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**6-13 0080/16 Angol sajtó Thatcher magyarországi látogatásáról– English press on Thatcher’s visit to Hungary**

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The British mass media tools evaluated Thatcher’s visit to Hungary as an important international event, and according to this they dedicate wide-range publicity to it. The TV, radio and press did not only report about the visit itself, but about our cultural life, touristic opportunities in Hungary etc. The huge range of interest surprised also the English official bodies.

The great majority published in the press, in the radio and TV commentaries – setting aside comparisons targeted to other socialist countries and historical flashbacks which in certain cases went back until 1956 – was positive. According to our opinion the most objective reports could be read in the *Financial Times*.

The mass communication tools first of all dealt with the visit from the viewpoint whether it will start detente in Eastern-Western relations. The question of "what’s next" also rose, namely, whether there will be advancements in Anglo-Soviet relations.

The evaluation can be said to be general according to which it would be an error to exaggerate the visit from an international viewpoint, but it contributed usefully to the improvement of Eastern-Western relations, in which it advanced the understanding of standpoints of two countries belonging to two different alliance systems.

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Shall see: Cr. Lajos Nagy  
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