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1. UK POL COUNSELOR MALLABY HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING ACCOUNT
OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE (ECPC) STATE OF PLAY
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AS DESCRIBED BY PAOLO GALIMBERTI, VETERAN MOSCOW
CORRESPONDENT OF LA STAMPA,, WHO HAS EXCELLENT CONTACTS WITH

ITALIAN COMMUNIST SOURCES. ACCORDING MALLABY, PORTIONS OF THIS SCENARIO HAVE SINCE BEEN CONFIRMED BY PAJETTA AND KANAPA IN LE NOUVELLE OBSERVATEUR AND L'HUMANITE, OTHERS NOT.

2. GALIMERTI SAYS THAT THE DRAFT DOCUMENT FLOATED BY THE EAST GERMANS THIS SUMMER, WHICH WAS OFFENSIVE TO SO MANY PARTIES, WAS BUILT AROUND AN ACTION PROGRAM WITH SOME KIND OF BINDING FORCE ON SIGNATORIES. FACED WITH IMPASSE, THE SOVIETS SUGGESTED A NEW DRAFT BUILT AROUND BREZHNEV'S HELSINKI SPEECH, AND THE PCI ACCEPTED THE IDEA. (PAJETTA'S EARLY AUGUST VISIT TO MOSCOW WAS PERHAPS THE OCCASION.) AT THE SAME TIME, THE ITALIANS INSISTED THAT THE DOCUMENT BE NON-BINDING AND THAT SPECIFIC LANGUAGE BE INCLUDED ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF INDIVIDUAL PARTIES.

3. PCF, HOWEVER, OBJECTED, SINCE THEY WANTED DOCUMENT TO REBUT THE SPANISH-ITALIAN LIVORNO STATEMENT OF JULY 11, WITH ITS THESIS OF PERMANENT PLURALISM IN WESTERN EUROPE. SOVIETS, HOWEVER, PUSHED THROUGH THIS SOLUTION. FRENCH WERE LEFT INSISTING THAT AS LONG AS INDEPENDENCE OF PARTIES WAS IN THE DOCUMENT, THEY WOULD USE THEIRS TO OPPOSE THE LIVORNO THESIS. STILL, THEIR OBJECTION WAS REDUCED TO UNILATERAL FORM, AND THEY WERE CLEARLY NOT HAPPY WITH OUTCOME. NEITHER WERE EAST GERMANS.

4. HOWEVER, ITALIANS, SPANISH, YUGOSLAVS AND ROMANIANS WERE, AND EAST BERLIN MEETING IN OCTOBER WENT FORWARD ON BASIS OF A NEW DOCUMENT COMBINING BREZHNEV'S SPEECH AND GALIMBERTI SAYS THAT THE INDEPENDENCE OF PARTIES LANGUAGE. MORE EDITORIAL WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE, AND THE EAST GERMANS WILL BE CIRCULATING A REVISED DRAFT EMBODYING COMMENTS FROM OTHER PARTIES AT THE END OF OCTOBER. (COMMENT. WE SUSPECT TOPIC FIGURES ON AGENDA OF JUST-COMPLETED MARCHAIS VISIT TO HONECKER. END COMMENT.) ALL 27 OR 28 PARTIES (DEPENDING ON WHETHER SAN MARINO ATTENDS) WILL PARTICIPATE IN NOVEMBER MEETING, AND PROSPECTS FOR WRAPPING UP DOCUMENT AND HOLDING CONFERENCE BEFORE END OF YEAR, PROBABLY IN EAST BERLIN, ARE VERY GOOD.

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5. COMMENT. WE HAVE ONLY RECENTLY SEEN A COPY OF THE LIVORNO STATEMENT, WHICH WAS ALSO PASSED ON TO US BY THE BRITISH. ZARODOV'S AUGUST 6 PRAVDA ARTICLE SEEMS TO US CLEARLY DIRECTED AGAINST GENERAL THRUST OF THE STATEMENT AND MAY WELL HAVE REPRESENTED SOVIET ATTEMPT TO SATISFY THE FRENCH ON THIS SCORE. THIS COULD ALSO EXPLAIN IN PART BREZHNEV'S RECEPTION OF ZARODOV. GALIMBERTI'S ACCOUNT, IN ADDITION, TENDS TO CONFIRM OUR SUPPOSITION THAT THE SOVIETS CAVED ON SUBSTANCE TO THE "SOUTHERN TIER" OF EUROPEAN PARTIES IN ORDER TO

GET THE CONFERENCE. FINALLY, PCF UNHAPPINESS OVER THIS SPECIFIC COURSE OF EVENTS MAY HAVE FIGURED IN SOVIET DECISIONS CONCERNING THE GISCARD VISIT, I.E, THE SOVIETS MAY HAVE BEEN MAKING UP TO THE PCF, RATHER THAN ENCOURAGING IT IN A HARDLINE DOMESTIC STANCE. MATLOCK

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