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AND TO ROUTINE PRAGUE, MOSCOW, WASHINGTON, UKDEL NATO, PARIS, BONN  
BUDAPEST, BUCHAREST, SOFIA, BELGRADE, E. BERLIN.

PRAGUE TELNO 40: PRESS COMMENT ON PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO HUNGARY

1. AS WE HAVE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT ( MARDEN'S LETTER OF 10  
FEBRUARY TO LONG ) , POLISH PRESS COVERAGE OF THE PRIME MINISTERS  
VISIT TO HUNGARY HAS BEEN REASONABLY SYMPATHETIC AND NOT SIMILAR  
IN TONE TO THE COMMENTARY REFERRED TO IN PRAGUE'S TUR. IT CONTAINED  
CERTAINLY NO SIGN OF WARSAW PACT ' ' COHESTRATION ' '.

2. A HEADLINE IN ZYCYE WARSZAWY ( 6 FEB ) READ ' ' A SMALL STEP ' '  
A COMMENTARY PUBLISHED IN TRYBUNA LUDU ON THE SAME DAY SAID THAT  
MRS THATCHER'S VISIT HAS CONFIRMED THE HUNGARIAN PARTYS AND GOVERN-  
MENTS UNALTERED POLICY OF DIALOGUE WITH COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT  
SOCIAL SYSTEMS, AND ADDED THAT KADAR HAD OFTERN EMPHASISED THE  
IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ROLE THAT SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COUNTRIES  
SUCH AS HUNGARY COULD PLAY BY LAUNCHING AND SUPPORTING INITIATIVES  
AIMED AT RESTORING DETENTE.

3. TRYBUNA LUDU'S COMMENTARY REGRETTED THAT MRS THATCHERS STATEMENT  
IN BUDAPEST EXCLUDED THE POSSIBILITY OF CANCELLING NATO'S  
PROGRAMME FOR MISSILE DEPLOYMENT, BUT CONCLUDED THAT IN THE PRESENT,  
TENSE EUROPEAN SITUATION, ALL MOVES LEADING TO AN IMPROVEMENT IN  
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WERE WORTHY OF SUPPORT. MRS THATCHER'S VISIT  
TO HUNGARY MIGHT BE A STEP FORWARD IN IMPROVING THE EUROPEAN CLIMATE  
' ' SOMETHING EUROPE NEEDS VERY BADLY ' '.

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4. TRYBUNA LUDU'S COMMENTARY IMPLIED THAT POLAND WOULD LIKE TO BE DOING WHAT HUNGARY HAS BEEN DOING IN LAUNCHING INITIATIVES AIMED AT RESTORING DETENTE, HUNGARY HAS PRAISED IN THE SAME ARTICLE FOR FINDING WISE SOLUTIONS TO ITS INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND BEING NOTED FOR HARD WORK, GOOD MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CALM- ALL CHARACTERISTICS THE PARTY WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN POLAND.

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