

X/13 E/W - EAST EUROPEANS AT SALONICA TRADE FAIR

SALONICA, GREECE, SEPT. 6-(RFE SPECIAL/OPPER)- GREECES PREMIER TRADE FAIR, NOW RPT NOW IN ITS FIRST WEEK HERE IN THE COUNTRYS SECOND CITY, HAS STUCK STRICTLY TO BUSINESS WITH INTERNATIONAL POLITICS SET ASIDE.

MOST EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE AMONG THE 36 NATIONS REPRESENTED. THE PAVILLIONS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULGARIA, HUNGARY, POLAND, AND RUMANIA ARE ALMOST SIDE BY SIDE.

THE SOVIET UNION IS NOT RPT NOT REPRESENTED BUT ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS THIS HAS NO RPT NO SIGNIFICANCE IN THAT THE USSR COMES TO THE SALONICA FAIR ONLY VERY OCCASIONALLY AND HAD NEVER INTENDED TO BE PRESENT THIS YEAR.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK PAVILLION HOUSES EXHIBITS FROM 12 STATE ENTERPRISES, ORGANIZED BY THE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS OF BRNO.

LIKE MOST EAST EUROPEAN EXHIBITS, THE CZECHOSLOVAKS HAVE GONE IN HEAVILY NOR HEAVY MACHINERY AND MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT AND HAVE USED CONSUMER GOODS LARGELY AS A LURE TO PULL IN THE CURIOUS.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOODS ON DISPLAY INCLUDES SUCH ITEMS AS TEXTILE MACHINERY, DIESEL ENGINES, LATHES, AND WORK BENCHES. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE EXAMPLES OF CZECHOSLOVAK-MADE SLIDE RULES, BATHROOM FIXTURES, LINOLEUM, COSTUME JEWELRY, DENTIST CHAIRS, POCKET TRANISTOR RADIOS, MOTOR BICYCLES, AND AUTOMOBILE TIRES.

BULGARIA HAS GONE IN FOR MOTORCYLES, AND HEAVY MACHINERY SUCH AS THAT USED IN WOODWORKING, CHEMICALS, AND THE CANNING INDUSTRY. THERE ARE, AS WELL, EXHIBITIONS, ARRANGED BY THE SOFIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, OF COOKING UTENSILS, KITCHEN SCALES, BEDSHEETS, BOTTLES, CHINAWARE, AUTOMOBILE BATTERIES, ELECTRIC LIGHT SWITCHES, TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARDS, TELEVISION SETS, AND ELECTRIC STOVES.

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