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Alarm went off after 6. Had sleep badly -
dream of Kathy being dead. Keith hates me to go.
Sat in bed rather pink-eyed -
Taxi to Baker St. waited nearly 1/2 hr for bus. Took
taxi to Denmark. Flight-delay.

Caravelle to Brussels (arrival 10:40) short straight
up smoothly into sky after curling thru tail.

Quiet, very smooth.

Brussels Airport has large glass-fronted main bldg
with 2 wings from which sprout "trees" with
lights. Main bldg has large arena with
plants, very attractive
Lounges all round.

Uniformly grey day blankets airport.

Taxi man from Froyal driven night for 22 yrs.
Only daughter now studying to be doctor, wife lovely.
Prefers quiet streets, knows night-life, takes people
without question (bottle of whiskey on sill got in
middle of night)

11:30 to Budapest - via somewhere? We
stopped at some airport for 1/2 an hr.
Had I been there before on way to Berlin?
I think so, but it might not have been
so. Man from Madagascar met me there.
Arrived Budapest, pleasant, being built,
shabby & uncomfortable wait in cold
entrance - I had no visa! But all fixed up.
Taken by bus to Hotel Gellert in Buda
on River

Room shared with J Dineen, later Belgian

BUDAPEST
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gabrie never stops talking in continuous nasal
even manner which is maddening; on 4. on.
Brink is rather elderly and austere. He
doesn't appreciate being looked at 7.30 with the
voice. It never is lowered & continuously draws on.
we don't see the city, only the hotel with rather
gray outlook.

Esther Brent from Denmark joined us "I'm so sorry, but I know"

Our rooms are 1st floor overlooking river - a trans
GDR show film of "Lutz Müller"

FRIDAY 18: Poor Jackie Dineen! She goes on & on & on
She never stops, she bores me, she bores
others as well. But fundamentally there's
nothing wrong there - just an insensitively
prolonged serenade culminated by manual
Chinese intervention, object to 12 min
time limit, supports Japs against splitters,
& so on.

x Question of Brown raised satisfactorily
x Lunched with Indians.

PM - Rally in big hall on Vietnam -
But I don't speak Hungarian, although
I doubt whether I could have enjoyed it
any better. TV cameras going on all
round us, otherwise it's all dull & the same

1. Welcome from Hungarian Rep
2. Blasts from Blum, so badly translated it was unbearable
3. Choleis outlines programme & suggests 12 min & 5 min time limit
4. China objects - 1 minute per 1,000 miles
5. Chandra India

Report from Presidential Ctte to "assist" in discussion - no conclusions yet reached - open mind - will hear opinions
Free discussion, no carping

Outlines what has happened since Helsinki
Include wide discussion on questions of structure initiated by Bernal.

2 problems: a) increasing imp: offensive, i.e. Africa
b) growth of peace movements, "... USA

Discussion on structure is not dogmatic, organizational, but on it depends growth & activities of P movement.

Any attempt to make PC movement of one part of views would destroy it

Essential characteristic is diversity of methods & viewpoints

Agreed only on basic aims

18th am

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will support initiative from any source & does not support foreign policy of any particular ~~country~~ government

Each nat. movement has own characteristics & different forms and different countries.

Shuk announced 10 min break which was then delayed by Japanese protest against 2 documents circulated in name of other groups, followed by China "we have been attacked in these documents by WCP openly itself by splitters who want to split and defame China" - and Indonesian

After coffee break. Achille Dialo from Guinea in chair, firmly & loudly refused to let Japan pursue matter any further

Speakers: Dineen, Canada

Then question of Japan documents again pursued with great fervor & intensity with China, Korea, Indonesia shortly & descriptively
Blum suggested we should deal with it. China said no.
Heated discussion followed

Deadly meets for Vietnam in afternoon - about 6 speakers straight, all different languages. Slept fitfully between the applause & waste of time.

Long session on Vietnam. Speaker after speaker expressing solidarity. I went to bed

19. March

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The voice of JD draves an ear, cast they at night, first they in the day. I feel sorry for Colter Smith who doesn't want to get up at 7:30. We climb to top of hill, with remains of stone fence & greatly victory monument woman in flowing robes hold huge feather above her head. On either side the heroic monuments - one of mighty muscle man slung down a terrible dragon with his bare fists, on the other side the young man leaning into winds of future - just awful. Hard climb. Beautiful view.

After breakfast - the dreamy trail of speakers begins:

Bulgaria: "We appreciate the positive results of such action"

Iraq

Czechoslovakia

GDR

GOR

Holland

U.A.R.

ISRAEL

"like water to + desert, like a fresh coolly wind... (Spirit o' Freshness) ..."

USSR

Rever. Andrew Grelly:

Prager - Grelly to Deanna 7

Julius: Gollan, Australia

Gollan gave report on Africa specifically mentioning Ghana. Algerian man then spoke cautiously regarding Ghana, in fact opposing policy of Gambia. I spoke after Algeria on AF & Khed. Then Gollan again while I made tape-recorded radio interview.

China. Organizational problems arise from political line which must be centered upon anti imp struggle & H for nat. lib. Broadest poss. united front against U.S.

Broad character of peace movement? Accordy to what principle is character based? Should be inclusive of all genuine anti-imp & peace loving peoples, exclusive of accomplice of U.S. Imp.

Broadening of WCP needs more H.A. & L.A. reps. Must be given prominent places. ~~Do~~

Japanese
Kobayashi & Chue anti man. proliferation of nuclear weapons from agenda of WCP int. - strengthening of imperialists

Contention:

Israel - maybe some misunderstandings

that is means of WCP --

Van Gentine - place only - spot -

I got the insurance about place --

SAT 19.

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Climb to top of monument hill, in front of which is monument
old fort on top, in front of which is monument
to victory by famous - now 80 - Hungarian
Sculptor. Tall slab of stone on top of which is
roman in flowing robes holds above head palm of
victory. on either side - Great heroic youth
with bare hands destroying dragon - quite good in
realistic style. on other side bear's track into
future. In middle, soldier

In evening, reception takes form of formal dinner,
beautifully prepared food, beautifully decorated.

Sat at table with Mary Prager & Columbian Professor
who is poet.

After dinner, show of 2 Vietnam films - one by GOR,
simple, poetic, effective. Then documentary in
standard clichés of Vietnam resistance

Mr. hi thinks better the second than first - he wd.

SUN. 20

Heavenly clear Sunday with Sun strong.

Supposed to wait for Dilagi & Koperski. latter
came, gave me record

went on bus tour of city, lovely. Sat next to
Kole in WPC who says he does nothing.

In afternoon walked with J & Hutchissans who are
funny little mice - she loves gaudy lacerta.

City full of people, mostly dressed, stylish clothes
& fabrics. Shops terrific - full of nice things including
gorgeous delicatessen foods. But cold! over budget.
back to hotel.

After dinner, went to Bela & Eva Dilagi -
flat overlooking Danube, attractive furniture
& plants. Charming & interesting people. Ate marvellous
then savoury biscuits & pastries.

MON 21

Am still shing. went & bought gift, walked again in
city - lunch with poor, tired, nose-bleedy
Madame Debatian & 2 men.

Fixed up re Duff & Valerie. Very generous & kind
Prof Duff gave me copy of his bk, & bk around
from Selajai.

went to Hungarian women.

Jana Vanda, hd o international section of women,
is blond, attractive, sensible, wears turquoise
twin set with amber beads.



Monday 21st. Shopped in city. Walked bk to hotel
 Ullie's. Lunch with Madame Sebastian,
 arrangements made regarding Val.
 Women's Org. in afternoon.
 Then walked bk thru city with Tina &
 Jackie, crowds & crowds of people.
 Lovely shops.
 Presidential Cttee still mtg in evening.
 Everyone comes out like Grimm.

Tues. 22. Breakfast with Jackie & Galloway. Hangg around
 foyers for ages. Drove to airport in black ~~Chrysler~~
 same model we had in SF - it seems vast -
 to think I used to dawdle # around every day!
 Entrance to airport is rather "Soe deuse" -
 heavy, cold & uninspired. A bit better when
 I go thru to departure lounge where there is very
 cheap taxfree shop.
 Caravelle is beautiful & superb - straight up
 above + over town, industrial areas, scanned
 earth, smoke, to + clear blue beyond clouds. It
 is 11.15 & a "hot meal" is being served in 15 min -
 oh lord! Roped music, shrimp & mineral water.
 We are flygover # eternal expanse of white cloud
 # has separated & become blue mountains, + colour of
 sky, tipped & nibbed with white snow. It is a sight of
 splendid beauty. Stretching far away beyond + curve of the
 earth, ragged & rocky, craggy, so extensive, untended -
 will people come to live on top of these white peaks when
 earth gets too crowded?

Endicott. Was advised to Cheng-Kai-Shek.

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Spks o how poor corrupts - absolute poor corrupts absolutely - "I know from my personal experience, how diff it was to take a decision to give up position o poor purely o moral grounds - reasons are too fund to continue."

Also says Chinese detoured to fight to last Vietnamese - Chairman of Pcc (Dun?) ad USSR shd open 2 ports in Peking to enjoy USSR "But this wd mean start o nuclear war" "So what? You can't live forever."

Chinese refusal bases for Russians who wd supply anti-aircraft missiles & they guaranteed wd bring down 8 out o every 10 USA aircraft. Had 2 bases Chinese said this wd be violation of country's sovereignty

Peasant party led by intellectuals - no city class basis

Jackie. 2 mths after marriage, following husband to military base from which he was to go on to war, last night together. She bathed, perfumed, made herself ready, got into bed, said "Come to bed, Bruce". He said I just ~~had~~ had to get some notes done (on unit he was doing). She waited, waited, eventually fell asleep & did not wake until morn. Later when she throws this up at her he "Can't explain it." He is too soft, complacent, depends too much on her - if only he wd get angry, accuse.

E. Brink. Teaches my & evening, does her Peace wk, then on weekends goes to her room, shuts the door, " & then I am alone until Monday - I know I will be all by myself."

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