.

THERE WERE STORIES FROM EITHER WARSAW OR PRAGUE, OR BOTH CAPITALS, IN ALL NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS THIS MORNING AND TWO NEWSPAPERS ALSO CARRIED EDITORIALS COMMENTING ON THE SITUATION.

THE TIMES AND THE GUARDIAN BOTH HAD MAJOR FRONTPAGE STORIES ON THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN WARSAW AND THE TRIBUTES TO JAN MASARYK IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHILE THE DAILY TELEGRAPH HAD TWO LENGTHY STORIES ON THE BACK PAGE, ITS SECOND MAJOR NEWS PAGE.

THE OVERSEAS NEWS PAGE OF THE FINANCIAL TIMES PUBLISHED AN ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION BY ITS EAST EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT HEADLINED "ECHOES OF 1956 UPHEAVAL IN EASTERN EUROPE" AND THE DAILY MAIL, IN ADDITION TO NEWS STORIES, HAD A FRONTPAGE EDITORIAL ON THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE DAILY EXPRESS AND THE SUN BOTH CARRIED REPORTS ON THEIR MAIN FOREIGN NEWS PAGES AND THERE WERE BRIEF STORIES IN THE TABLOID DAILY SKETCH AND DAILY MIRROR. THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER MORNING STAR CARRIED BRIEF NEWS AGENCY REPORTS FROM WARSAW AND PRAGUE ON ITS THIRD PAGE, BUT A FRONTPAGE EDITORIAL SUPPORTING BRITISH STUDENT PROTESTS SAID NOTHING ABOUT STUDENT DEMONSTRATION IN EAST EUROPE"

WEST GERMANY:

(GND/MACDONALD)-- THE WEST GERMAN PRESS TODAY SPLASHED THE WEEKEND EVENTS IN WARSAW AND PRAGUE ACROSS THE FRONT PAGE.

IT WAS THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN WARSAW WHICH MADE THE BIGGEST HEADLINES AND GAVE SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS THEIR PAGE ONE LEAD. TWO PAPERS THE STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG AND DIE WELT OF HAMBURG--PUBLISHED THE FIRST ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOGRAPH OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS BEFORE THE CENTRAL LIBRARY BUILDING OF WARSAW UNIVERSITY.

ALL THE MAIN PAPERS DEVOTED EDITORIAL COMMENTS TO THE POLISH STUDENT UNREST.

THE STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG'S MAIN AP STORY WAS HEADLINED "STREET BATTLE IN WARSAW BETWEEN STUDENTS AND POLICE" WHILE A LONG BACKGROUND TO THE EVENTS APPEARED ON PAGE THREE.

THE SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH SPLASHED THE DPA STORY HEADED "WARSAW'S STUDENTS ON THE STREETS". THE FRANKFURTER RUND-SCHAU LED PAGE ONE WITH A COMBINED AGENCY WRAP-UP HEADLINED "STREET BATTLE IN WARSAW" WHILE DIE WELT CARRIED A SINGLE-COLUMN STORY BELOW THE WARSAW PICTURE WITH THE HEADING "WARSAW FEARS NEW STUDENT UNREST".

THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG GAVE WARSAW SECOND PLACE TO PRAGUE WITH ITS MAIN PAGE ON STORY BY HARRY HAMM IN SOFIA HEADLINED "CONTINUED UNREST IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA". BELOW CAME A REPORT FROM ANGELA NACKEN IN WARSAW WITH THE HEADING "WARSAW SPEAKS OF 'IRRESPONSIBLE EXCESSES", WHILE TWO MORE REPORTS BY MISS NACKEN ON INSIDE PAGES PROVIDED MORE DETAILS AND BACKGROUND TO THE EVENTS.

THE MUENCHNER MERKUR LINKED DEVELOPMENTS IN POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULGARIA AND RUMANIA UNDER THE HEADLINE "ALARM SIGNALS THROUGHOUT EAST EUROPE."

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ATHENS:

(RFE SPECIAL/OPPER/CONDOULIS)- THE GROWING TURMOIL IN EASTERN EUROPE WAS GIVEN MAJOR PROMINENCE TODAY IN ATHENS' THREE MORNING NEWSPAPERS.

"ELEFTHEROS KOSMOS" MAIN STORY ON PAGE ONE WAS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EAST, CARRIED UNDER SIX COLUMN HEADLINES:

"POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA SHAKEN,
"SMOKE BOMBS AGAINST 10,000 WARSAW STUDENTS,
"KREMLIN WORREID"

A FOUR-COLUMN PICTURE OF THE POLISH STUDENT RIOTS WAS CARRIED AT THE TOP OF PAGE ONE IN "ACROPOLIS" WITH THE STORY ON THE MAIN BACK NEWS PAGE BANNED ACROSS EIGHT COLUMNS:

"STUDENTS FIGHT POLICE FOR SEVEN HOURS IN WARSAW"
"TO VIMA" ALSO MADE THE GROWING CHAOS ITS MAIN STORY ON THE BACK PAGE:

"TURMOIL IN EAST EUROPE INCREASES,
"BEGINNING OF DEEP CLEAVAGE"

IN ALL CASES THE NEWSPAPERS DEALT NOT RPT NOT ONLY WITH THE STUDENT REVOLT IN POLAND BUT WITH REPORTS OF THE POSSIBLE RESIGNATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PRESIDENT ANTONIN NOVOTNY AND REPORTS OF 10,000 FIRINGS IN RUMANIA.

GERMANY:

(GND/MACDONALD)- EVENTS IN EAST EUROPE TOOK SECOND PLACE IN THE WEST GERMAN PRESS TODAY TO CHANCELLOR KURT GEORG KIESINGER'S "STATE OF THE NATION" MESSAGE TO THE BUNDESTAG.

HOWEVER, THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN WARSAW AND PRAGUE WERE FRONT-PAGED BY MOST LEADING NEWSPAPERS.

THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG, ONE OF THE FEW PAPERS WITH ITS OWN CORRESPONDENT IN WARSAW, CARRIED A THREE-COLUMN FRONT PAGE STORY FROM ANGELA NACKEN UNDER THE HEADLINE "WITH TEAR GAS AGAINST WARSAW STUDENTS." A FEATURE ARTICLE BY MISS NACKEN ON PAGE TWO CARRIED THE HEADLINE "THE STUDENTS OF WARSAW." THE LATEST CZECHOSLOVAK DEVELOPMENTS WERE REPORTED BY THE PAPER'S FORMER PRAGUE CORRESPONDENT ANDREAS RAZUMOVSKY ON PAGE THREE UNDER THE HEADING "PRAGUE COMMUNISTS CHOOSE THE FLIGHT FORWARDS."

DIE WELT OF HAMBURG, IN A PRAGUE REPORT ON PAGE ONE, DISCUSSES THE FUTURE OF PRESIDENT NOVOTNY. A TWO-COLUMN AGENCY STORY FROM POLAND WAS HEADED "MORE DEMONSTRATIONS IN WARSAW" WHILE A FEATURE BY COLUMNIST MATTHIAS WALDEN ON PAGE TWO COMPARED STUDENT PROTESTS IN POLAND AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

THE MUENCHNER MERKUR FRONT-PAGED AN AGENCY PHOTOGRAPH OF CZECHOSLOVAK STUDENTS AT JAN MASARYK'S GRAVE. A THREE-COLUMN HEADLINE ON PAGE ONE ABOVE AN AGENCY STORY FROM WARSAW READ: "STREET BATTLE BEFORE THE CC CENTRE IN WARSAW." A TWO-COLUMN PRAGUE REPORT ON PAGE TWO CARRIED THE HEADLINE "THREAT TO USE FORCE."

THE OTHER BIG MUNICH NEWSPAPER, THE SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG, GAVE FRONT-PAGE SPACE TO BOTH WARSAW AND PRAGUE. A THREE-COLUMN AGENCY REPORT FROM THE POLISH CAPITAL WAS HEADED "PROTEST MARCH THROUGH WARSAW TO CP CENTRE" WHILE ANOTHER AGENCY ITEM FROM PRAGUE CARRIED THE TWO-COLUMN HEADING "CAMPAIGN AGAINST NOVOTNY CONTINUES."

THE POPULAR ABENDZEITUNG OF MUNICH GAVE A FOUR-COLUMN HEADING TO CZECHOSLOVAK DEVELOPMENTS -- "PRAGUE: NON-COMMUNISTS WANT TO TALK." IT ALSO DEVOTED MOST OF PAGE THREE TO A WARSAW REPORT BY GERT BAUMGARTEN WHICH HAD ALREADY APPEARED IN MONDAY'S STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG.

THE FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU FRONT-PAGED BOTH THE NEWS FROM POLAND ("POLICE AGAIN TURN TO TEAR GAS") AND FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA ("DEMONSTRATION AT MASARYK'S GRAVE").
(MORE) JON/E 1208/68