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TAKE 1--CORRESPONDENT REPORT

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(BY TASS CORRESPONDENT YU. LEVCHENKO)

(TEXT) WASHINGTON, 17 JUN (TASS)--U.S. PRESIDENT REAGAN GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE TELEVISED NATION WIDE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE. HIS STATEMENTS ON FOREIGN POLICY CONFIRMED ANEW THAT THE WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO CONTINUE PURSUING ITS DANGEROUS COURSE ON AGGRAVATING INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS.

CAMOUFLAGING U.S. POLICY FOR SPURRING ON WAR PREPARATIONS, THE PRESIDENT CLAIMED THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION'S "GREATEST GOAL" WAS TO MAINTAIN PEACE. HOWEVER, HE IMMEDIATELY MADE IT CLEAR THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION INTENDED TO PURSUE ITS OBJECTIVES NOT BY LESSENING TENSIONS AND BUILDING UP MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BUT BY ESCALATING NUCLEAR TERROR AND BUILDING UP MILITARY STRENGTH AS AN INSTRUMENT IN BLACKMAILING OTHER COUNTRIES AND NATIONS FOR THE SAKE OF "PROTECTING" NOTORIOUS U.S. "INTERESTS". "I ALSO HAPPEN TO BELIEVE THAT THAT WILL COME THROUGH OUR MAINTAINING ENOUGH STRENGTH," HE STRESSED.

REAGAN MENTIONED ONLY IN PASSING THE NEED TO STEP UP EFFORTS TO LIMIT NUCLEAR ARSENALS WHICH THREATEN THE VERY EXISTENCE OF MANKIND. IN SO DOING, HE MADE THE RESERVATION THAT THIS RESERVATION AS A LOOPHOLE WHICH WASHINGTON HOPES TO USE TO JUSTIFY ITS OBSTRUCTIONIST STAND ON THIS ISSUE. THE PENTAGON IS SPEEDILY DEVELOPING NEW-GENERATION NUCLEAR WEAPONS, IN PARTICULAR, CRUISE MISSILES; THE ADOPTION OF WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE PRESTIGIOUS "DEFENCE INFORMATION CENTRE", WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO EFFECTIVELY CONTROL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THEREFORE BECOME A SERIOUS OBSTACLE IN THE WAY OF NEW AGREEMENTS ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION.

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WASHINGTON IS KNOWN TO BE PLANNING TO DEPLOY THESE MISSILES IN WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, THUS TURNING WESTERN EUROPE INTO A SORT OF HOSTAGE. THE PENTAGON LEADERS STRESSED IN A CBS INTERVIEW YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS PREPARED TO USE THESE MISSILES IN A "LIMITED" NUCLEAR CONFLICT IN EUROPE, AND HAD ALREADY STARTED TO TRAIN ITS TROOPS IN OPERATIONS UNDER CONDITIONS OF NUCLEAR WAR. IN THIS CONTEXT THE PRESIDENT WAS ASKED TO ANSWER DIRECTLY THE QUESTION WHETHER HE BELIEVED THAT A TACTICAL NUCLEAR WAR COULD BE FOUGHT IN EUROPE AND CONTAINED OR WHETHER HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD SPREAD INEVITABLY TO A THERMONUCLEAR EXCHANGE. THE PRESIDENT EVADED THE QUESTION BUT NEVERTHELESS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE.

STRIVING TO DISTRACT U.S. PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM THE IRRECONCILABLE CONTRADICTIONS OF U.S. CAPITALISM, WHICH IS GOING THROUGH A GRAVE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS, THE PRESIDENT MADE SPECIAL EFFORTS TO PLAY DOWN THE GROWING APPEAL OF THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM. HE DESMIRCHED IN EVERY WAY THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM AND GROSSLY SLANDERED SOVIET FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICIES. DISPLAYING HIS COMPLETE IGNORANCE OF PHILOSOPHY AND MISUNDERSTANDING THE HISTORICAL PROCESSES TAKING PLACE IN THE WORLD, HE EVEN TRIED TO SOUND LIKE AN ORACLE AND PREDICTED THE SPEEDY END OF COMMUNISM.

THE NEWSPAPER WASHINGTON POST, REALISING THE DANGER OF SUCH A PRIMITIVE APPROACH TO HISTORY, RECENTLY URGED THE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP NOT TO COPY LUCKLESS ORACLES WHO HAVE SINCE 1917 INDULGED IN WISHFUL THINKING AND PARROTED SUCH "PREDICTIONS", THEN SEEING THEM CRUMBLE ONE AFTER ANOTHER.

JUDGING BY REAGAN'S STATEMENTS, THE WHITE HOUSE HAS TURNED A DEAF EAR TO THIS SENSIBLE PIECE OF ADVICE. IT IS INDICATIVE THAT THE NEWSPAPER NEW YORK TIMES, COMMENTING ON REAGAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE, HAS HAD TO ADMIT THAT THE PRESIDENT DISPLAYED ARROGANCE AND IGNORANCE AND EVEN RESORTED TO MISINFORMATION IN HIS REPLIES TO QUESTIONS ON FOREIGN POLICY.

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(TEXT) OTHER PRONOUNCEMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT ON INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS WERE ALSO COUCHED IN THE SPIRIT OF MILITARISTIC IDEOLOGY NOW REIGNING IN THE WHITE HOUSE. THUS RONALD REAGAN SOUGHT TO JUSTIFY THE PROVOCATIVE DECISION OF THE WHITE HOUSE TO SUPPLY CHINESE HEGEMONISTS WITH OFFENSIVE WEAPONS WHICH THEY COULD USE AGAINST NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. HE SOUGHT TO PRESENT THIS AS A "NORMAL PART OF THE PROCESS OF IMPROVING RELATIONS" BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND BEIJING.

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IT IS CLEAR FROM REAGAN'S PRONOUNCEMENTS THAT WASHINGTON ASSIGNS TO ITS NEW "PARTNER" AN OBVIOUSLY SUBORDINATE ROLE OF CONDUCTING THE UNITED STATES' WILL AND HAS NO REGARD FOR NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE PRC. THUS, RONALD REAGAN MADE IT PLAIN THAT DESPITE NUMEROUS "PROTESTS" OF BEIJING, WASHINGTON INTENDS TO MAINTAIN BROAD RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN AND TO CONTINUE RENDERING IT MILITARY ASSISTANCE. "WE HAVE A LAW, THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT, THAT PROVIDES FOR DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT BEING SOLD TO TAIWAN AS WELL AS OTHER THINGS IN THE RELATIONSHIP AND I INTEND TO LIVE UP TO THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT"; THE PRESIDENT SAID. "I HAVE NOT CHANGED MY FEELING ABOUT TAIWAN".

THE PRESIDENT JUSTIFIED THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO GRANT MILITARY AID TOTALLING THREE BILLION DOLLARS TO THE REPRESSIVE PAKISTANI REGIME DESPITE THE U.S. LAW BANNING DELIVERIES OF ARMAMENTS TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH REFUSE TO JOIN THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. HE SAID THAT "PAKISTAN IS IN A VERY STRATEGIC POSITION NOW IN VIEW OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN AFGHANISTAN." "I BELIEVE IT IS IN OUR BEST INTERESTS TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF PAKISTAN," HE SAID. OBSERVERS ASSESS THIS STATEMENT AS AN INDICATION THAT WASHINGTON JOINTLY WITH BEIJING INTENDS TO CONTINUE USING PAKISTAN AS A BRIDGEHEAD FOR THE SPREADING OF THE UNDECLARED WAR AGAINST REVOLUTIONARY AFGHANISTAN AND FOR PREPARING AN AGGRESSION AGAINST OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, FIRST OF ALL AGAINST INDIA.

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RONALD REAGAN WHO CLAIMED TO BE AN ADVERSARY OF INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM ACTUALLY ASSUMED PROTECTION OF THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS
WHO STAGED A CRIMINAL ACT OF INTERNATIONAL TERROR BY BOMBING A
NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTRE IN IRAQ. HE ALLEGED THAT ISRAEL HAD
GROUNDS FOR CONCERN ABOUT IRAQ'S POLICY. REAGAN PINNED THE BLAME
FOR THE PERSISTING TENSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST NOT ON ISRAEL BUT
ON THE VICTIMS OF ISRAEL'S AGGRESSION, ARAB COUNTRIES. CLOSING
HIS EYES TO OBVIOUS FACTS, HE SAID: "IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME
TO ENVISION ISRAEL AS BEING A THREAT TO ITS NEIGHBOURS."

SYRIAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES THAT WERE BROUGHT INTO LEBANON
FOR REBUFFING PIRATIC RAIDS OF ISRAELI PLANES WERE DESCRIBED
BY THE PRESIDENT AS "OFFENSIVE WEAPONS" AIMED AT ISRAEL. THE
ABSURDITY OF SUCH A STATEMENT WAS SO OBVIOUS THAT IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WHITE HOUSE
HAD TO COME OUT WITH THE "EXPLANATION" THAT RONALD REAGAN,
APPARENTLY, MEANT "DEFENSIVE WEAPONS".

THE PRESIDENT WAS ASKED IF ^{he} HE BELIEVES IT APPROPRIATE TO GIVE
VAST MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL, A COUNTRY THAT REFUSES TO SIGN
THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND DOES NOT SUBMIT ITS
ATOMIC FACILITIES TO INTERNATIONAL CONTROL AND, AS REPORTED,
MANUFACTURES ITS OWN NUCLEAR WEAPONS. RONALD REAGAN, WHO A FEW
MINUTES EARLIER MADE ASSURANCES OF THE ADHERENCE WAS, APPARENTLY
NONPLUSED AND PREFERRED TO AVOID THE ANSWER BY SAYING THAT HE HAD
NOT "GIVEN VERY MUCH THOUGHT TO THAT PARTICULAR QUESTION". THE
CBS COMPANY POINTED OUT IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE UNITED STATES
HAD SUPPLIED ISRAEL WITH THE "LANCE" MISSILES WHICH ARE BEING
TRANSFORMED BY ISRAEL INTO CARRIERS OF ITS OWN NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
THE PRESS REPORTED THAT IT IS PRECISELY FROM THE UNITED STATES
THAT ISRAEL RECEIVED ENRICHED URANIUM AND PLUTONIUM WHICH ARE
NECESSARY FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF THE ATOMIC BOMB. A COMPREHENSIVE
REPORT THROWING LIGHT ON THE RECENT SECRET TEST OF ATOMIC
WEAPONS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC BY ISRAEL AND THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA HAVE BEEN "BURIED" IN THE WHITE HOUSE. ALL THIS
SHOWS CONVINCINGLY THAT WASHINGTON IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR
INTERNATIONAL BRIGANDAGE PRACTICES BY THE ISRAELI RULERS. :

RONALD REAGAN EXERTED HIMSELF TO PUBLICISE THE ECONOMIC MEASURES
OF HIS ADMINISTRATION. THEIR PRO-MONOPOLIST CHARACTER AND
DIRECTION ARE SO CLEARLY MANIFESTED THAT ONE OF THE JOURNALISTS
COULD NOT REFRAIN FROM DESCRIBING THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION
AS THE "PRESIDENCY OF THE RICH."

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