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CS --1ST ADD -- BELGRADE: FORCE (CN 11) XXX TRADITIONS

THE MAGAZINE SAID A SOVIET POLICY OF PERMANENTLY PREVENTING CHANGE BY FORCE COULD NOT BE EXCLUDED "BECAUSE THE MODEL OF BUREAUCRATIC SOCIALISM CAN STILL FUNCTION FOR SOME TIME IN SUCH A SPACIOUS COUNTRY, IN WHICH STRONG PEASANT STRUCTURE CAN ABSORB ANY GOODS WHATEVER, AND WHERE THE PEOPLE HAVE NOTHING TO COMPARE WITH: EITHER WITH WHAT THEY HAD, OR WITH WHAT OTHERS HAVE."

IT ADDED THAT IT MUST ALSO BE ARGUED HOWEVER THAT "INCREASING NUMBERS OF EDUCATION STRATA OF SOVIET SOCIETY CANNOT ACCEPT AS THE MOST NORMAL STATE OF AFFAIRS THE GREYNESS AND SCARCITY OF EVERYDAY LIFE ON ONE SIDE, AND THE DEMAND FOR TRIPS TO THE MOON ON THE OTHER."

SOONER OR LATER, ECONOMSKA POLITIKA SAID LOGIC WOULD PLACE ON THE AGENDA THE FACT THAT THE MERIT OF THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM DID NOT LIE IN GREATER PER CAPITA PRODUCTION OF BUTTER OR STEEL, BUT IN WHO LEADS IN TECHNICAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL WAYS, AND IN WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE BETTER OFF IN EACH OF THESE FIELDS OF ACTIVITY.

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