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TAGS: PINT, UR
SUBJECT: XXVI PARTY CONGRESS: SIGNIFICANT INCREASE
IN SIZE OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE LIKELY

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. BEGIN SUMMARY. A SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION IN THE SIZE OF THE REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEES ELECTED AT THE RECENTLY COMPLETED REPUBLIC PARTY CONGRESSES SUGGESTS THAT THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE MAY BE CONSIDERABLY EXPANDED IN SIZE AT THE XXVI CPSU CONGRESS. THIS APPROACH, WHICH WOULD FULFILL THE PRINCIPLE OF "SYSTEMATIC RENEWAL" OF PARTY BODIES STIPULATED IN THE PARTY STATUTE, WOULD ALLOW THE LEADERSHIP TO BRING A FAR LARGER NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS INTO THE COMMITTEE THAN WOULD BE POSSIBLE IF THEY RELIED ON PERSONNEL TURNOVER ALONE. END SUMMARY.
3. THE POLITBURO IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO EXPAND THE SIZE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT THE XXVI PARTY CONGRESS. IT HAS DONE SO AT EVERY CONGRESS SINCE THE XIX (1952), IN KEEPING WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF "SYSTEMATIC RENEWAL" OF PARTY BODIES WHICH IS INCORPORATED IN THE CURRENT PARTY STATUTE. THIS PROCEDURE IS ATTRACTIVE TO KREMLIN LEADERS BECAUSE IT ALLOWS THEM TO BRING NEW BLOOD INTO THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WITHOUT RESORTING EXCESSIVELY TO THE MORE POLITICALLY PAINFUL PROCESS OF REMOVING INCUMBENTS - - A METHOD THAT HAS NOT BEEN USED FREQUENTLY IN THE BREZHNEV ERA. AT THE LAST FIVE PARTY CONGRESSES THE INCREASE IN SIZE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS RANGED FROM A HIGH OF 25 PERCENT AT THE XXII (1961) TO A LOW OF ABOUT 8 PERCENT AT THE LAST CONGRESS (1976). BASED ON OUR ANALYSIS OF THE DATA FOR THE 13 RECENTLY COMPLETED REPUBLIC CONGRESSES, HOWEVER, WE THINK THAT THE INCREASE WILL BE SOMEWHAT GREATER AT THIS CONGRESS THAN AT THE XXV.
4. IN 1976, THE LOW POINT FOR GROWTH AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEES ELECTED BY THE REPUBLIC CONGRESSES WERE ON THE AVERAGE SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN THE SAME COMMITTEES ELECTED IN 1971. BY CONTRAST, IN 1981 THESE CONGRESSES ELECTED CENTRAL COMMITTEES THAT ARE ABOUT NINE PERCENT LARGER ON THE AVERAGE THAN THE ONES ELECTED IN 1976. FOUR REPUBLICS (AZERBAIDZHAN, KIRGIZIA, MOLDAVIA, AND TURKMENIA) HAVE ENLARGED THEIR COMMITTEES BY MORE THAN 15 PERCENT.
5. WE HAVE ALSO NOTICED THAT BEHIND THE GENERAL FACADE OF CADRE STABILITY AT THE REPUBLIC

CONGRESSES, CONSIDERABLE TURNOVER AMONG LEADING OFFICIALS IN THE REPUBLICS HAS OCCURRED SINCE THEIR PREVIOUS CONGRESSES IN 1976. MORE THAN 44 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE REPUBLICAN BUREAUS HAS BEEN ELECTED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS AND ALMOST 25 PERCENT WITHIN THE LAST YEAR. ABOUT 53 PERCENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY SECRETARIATS IN THE REPUBLICS HAVE BEEN SELECTED SINCE 1976 AND REPLACEMENT OF THE TOP FOUR LEADERS IN EACH REPUBLIC HAS INCREASED BY MORE THAN 20 PERCENT OVER THE RATE FOR THE 1971 - 1976 PERIOD.

6. THESE FACTS DO NOT MEAN THAT MAJOR TURNOVER IS IN THE OFFING AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. THEY DO INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROCESS OF LEADERSHIP RENEWAL HAS AT LEAST REACHED THE REPUBLIC LEVEL. THE EXPANSION IN CENTRAL COMMITTEE SIZE, MOREOVER, ALMOST CERTAINLY REFLECTS NATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REPUBLICS. THIS LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT AN INCREASE ON THE ORDER OF TEN PER CENT IS LIKELY IN THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE. QUITE POSSIBLY, THESE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES WILL BE DRAWN PRIMARILY FROM THE RANKS OF OBKOM FIRST SECRETARIES IN THE UKRAINE, KAZAKHSTAN, UZBEKISTAN, AND BELORUSSIA AS WELL FROM GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS BELOW THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL. WITHOUT THIS EXPANSION THE NUMBER OF NEW PEOPLE IN THE LEADERSHIP (SOMETHING THAT IS BRAGGED ABOUT REGARDING PARTY CONGRESS DELEGATES) WOULD PROBABLY BE CONSIDERED TOO LOW BY THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

February 13, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD V. ALLEN
FROM: RICHARD PIPES *RP*
SUBJECT: Memorandum You
Requested

The attached memorandum was prepared with the assistance of Paula Dobriansky.

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 13, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: RICHARD PIPES *R*

SUBJECT: Re Congress of the Communist Party Memo

Because of a foul-up in delivery the two memos sent to me this morning on the 26th Congress reached me only after the memorandum for the President had been drafted. No loss, however. The leaks are clearly designed to elicit from the Reagan Administration some kind of friendly nod which Moscow desperately desires, and tell us nothing substantive about either internal Soviet politics or the forthcoming Congress.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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NLRR F06-114/9 #10501

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: The Congress of the Communist Party of
the Soviet Union

On February 23, 1981, the 26th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union will be convened.

Role of the Congress

The Congress is the supreme governing organ of the Communist Party. When it is not in session the Central Committee of the Communist Party, whose members are elected by the Congress, function as the nominally supreme governing body. Congresses are convened by the Central Committee at least once every five years, but they usually meet more often.

Functions and Format

The Congress elects the Central Committee, both the full and the candidate members and the Central Auditing Commission. It does not elect members of the Politburo. The Politburo is elected by the Central Committee.

The Congress listens to and approves reports made by the Party Secretary which deal with domestic, economic and foreign policies. While there is no debate during the Congress, all the reports should be taken seriously as they represent the most authoritative statements on Party intentions and strategy, ideology, foreign, military and economic policy. The Congress is the only body which can change the Party rules.

Domestic Significance

The primary importance of the CPSU congresses is to set Soviet policy on both domestic and foreign matters: they determine the agenda for the immediate future which is meant to be government policy until the next Party Congress. In a sense, they seek to accomplish in two weeks what the U.S. Congress does in its routine business over two years. Secondly, they inform the 15 million members of the Party what the Party's intentions and objectives are. One of the most important functions of the forthcoming Congress will be to approve the new Five-Year Plan.

International Significance

Congresses of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union are attended by leaders of foreign Communist Parties. Attendance or non-attendance by foreign Communist Party leaders, the prominence given to them, the tone and content of their speeches (sometimes critical of the Soviet Government) provide excellent indicators of the current state of relations within the international Communist movement.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

The President has seen _____
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February 13, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN
SUBJECT: The 26th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union

Professor Richard Pipes of Harvard has now joined the NSC staff. I asked him to prepare some preliminary notes on the forthcoming 26th Party Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

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Implications for the United States

Since the Party Congress seeks to "define" the position of the Soviet Union vis-a-vis its main adversaries, we can expect that an appropriate amount of attention will be devoted to "imperialism," of which the United States and its "henchmen" are the main representatives.

Given the increasingly delicate situation in Poland, the Congress may be expected to enunciate an updated version of the Brezhnev doctrine, perhaps combined with a "warning" to the United States to desist from interference in Poland's internal affairs.

Similarly, one can expect that there will be a concerted effort to drive a wedge between the United States and its West European Allies by exploiting the fear of confrontation between the U.S. and the USSR.

Attached at TAB A are three sensitive intelligence items giving varying interpretations of what will emerge from the 26th Party Congress.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 13, 1981

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FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN
SUBJECT: Soviet Official Comments on East-West Issues

[redacted] Soviet CPSU official Portugalov recently told [redacted]

[redacted] who is recognized by many as almost an apologist for Soviet policy, that speeches at the 26th CPSU Congress will stress continuity of Soviet policy, the Soviet economy, and the Soviet desire for peace, arms control and detente. Portugalov admitted the economy is in "terrible" shape and needs reform. (S)

He indicated that Moscow understands the U.S. administration's provocations, both verbal and other, are typical of the need of a U.S. President's to assert himself upon taking office. The Soviets intend to restrain their responses and hope eventually the administration "will come to grips with reality." The Soviets are ready to cooperate and hope the FRG will play a role in seeing everything remains in balance. (S)

On Poland, Portugalov reiterated the Soviet line that Warsaw must solve its own problems. He believes Soviet credibility will be enhanced if they do not invade Poland. However, he did not rule out the possibility that a state of emergency would be declared but if it is, the Poles will handle it themselves. (S)

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DIADIN 50-9A (AS OF: 1714 EST 19 FEB 81)
SUBJ: DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U)
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USSR: PARTY CONGRESS. (U)
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1. ~~(C)~~ ON 23 FEBRUARY, THE 26TH PARTY CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION (CPSU) IS SCHEDULED TO CONVENE IN MOSCOW. NORMALLY HELD EVERY 5 YEARS, THE LAST ONE OCCURRED IN 1976. THE FORTHCOMING CONGRESS MAY PROVIDE A BETTER INDICATION OF FUTURE SOVIET FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICIES.

2. ~~(C)~~ CONCERNING FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, THE CURRENT CRISIS IN POLAND AND US-SOVIET RELATIONS WILL BE TWO MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION. MOSCOW AND ITS WARSAW PACT ALLIES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REEVALUATE THE CURRENT SITUATION IN POLAND. THE SOVIET UNION CLEARLY HAS BEEN UNHAPPY WITH THE TREND OF EVENTS AND WILL AGAIN REITERATE THAT THE POLISH REGIME MUST REASSERT PARTY CONTROL. WITH RESPECT TO US-SOVIET RELATIONS, A HARDER LINE WILL QUITE LIKELY EMERGE. HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF THE RHETORIC, MOSCOW WILL BE CAREFUL TO KEEP OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONTINUED DIALOGUE WITH WASHINGTON.

3. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ ON DOMESTIC ISSUES, THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY WILL PROBABLY BE THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE CONGRESS. SAGGING PRODUCTION, RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS, INVESTMENT PRIORITIES AND AGRICULTURE -- INCLUDING THE WORST FOOD SITUATION THE BREZHNEV REGIME HAS EVER FACED -- UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE KEY ISSUES OF CONCERN AND DISCUSSION. IN ADDITION, ANY LEADERSHIP CHANGES WILL BE FOLLOWED WITH GREAT INTEREST. DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS, RUMORS HAVE SURFACED CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT OF SOME KEY POLITBURO MEMBERS. WHILE SOME CHANGES ARE LIKELY, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY SIGNIFICANT RESHUFFELING OF THE TOP LEADERSHIP. HOWEVER,

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ONE PRIME CANDIDATE FOR REMOVAL FROM THE POLITBURO IS 82-YEAR-OLD ARVID PELSHE. A NATIVE LATVIAN, PELSHE IS THE OLDEST AND LEAST INFLUENTIAL MEMBER. OTHER CHANGES INCLUDE POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO THE POLITBURO'S NONVOTING CANDIDATE MEMBERS. IVAN ARKHIPOV, FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, IS A LOGICAL CANDIDATE TO BE NAMED TO POLITBURO CANDIDATE MEMBER STATUS. HIS PREDECESSOR, NIKOLAY TIKHONOV -- NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND A FULL POLITBURO MEMBER -- BECAME A NONVOTING MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO WHILE SERVING IN THE POSITION OF FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. OTHER PARTY CHANGES WILL QUITE LIKELY INVOLVE THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE. RECENT EXPANSION IN THE SIZE OF REPUBLIC CENTRAL COMMITTEES, FOR EXAMPLE, SUGGESTS THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL BE CONSIDERABLY ENLARGED. THIS TYPE OF MANEUVER HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF ELEVATING NEW MEMBERS TO PARTY LEADERSHIP, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME INSURING CADRE STABILITY LONG ASSOCIATED WITH THE BREZHNEV ERA. NEVERTHELESS, MINOR CHANGES IN THE POLITBURO AND EXPANDING THE SIZE OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL NOT ADDRESS ONE OF THE BASIC PROBLEMS NOW FACING THE USSR -- GENERATIONAL RENEWAL OF THE LEADERSHIP.

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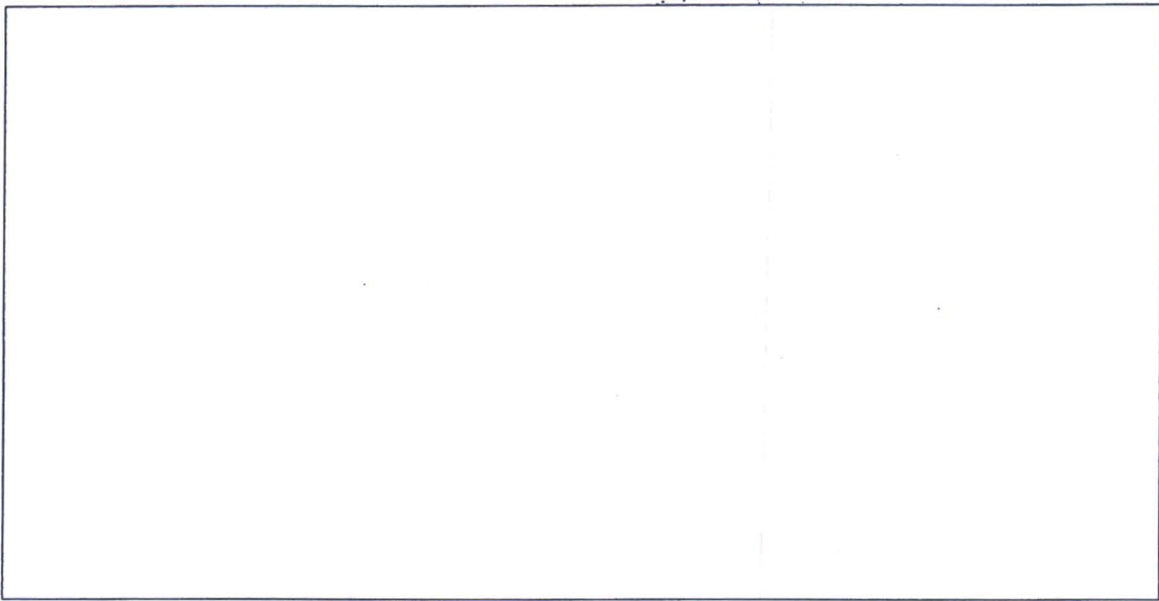
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USSR: Internal Anti-US Campaign



Despite such attacks, major editorials in *Pravda* this week pointedly ignored polemics. Instead, they urged Washington to start businesslike discussions of ways "to reduce the level of East-West military confrontation." [redacted]

The combination of these commentaries suggests that Moscow is uncertain what US statements portend for bilateral relations. Although the door is being kept open for discussions and agreements, contingency preparations are being made for an extended period of increased rivalry. In his address to the party congress on Monday, President Brezhnev is thus likely to note the recent US statements and resultant heightened tension, but to stress Moscow's readiness to improve its ties with Washington. [redacted]

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PM-CONGRESS-USTINOV
BY JOHN MORRISON

MOSCOW, FEB 21, REUTER -- SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER DMITRY USTINOV CLAIMED TODAY THAT THE WEST IS TRYING TO REOPEN THE COLD WAR AND MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR A MILITARY CONFLICT WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

THE DEFENSE MINISTER'S SHARP ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES CAME TWO DAYS BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS IN MOSCOW, WHICH FALLS ON ARMY AND NAVY DAY.

MARSHAL USTINOV TOLD SOVIET TROOPS TO IMPROVE THEIR READINESS TO FACE "ATTEMPTS BY IMPERIALIST REACTION TO WORSEN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AGAIN, TO RETURN INTERSTATE RELATIONS TO THE TIMES OF THE COLD WAR."

"THE IMPERIALISTS ARE WORKING OUT VARIOUS AGGRESSIVE MILITARY AND POLITICAL DOCTRINES, DIRECTED AGAINST THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND ARE CONTINUING INTENSIVE MATERIAL PREPARATION FOR A NEW WORLD WAR," HE SAID.

THE PRAVDA ARTICLE CAME AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF ESCALATING SOVIET CRITICISM OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, EVIDENTLY INTENDED TO SET THE TONE FOR PARTY LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO THE CONGRESS ON MONDAY.

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MARSHAL USTINOV'S ARTICLE, USING THE KIND OF TOUGH LANGUAGE WHICH MR BREZHNEV MAY WELL ECHO IN HIS REPORT TO THE CONGRESS, ACCUSED THE WEST, IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED STATES, OF AN OFFENSIVE AGAINST DETENTE.

IMPERIALISM IS CARRYING OUT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY AGAINST SOCIALISM IN POLAND, HE CLAIMED, SAYING THE ACTIVITY IS DESIGNED TO DESTABILIZE THE COUNTRY, DISCREDIT THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM AND WEAKEN THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY.

HE DESCRIBED AS AN "EVIL-MINDED DECEPTION" THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S ACCUSATIONS THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS BACKING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IN THE SHAPE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

"TERRORISM IS THE WEAPON OF EXTREMISM AND NEOFASCISM, ONE OF THE DARKEST SYMPTOMS OF THE MORAL AND POLITICAL CRISIS OF CAPITALIST SOCIETY, THE INCARNATION OF LAWLESSNESS, WHILE THE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE HAS A PROGRESSIVE CHARACTER, AND ITS LEGALITY HAS LONG BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND CONFIRMED BY RESOLUTIONS OF THE U.N.," MARSHAL USTINOV SAID.

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THE AMERICAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST TERRORISM IS INTENDED TO HELP THE UNITED STATES REGAIN THE ROLE OF WORLD POLICEMAN, AND IS COMPARABLE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, HE ARGUED.

THE SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER SAID CHINA'S LEADERS ARE ACTING AS DIRECT ACCOMPLICES OF THE U.S., PLOTTING WITH THE WEST AND CARRYING OUT "PROVOCATIONS" AGAINST VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA.

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"THE SOVIET UNION -- AND THIS IS WELL KNOWN -- HAS ENOUGH RESTRAINT AND CONSCIOUSNESS OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CAUSE OF PEACE TO AVOID GIVING IN THE PROVOCATIONS, FROM WHEREVER THEY COME," MARSHAL USTINOV SAID.

THE 74-YEAR-OLD MINISTER, A MEMBER OF THE RULING 14-MAN POLITBURO, SAID NOBODY SHOULD MISTAKE THE SOVIET DESIRE FOR PEACE FOR WEAKNESS.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE SOVIET STATE ARE ON THEIR GUARD AND ARE DOING EVERYTHING NECESSARY FOR THEIR OWN SECURITY AND THAT OF THEIR ALLIES AND FRIENDS, HE SAID.

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MARSHAL USTINOV SAID THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES ARE POWERFUL, BUT ARE INTENDED FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES ONLY. "THEIR FIGHTING POWER IS AN EFFECTIVE FACTOR IN RESTRAINING THE AGGRESSIVE STRIVINGS OF INTERNATIONAL REACTION, AND RELIABLY ENSURES THE DEFENSE OF THE GAINS OF SOCIALISM," HE SAID.

THIS IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL PEOPLES AND ALL FIGHTERS FOR SOCIAL AND NATIONAL LIBERATION AND WORLD PEACE, HE ARGUED.

HE DENIED THAT THE KREMLIN IS BOOSTING ITS NUCLEAR MISSILE FORCES AND SAID IT IS THE UNITED STATES WHICH IS DEVELOPING MORE AND MORE NEW LAND AND SEA-BASED NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS.

"THE PENTAGON IS COUNTING ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO ACHIEVE THE GLOBAL STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE U.S. BY CARRYING OUT PREEMPTIVE NUCLEAR MISSILE STRIKES AGAINST THE COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW TREATY," HE CLAIMED.

HE PLEDGED THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD NOT SEEK STRATEGIC NUCLEAR SUPERIORITY AND ADDED THAT RATIFICATION OF THE SALT II AGREEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE BARRIER AGAINST THE ARMS RACE.

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HE ACCUSED THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION OF TRYING TO TAKE UP A POSITION OF STRENGTH IN DEALING WITH MOSCOW AND WARNED THAT THIS APPROACH GOES AGAINST BOTH SOVIET AND AMERICAN INTERESTS.

PROPAGANDA IS TRYING TO DISTORT THE NOBLE ROLE OF THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES AND OTHER SOCIALIST STATES AND "SLANDER THEIR FULFILMENT OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL DUTY," HE COMPLAINED.

THE SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER'S PESSIMISTIC ARTICLE APPEARED AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF A DELUGE OF PRESS ATTACKS ON THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION AND OBLIQUE WARNINGS TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE FROM THE KREMLIN THAT TOUGHER TIMES LIE AHEAD.

TWO DAYS AGO THE SOVIET PRESS PRINTED A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BREZHNEV TO MARK THE PREMIERE OF A DOCUMENTARY FILM ON THE POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SOVIET ECONOMY IN THE COLD WAR PERIOD OF THE LATE 1940S.

MR BREZHNEV'S MESSAGE, STRESSING PAST SACRIFICES, SEEMED TO BE PREPARING PUBLIC OPINION FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED BELT-TIGHTENING TO ALLOW THE SOVIET UNION TO MATCH PRESIDENT REAGAN'S HIGHER MILITARY SPENDING.

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MOSCOW LAUDS CALM IN POLAND; ASSAILS KOR ACTIVISTS

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(TEXT) OUR CORRESPONDENT REPORTS FROM WARSAW: THERE HAS BEEN RELATIVE CALM IN POLAND FOR OVER A WEEK NOW AND THIS HAS BEEN WELCOMED WITH SATISFACTION BY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. THE PROGRAM THAT ARMY GEN WOJCIECH JARUZELSKI, THE NEW PREMIER, PRESENTED IN THE COUNTRY'S PARLIAMENT, THE SEJM, HAS GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE CREATION OF THIS ATMOSPHERE. THIS PROGRAM LISTED THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS WITHOUT THE SOLUTION OF WHICH THE COUNTRY CANNOT BE LED OUT OF THE CRISIS. WOJCIECH JARUZELSKI CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO GIVE 90 CALM DAYS, 3 MONTHS WITHOUT STRIKES, TO THE GOVERNMENT SO AS TO TAKE STOCK OF THE PEOPLE'S ECONOMY AND RESTORE THE NORMAL RHYTHM OF WORK.

THE CONCRETE (?CHARACTER) AND REALITY OF THE PROGRAM HAVE BEEN FAVORABLY APPRAISED BY WORK COLLECTIVES. THIS HAS BEEN EXPRESSED NOT ONLY IN DECLARATIONS, ALTHOUGH THIS, TOO, IS IMPORTANT IN THE PRESENT SITUATION. NUMEROUS ENTERPRISES ARE PROVIDING PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT. THUS THE WORKERS OF THE JASTRZEBIE COAL MINES IN SILESIA WILL ALSO BE WORKING ON SATURDAYS FOR 3 MONTHS BECAUSE THIS IS REQUIRED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY.

SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM AND THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN ACTIVITY IN FAVOR OF ITS OWN LINE AS WELL AS ITS ABILITY TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL DIALOGUE TO A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE HAVE SECURED A REDUCTION OF THE TENSION AND THE SPEEDY SOLUTION (?OF A WHOLE SERIES OF CONFLICTS).

THIS IS NOT LIKED BY THOSE FORCES WHICH SEE THEIR OBJECTIVE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FURTHER CENTERS OF TENSION, IN THE INTENSIFICATION OF CHAOS AND ANARCHY AND (WORD INDISTINCT) IN THE GRADUAL DESTABILIZATION OF THE COUNTRY. FACTS PROVE THAT THE (?FORCES) OPPOSING PEOPLE'S POLAND ARE NOT GIVING UP THEIR PLANS. (?NOW) THAT STRIKES HAVE BECOME EVER MORE UNPOPULAR IN INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND WORKERS ARE INCREASINGLY FORGOING SUCH ACTS, THESE FORCES ARE TRYING TO EXTEND THEIR ACTIVITIES OVER OTHER SOCIAL GROUPS AND STRATA, AMONG THEM THE STUDENTS. CERTAIN PERSONALITIES OF THE ANTISOCIALIST KOR ORGANIZATION HAVE STOOD BEHIND THE STRIKES OF LODZ STUDENTS AND THE STUDENTS OF OTHER HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE ANTISOCIALIST ELEMENTS ARE VISIBLY STRIVING TO OBSTRUCT THE INTERNAL NORMALIZATION OF THE COUNTRY AND THIS, TOO, PROVES THE TOPICALITY OF THE APPEAL MADE RECENTLY BY THE PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM TO ALL PATRIOTIC FORCES. THIS APPEAL CALLS FOR THE UNIFICATION OF EFFORTS SO AS TO ASSURE FOR POLAND WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT--PUBLIC ORDER AND CALM. IN THIS CONNECTION IT IS WORTH RECALLING PREMIER WOJCIECH JARUZELSKI'S WORDS WHEN HE DECLARED IN THE SEJM: THE PEOPLE'S POWER HAS ENOUGH STRENGTH (?TO OVERCOME) THOSE PERSONS AND PROCESSES TRYING TO MOVE BACK THE WHEEL OF HISTORY.

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HAVANA, FEB 21, REUTER -- SECURITY FORCES ENTERED THE ECUADOREAN EMBASSY HERE TODAY AND ARRESTED THE 29 CUBANS WHO SEIZED THE BUILDING EIGHT DAYS AGO, THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED.

A GOVERNMENT STATEMENT SAID NO ONE WAS INJURED AND THE EMBASSY TAKEOVER WAS ENDED WITHOUT THE USE OF FIREARMS.

THE CUBANS, DEMANDING POLITICAL ASYLUM AND SAFE CONDUCT OUT OF THE COUNTRY, SEIZED THE EMBASSY ON FEBRUARY 13 AND TOOK THE AMBASSADOR, TWO DIPLOMATS AND A CUBAN SECRETARY HOSTAGE.

THEY RELEASED ONE DIPLOMAT TWO DAYS LATER. TWO DAYS AGO THEY FREED THE REMAINING HOSTAGES AND HANDED OVER THEIR WEAPONS, BUT DID NOT SURRENDER.

CUBAN SECURITY FORCES CORDONED OFF THE EMBASSY AND THE GOVERNMENT REJECTED THE DISSIDENTS' DEMANDS BUT WAITED FOR ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT BEFORE MOVING IN TO END THE TAKEOVER.

LAST DECEMBER CUBAN TROOPS STORMED THE VATICAN EMBASSY HERE AFTER 10 CUBANS HELD FOUR NUNS AND A PORTER HOSTAGE FOR FIVE HOURS. THE GROUP KILLED THE PORTER.

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VENEZUELA: AMBASSADOR TO OAS UNEASY OVER REAGAN'S POLICY

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(TEXT) HILARION CARDOSO, VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS, HAS CLEARLY EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S UNEASINESS OVER PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S DELAY IN DEFINING A POLICY FOR LATIN AMERICA. CARDOSO ALSO ACCUSED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OF TRYING TO GET LATIN AMERICAN INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICTFUL SITUATION IT HAS WITH THE SOCIALIST BLOC.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE HAD WORDS OF PRAISE FOR THE WAY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION DEALT WITH LATIN AMERICA. HE REFERRED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY BASED ON RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, REAFFIRMATION OF FRIENDSHIP AND EFFORTS THAT WERE MADE TO HARMONIZE U.S. POLICIES WITH THOSE OF LATIN AMERICA.

CARDOSO COMPLAINED THAT UP TO THIS MOMENT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD NOT NAMED THE PERSONS WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF LATIN AMERICA AFFAIRS.

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BASQUE KIDNAPPERS DEMAND INTERIOR MINISTER'S RESIGNATION

BY JULIE FLINT

MADRID, SPAIN (UPI) -- BASQUE GUERRILLAS HOLDING THREE KIDNAPPED CONSULS DEMANDED THE RESIGNATION OF SPAIN'S INTERIOR MINISTER, A PURGE OF THE COUNTRY'S POLICE CHIEFS AND AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS.

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THE GUERRILLAS, WHO SEIZED THE CONSULS TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE ALLEGED TORTURE DEATH IN MADRID OF A BASQUE SEPARATIST, SAID FRIDAY TORTURE IN SPANISH JAILS WAS "SYSTEMATIC" AND "BRUTAL" AND THAT "DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN IS IN GREAT DANGER."

ABDUCTED WERE SALVADOR'S CONSUL IN BILBAO, ANTONIO ALFARO FERNANDEZ, 47, URUGUAY'S CONSUL IN PAMPLONA, GABRIEL BIURRUK, 42, AND AUSTRIA'S CONSUL IN BILBAO, HERNAN DIEZ DEL SEL.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE INDICATION OF WHAT STEPS THE GUERRILLAS PLAN TO TAKE IF THEIR DEMANDS ARE NOT MET.

GUERRILLAS FROM THE BASQUE SEPARATIST GROUP ETA (BASQUE LAND AND LIBERTY) SEIZED THE CONSULS AT THEIR HOMES IN THREE NEARLY IDENTICAL RAIDS THURSDAY NIGHT IN BILBAO AND PAMPLONA, FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS IN MADRID THAT A BASQUE GUERRILLA WAS TORTURED TO DEATH BY SPANISH POLICE.

THE KIDNAPPINGS ALSO CAME BEFORE A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FRIDAY FOR THE CARETAKER GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE LEOPOLDO CALVO SOTELO.

CALVO SOTELO LOST THE FIRST VOTE OF CONFIDENCE BY SEVEN VOTES FRIDAY NIGHT, BUT WAS EXPECTED TO WIN THE VOTE IN A SECOND ROUND MONDAY.

IN A RAMBLING STATEMENT, THE GUERRILLAS ALSO DISCLOSED THEY MADE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO KIDNAP TWO OTHER CONSULS -- ONE OF WHOM, WEST GERMAN CONSUL EUGENIO BIEHL, WAS SPAIN'S ONLY PREVIOUS DIPLOMATIC KIDNAP VICTIM IN 1970. IN THAT CASE, BIEHL WAS RELEASED UNHARMED.

THE FAILED ATTEMPTS ON BIEHL AND PORTUGUESE CONSUL JORD SANTOS CHAVES TOOK PLACE FRIDAY MORNING.

THE GUERRILLAS DEMANDED THE RESIGNATION OF INTERIOR MINISTER JUAN JOSE ROSON, FULL AMNESTY FOR PRISONERS AND POLITICAL REFUGEES AND A PURGE OF POLICE CHIEFS THEY CHARGED RAN RIGHT-WING TERRORIST SQUADS.

THEY ALSO ASKED FOR FULL HOME RULE, THE LEGALIZATION OF DIVORCE AND OPPOSED SPAIN'S ENTRY INTO NATO.

BASQUE PARTIES CONDEMNED THE ABDUCTIONS AS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

EVEN THE SEPARATIST EUSKADIKO ESKERRA (BASQUE LEFT) PARTY -- THE SUSPECTED POLITICAL ARM OF THE GUERRILLA KIDNAPPERS -- CRITICIZED THE ABDUCTIONS.

THE PARTY, WHICH IS LED BY A FORMER ETA GUERRILLA, ISSUED A STATEMENT URGING THE GUERRILLAS TO FREE THE TRIO.

BASQUE PRIME MINISTER CARLOS GARAIKOETXEA SAID THE KIDNAPPINGS "DAMAGE THE IMAGE OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY" AND WARNED THE GUERRILLAS ANY INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION THEY GOT WOULD NOT BE FAVORABLE.

THE ABDUCTIONS DREW NO ATTENTION IN THE MADRID PARLIAMENT, WHERE DEBATE CENTERED ON CALVO SOTELO'S DECLARED INTENTION TO TAKE SPAIN INTO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

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TASS HIGHLIGHTS CPSU CONGRESS IN 23 FEB PRESS REVIEW

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--THE PRESS IS HIGHLIGHTING THE CPSU'S 26TH CONGRESS WHICH OPENS TODAY. PRAVDA IN ITS LEADING ARTICLE WRITES THAT, "BEARING HIGHER AND HIGHER THE LOFTY BANNER OF LENINISM AND LEARNING ON THE SUCCESSES MADE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET SOCIETY, THE CPSU BRINGS NEW TASKS OF COMMUNIST CONSTRUCTION UP BEFORE THE 26TH CONGRESS. THESE TASKS ARE COMPLEX ONES. THEY WILL REQUIRE A GREAT PERSISTENCE, EFFICIENCY AND PURPOSEFULNESS FROM EACH OF US. BUT THEY WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED."

THE NEWSPAPERS TELL ABOUT THE LABOUR SUCCESSES BY WHICH SOVIET PEOPLE ARE MARKING THE TOP FORUM OF THE LENINIST PARTY. TRUD POINTS OUT THAT "THE IMPRESSIVE RESULTS OF THE TENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN PERIOD, WHICH MARKED A STRIDE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE THE SOLUTION OF IMPORTANT SOCIAL TASKS, ARE SOVIET PEOPLE'S JOINT PRESENT TO THE CONGRESS."

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 63RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET ARMY AND THE NAVY, THE NEWSPAPERS CARRY AN ORDER OF THE DAY BY DMITRIY USTINOV, MINISTER OF DEFENCE OF THE USSR, WHO POINTS OUT THAT "IN SINGLE FORMATION WITH THE FRATERNAL ARMIES OF THE WARSAW TREATY MEMBER STATES, THE ARMED FORCES OF THE USSR VIGILANTLY STAND ON GUARD OF PEACE AND RELIABLY ENSURE THE SECURITY OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY".

THE NEWSPAPERS CARRY ARTICLES AND INTERVIEWS FROM FOREIGN POLITICAL AND PUBLIC FIGURES WHO POINT OUT THAT THE FORUM OF THE SOVIET COMMUNISTS WILL BECOME AN EVENT OF IMMENSE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE, AN EVENT WHICH ALL PEACE-LOVING AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES OF THE WORLD WILL BE FOLLOWING WITH THE GREATEST ATTENTION.

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VITALIY KORIONOV, IN A COMMENTARY HEADLINED "IN THE NAME OF MAN", WRITES IN PRAVDA THAT SOCIALISM HAS BEEN AND REMAINS THE STANDARD BEARER OF GENUINE RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS OF MAN. "OUR PARTY REGARDS THE RIGHT TO LIFE AND CONSEQUENTLY THE RIGHT TO A LASTING PEACE AS THE MOST SACRED THING AND VIEWS IT AS PARAMOUNT AMONG ALL HUMAN RIGHTS".

EXPOSING WASHINGTON'S AGGRESSIVE COURSE, KRASNAYA ZVEZDA (RED STAR) POINTS OUT THAT "THE PRESENT U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS TAKING A COURSE TOWARDS REVERSION TO THE COLD WAR, TOWARDS ACHIEVING A MILITARY SUPERIORITY OVER AND TOWARDS CONFRONTATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION, TOWARDS A CRUSADE AGAINST THE FORCES OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHICH IT IS TRYING TO LABEL AS 'INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM'."

PRAVDA DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE INTENSIFICATION OF CLASS STRUGGLE IN CAPITALIST COUNTRIES. "THE MONOPOLIES' EFFORTS TO SHIFT THE BURDEN OF THE CRISIS, WHICH THE CAPITALIST WORLD IS EXPERIENCING, ON TO THE WORKING PEOPLE, AND THE ATTEMPTS BY THE RULING CIRCLES OF CAPITALIST COUNTRIES AT CURTAILING THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE GIVE RISE TO COUNTER-ACTION BY BROAD MASSES OF PEOPLE", THE NEWSPAPER WRITES. "THE WORKING PEOPLE RESOLUTELY COME OUT IN FAVOUR OF REDUCING MILITARY SPENDING AND DEMAND THAT THE BUDGET MEANS BE USED IN THE INTERESTS OF MASSES OF PEOPLE, THAT THE MONOPOLIES' PROFITS BE LIMITED, AND THAT AN END BE PUT TO THE EMPLOYERS' ARBITRARINESS."

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BREZHNEV DELIVERS REPORT TO CPSU CONGRESS

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LD230733 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0719 GMT 23 FEB 81

(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--THE "REPORT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPSU TO THE 26TH CONGRESS OF THE CPSU AND THE IMMEDIATE TASKS OF THE PARTY IN THE FIELD OF HOME AND FOREIGN POLICY" IS BEING DELIVERED AT THE CONGRESS BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE L.I. BREZHNEV.

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BREZHNEV ADDRESSES OPENING CPSU CONGRESS SESSION

LD230740 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0727 GMT 23 FEB 81



(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--LEONID BREZHNEV SAID: "APPRAISING THE TRAVERSED PATH, WE CAN SAY WITH ASSURANCE THAT THE 25TH CONGRESS CORRECTLY DEFINED THE BASIC TRENDS AND LINES OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE PARTY'S LENINIST GENERAL LINE IS BEING STEADILY PUT INTO EFFECT; THE TASKS SET AT THE PREVIOUS CONGRESS HAVE, ON THE WHOLE, BEEN SUCCESSFULLY FULFILLED.

THE TENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN PERIOD SAW A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL WEALTH. ITS PRODUCTIVE, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL POTENTIAL HAS GROWN. THE DEFENCE CAPABILITY OF THE SOVIET STATE HAS BECOME GREATER. THE WELLBEING AND CULTURAL LEVEL OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE HAVE GONE UP. THE FAMILY OF SOVIET PEOPLES HAS BECOME STILL MORE CLOSELY UNITED; ITS BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP ARE STILL STRONGER.

THE ADOPTION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE USSR WAS A MOST AUSPICIOUS EVENT.

THE INDISSOLUBLE UNITY OF PARTY AND PEOPLE HAS GROWN STILL MORE SOLID IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. AS BEFORE, IT IS THE SOURCE OF OUR SOCIETY'S GIGANTIC STRENGTH!"

THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS DELIVERING A REPORT AT THE 26TH CONGRESS OF THE CPSU IN THE KREMLIN TODAY.

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BREZHNEV REVIEWS TWO-LINE STRUGGLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS

LD230750 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0730 GMT 23 FEB 81
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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--"ON THE INTERNATIONAL PLANE, THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW HAS BEEN ROUGHT AND COMPLICATED," LEONID BREZHNEV POINTED OUT IN HIS REPORT AT THE 26TH CONGRESS OF THE CPSU TODAY; "MARKED ABOVE ALL BY AN INTENSIVE STRUGGLE OF TWO LINES IN WORLD AFFAIRS: THE LINE OF BRIDLING THE ARMS RACE, STRENGTHENING PEACE AND DETENTE AND DEFENDING THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF NATIONS, ON THE ONE HAND, AND, ON THE OTHER, THE LINE OF DISRUPTING DETENTE, ESCALATING THE ARMS RACE, OF THREATS AND INTERFERENCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES' AFFAIRS, AND OF SUPPRESSING THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE.

THESE YEARS HAVE SEEN A FURTHER GROWTH OF THE POWER, ACTIVITY AND PRESTIGE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY.

THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES HAS SEEN NEW VICTORIES. IN EFFECT, THE SEVENTIES WITNESSED THE FINAL COLLAPSE OF THE COLONIAL EMPIRES."

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BREZHNEV NOTES 'ACUTE' INCREASE OF U.S. IMPERIALISM

LD230754 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0732 GMT 23 FEB 81

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--LEONID BREZHNEV STATED
TODAY AT THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS:

"THE SPHERE OF IMPERIALIST DOMINATION HAS NARROWED.
THE INTERNAL CONTRADICTIONS IN CAPITALIST COUNTRIES AND
THE RIVALRY BETWEEN THEM HAVE GROWN SHARPER. THE
AGGRESSIVENESS OF IMPERIALIST POLICY, NOTABLY THAT OF
U.S. IMPERIALISM, HAS INCREASED ACUTELY.

"WHEN THUNDERCLOUDS GATHERED ON THE INTERNATIONAL
HORIZON BY THE BEGINNING OF THE EIGHTIES, THE SOVIET
UNION CONTINUED TO PERSEVERE IN EFFORTS TO REMOVE THE
THREAT OF WAR AND TO PRESERVE AND DEEPEN DETENTE, AND
ACTED TO EXPAND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION WITH MOST
COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD."

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BREZHNEV: USSR, ALLIES 'CHIEF BUTTRESS' OF WORLD PEACE

LD230758 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0733 GMT 23 FEB 81

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--"IT IS ABSOLUTELY OBVIOUS THAT TODAY THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES ARE MORE THAN EVER THE CHIEF BUTTRESS OF WORLD PEACE", LEONID BREZHNEV SAID FROM THE ROSTRUM OF THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS.

LEONID BREZHNEV SAID: "ALL THESE YEARS THE PARTY, ITS CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND POLITICAL BUREAU HAVE DEVOTED UNREMITTING ATTENTION TO STRENGTHENING FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

HAND IN HAND WITH THEM WE ARE BUILDING A NEW, SOCIALIST WORLD, AND A TYPE OF TRULY JUST, EQUAL, AND FRATERNAL RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES NEVER SEEN IN HISTORY BEFORE.

THIS INDEED, IS THE SPIRIT IN WHICH OUR RELATIONS ARE SHAPING WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY--BULGARIA, HUNGARY, VIETNAM, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, CUBA, LAOS, MONGOLIA, POLAND, ROMANIA, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA".

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BREZHNEV ON RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES; WARSAW PACT

LD230810 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0736 GMT 23 FEB 81

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--"RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES"; SAID LEONID BREZHNEV SPEAKING AT THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS, "HAVE BEEN CALLED INTERNATIONAL SINCE OLDEN DAYS. BUT NOT UNTIL OUR TIME, IN THE SOCIALIST WORLD, HAVE THEY REALLY BECOME RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS. MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS OF PEOPLE TAKE AN IMMEDIATE PART IN THEM. THAT, COMRADES, IS A FUNDAMENTAL GAIN OF SOCIALISM, AND ITS GREAT SERVICE TO HUMANITY."

LEONID BREZHNEV SAID:

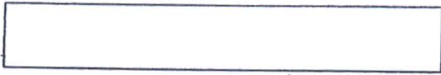
"THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW HAS CONVINCINGLY SHOWN THE HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL AND BENEFICIAL EFFECT OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE WARSAW TREATY ORGANISATION, NOTABLY ITS POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, FOR THE MATTER, ON WORLD AFFAIRS AS A WHOLE.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE CONGRESS THAT THE DEFENSIVE POLITICAL AND MILITARY ALLIANCE OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IS FAITHFULLY SERVING THE CAUSE OF PEACE. IT HAS ALL THE REQUISITES TO DEPENDABLY DEFEND THE SOCIALIST GAINS OF OUR PEOPLES. AND WE WILL DO EVERYTHING FOR THIS TO BE SO IN THE FUTURE!"

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BREZHNEV: USSR WILL NOT 'ABANDON' POLAND

LD230820 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0747 GMT 23 FEB 81



(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--IN HIS REPORT AT THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS LEONID BREZHNEV SAID:

"AT PRESENT, THE POLISH COMRADES ARE ENGAGED IN REDRESSING THE CRITICAL SITUATION. THEY ARE STRIVING TO HEIGHTEN THE PARTY'S ACTION CAPACITY AND TO TIGHTEN LINKS WITH THE WORKING CLASS AND THE OTHER WORKING PEOPLE, AND ARE WORKING ON A CONCRETE PROGRAMME TO RESTORE TO HEALTH THE POLISH ECONOMY.

LAST DECEMBER'S MEETING OF LEADERS OF THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES IN MOSCOW HAS RENDERED POLAND IMPORTANT POLITICAL SUPPORT. IT SHOWED CLEARLY THAT THE POLISH COMMUNISTS, THE POLISH WORKING CLASS, AND THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY CAN FIRMLY RELY ON THEIR FRIENDS AND ALLIES. WE WILL NOT ABANDON FRATERNAL, SOCIALIST POLAND AND ITS HOUR OF NEED. WE WILL STICK UP FOR IT." "THE HISTORY OF WORLD SOCIALISM HAS SEEN ALL SORTS OF TRIALS," LEONID BREZHNEV SAID. "THERE WERE DIFFICULT TIMES, AND CRITICAL SITUATIONS. BUT COMMUNISTS HAVE ALWAYS COURAGEDUSLY FACED THE ATTACKS OF THE ADVERSARY, AND HAVE INVARIABLY WON. THAT'S HOW IT WAS, AND THAT'S HOW IT WILL BE. AND LET NO ONE DOUBT OUR COMMON DETERMINATION TO SECURE OUR INTERESTS, AND TO DEFEND THE SOCIALIST GAINS OF THE PEOPLES!"

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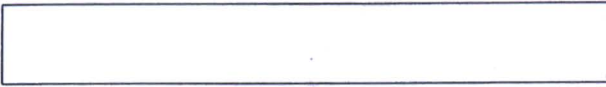
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BREZHNEV ON PRC POLICIES; 'IMPERIALIST INTERESTS'

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LD230832 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0752 GMT 23 FEB 81



(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--LEONID BREZHNEV SAID FROM THE ROSTRUM OF THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS: "THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRC OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS IS A PAINFUL LESSON SHOWING WHAT ANY DISTORTION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND ESSENCE OF SOCIALISM IN HOME AND FOREIGN POLICY LEADS TO.

"THE PRESENT CHINESE LEADERS THEMSELVES DESCRIBE THE PERIOD OF THE SO-CALLED CULTURAL REVOLUTION IN THEIR COUNTRY AS 'A CRUEL FEUDAL-FASCIST DICTATORSHIP.' WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO THIS ASSESSMENT.

"AT PRESENT, CHANGES ARE UNDER WAY IN CHINA'S INTERNAL POLICY. TIME WILL SHOW WHAT THEY ACTUALLY MEAN. IT WILL SHOW TO WHAT EXTENT THE PRESENT CHINESE LEADERSHIP MANAGES TO OVERCOME THE MAOIST LEGACY. BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE NO GROUNDS YET TO SPEAK OF ANY CHANGES FOR THE BETTER IN BEIJING'S FOREIGN POLICY. AS BEFORE, IT IS AIMED AT AGGRAVATING THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, AND IS ALIGNED WITH THE POLICY OF THE IMPERIALIST POWERS. THAT, OF COURSE, WILL NOT BRING CHINA BACK TO THE SOUND ROAD OF DEVELOPMENT. IMPERIALISTS WILL NEVER BE FRIENDS OF SOCIALISM." LEONID BREZHNEV STATED: "THE SIMPLE REASON BEHIND THE READINESS OF THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN AND A NUMBER OF NATO COUNTRIES TO EXPAND THEIR MILITARY AND POLITICAL TIES WITH CHINA IS TO USE ITS HOSTILITY TO THE SOVIET UNION AND THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY, IN THEIR OWN IMPERIALIST INTERESTS. THAT IS A HAZARDOUS GAME."

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BREZHNEV OPENING REMARKS AT 26TH CPSU CONGRESS

LD230821 MOSCOW DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN 0700 GMT 23 FEB 81

(SPEECH BY GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE
LEONID BREZHNEV OPENING THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS AT THE KREMLIN
PALACE OF CONGRESSES--LIVE)

(TEXT) COMRADE DELEGATES, FIVE THOUSAND AND TWO PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN ELECTED AS DELEGATES TO THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS. THERE ARE
4,994 DELEGATES PRESENT AT THE CONGRESS. EIGHT DELEGATES
ARE ABSENT BECAUSE OF ILLNESS AND OTHER LEGITIMATE REASONS.
ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, I DECLARE
THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS OPEN. (APPLAUSE)

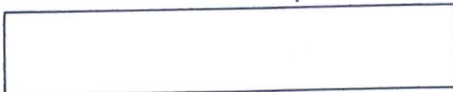
COMRADES, WE ARE TO ELECT THE LEADING ORGANS OF THE CONGRESS--
THE PRESIDUM, SECRETARIAT, EDITORIAL (REDAKTSIONNYY) AND
CREDENTIALS COMMISSIONS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRADITION, A SESSION
OF THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DELEGATIONS FROM
REPUBLICAN, KRAY AND OBLAST PARTY ORGANIZATIONS WAS HELD IN
THE KREMLIN ON 20 FEBRUARY. PROPOSALS ON THE COMPOSITION OF
THE LEADING ORGANS OF THE CONGRESS WERE PREPARED AT THIS SESSION.

THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSALS ARE PRESENTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.
THEY WERE HANDED TO ALL DELEGATES AT REGISTRATION. ABOVE ALL,
WE ARE TO EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF THE CONGRESS PRESIDUM. THE
COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DELEGATIONS PROPOSES THAT 124
PEOPLE BE ELECTED TO THE PRESIDUM. DO DELEGATES HAVE ANY POINTS
TO MAKE OR OTHER PROPOSALS ON THE NUMERICAL MAKEUP AND MEMBERSHIP
OF THE PRESIDUM? THERE ARE NO OTHER PROPOSALS? NO. SO LET
US TAKE A VOTE. HOW SHALL WE VOTE--INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY?
("COLLECTIVELY" SHOUT THE DELEGATES) COLLECTIVELY. NO OBJECTIONS?
MOTION PASSED.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF ELECTING THE CONGRESS PRESIDUM IN
THE COMPOSITION PROPOSED BY THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE DELEGATIONS, PLEASE RAISE THEIR TEMPORARY PASSES (WORDS
INDISTINCT) (LAUGHTER FROM THE HALL) PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
COMRADES, I ASK THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS PRESIDUM
TO TAKE THEIR PLACES. (APPLAUSE)

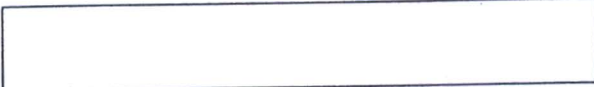
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BREZHNEV ON PRC RELATIONS, AID TO NATIONS

LD230844 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0754 GMT 23 FEB 81



(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--"IF SOVIET-CHINESE RELATIONS ARE STILL FROZEN, THE REASON FOR THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR POSITION," LEONID BREZHNEV STATED. "THE SOVIET UNION HAS NEVER WANTED, NOR DOES IT WANT, ANY CONFRONTATION WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. WE FOLLOW THE COURSE SET BY THE 24TH AND 25TH CONGRESSES OF THE CPSU AND WOULD LIKE TO BUILD OUR TIES WITH THAT COUNTRY ON A GOOD-NEIGHBOUR BASIS. OUR PROPOSALS FOR NORMALISING RELATIONS WITH CHINA REMAIN OPEN, AND OUR FEELINGS OF FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT FOR THE CHINESE PEOPLE HAVE NOT CHANGED."

SPEAKING ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION'S RELATIONS WITH THE NEWLY-FREE COUNTRIES, LEONID BREZHNEV SAID:

"TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, WE ARE ALSO HELPING TO STRENGTHEN THE DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY OF NEWLY-FREE STATES IF THEY REQUEST SUCH AID. THIS WAS THE CASE WITH, SAY, ANGOLA AND ETHIOPIA. ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO SQUASH THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONS IN THESE COUNTRIES BY ENCOURAGING DOMESTIC COUNTER-REVOLUTION OR BY OUTSIDE AGGRESSION. WE ARE AGAINST THE EXPORT OF REVOLUTION, AND WE CANNOT AGREE TO ANY EXPORT OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION EITHER."

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FBIS 28 (SEE 23--BREZHNEV ON POLAND)

OUT-OF-TURN EXCERPT: BREZHNEV COMMENTS ON POLAND

LD230854 MOSCOW DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN 0720 GMT 23 FEB 81

(REPORT OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS DELIVERED BY GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEONID BREZHNEV; BREZHNEV READS FIRST 6 MINUTES AND IS FOLLOWED BY UNIDENTIFIED ANNOUNCER WHO CONTINUES READING THE REPORT--LIVE)

(EXCERPT) WHEN MISTAKES AND MISCALCULATIONS IN INTERNAL POLICY ARE ADDED TO THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY OF IMPERIALISM, GROUNDS ARE CREATED FOR INCREASED ACTIVITY BY ELEMENTS HOSTILE TO SOCIALISM. THAT IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN FRATERNAL POLAND, WHERE THE ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM, WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUTSIDE FORCES, ARE CREATING ANARCHY AND ENDEAVORING TO TURN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS INTO A COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY CHANNEL. AS WAS NOTED AT THE LAST PLENUM OF THE PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE, THREAT TO THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE SOCIALIST STATE HAS ARISEN IN POLAND. POLISH COMRADES ARE NOW WORKING TO OVERCOME THE CRISIS SITUATION. THEY ARE STRIVING TO RAISE THE FIGHTING CAPACITY OF THE PARTY, TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH THE WORKING CLASS AND THE WORKING PEOPLE, AND TO DRAW UP A CONCRETE PROGRAM FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE POLISH ECONOMY. IMPORTANT POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR POLAND CAME FROM THE MEETING IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR OF LEADING FIGURES OF THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES IN MOSCOW. THAT MEETING SHOWED CLEARLY THAT THE POLISH COMMUNISTS, THE POLISH WORKING CLASS, THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY, CAN FIRMLY RELY ON THEIR FRIENDS AND ALLIES. WE WILL STAND UP FOR SOCIALIST POLAND, FRATERNAL POLAND, AND WILL NOT LEAVE HER IN THE LURCH. (APPLAUSE)

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THE VENTS IN POLAND CONVINCED ONE ONCE AGAIN HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR THE PARTY, FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF ITS GUIDING ROLE, TO LEND A SENSITIVE EAR TO THE VOICE OF THE MASSES, TO STRUGGLE RESOLUTELY AGAINST ALL MANIFESTATIONS OF BUREAUCRATISM, AND VOLUNTEERISM, TO ACTIVELY DEVELOP SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY, AND TO PURSUE A BALANCED AND REALISTIC POLICY IN FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THE HISTORY OF WORLD SOCIALISM KNOWS ALL KINDS OF TRIALS. IT HAS HAD COMPLEX AND CRITICAL MOMENTS, BUT COMMUNISTS HAVE ALWAYS BOLDLY MET THE ATTACKS OF THE ADVERSARY AND WON. THAT IS HOW IT WAS AND HOW IT WILL BE, AND LET NO ONE HAVE ANY DOUBT ABOUT OUR COMMON DETERMINATION TO SECURE OUR INTERESTS AND TO DEFEND THE SOCIALIST GAINS OF THE PEOPLES. WE STRUGGLE FOR THE JUST CAUSE OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF PEOPLES, FOR THE INTERESTS OF PEOPLE OF LABOR. ON OUR SIDE IS THE TRUTH OF MARXIST-LENINIST TEACHINGS. OUR STRENGTH IS IN UNITY AND COHESION. AT THE LAST CONGRESS IT WAS SAID THAT THE PROCESS OF RAPPROCHEMENT OF THE SOCIALIST STATES WAS UNDERWAY. THIS PROGRESS CONTINUES TO DEVELOP, BUT IT DOES NOT BLOT OUT NATIONAL SPECIFICITY AND THE HISTORICAL PECULIARITIES OF THE COUNTRIES OF SOCIALISM IN THE VARIETY OF FORMS OF THEIR SOCIAL LIFE AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THEIR ECONOMY. ONE SHOULD SEE WHAT IS REALLY THERE, A WEALTH OF WAYS AND METHODS, THE AFFIRMATION OF THE SOCIALIST WAY OF LIFE.

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OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS AND
THE IMMEDIATE TASKS OF THE CPSU IN THE FIELD OF DOMESTIC AND
FOREIGN POLICY--OPENING 6 MINUTES READ BY GENERAL SECRETARY
OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEONID BREZHNEV FOLLOWED BY
UNIDENTIFIED ANNOUNCER WHO CONTINUES READING THE SUMMARY
REPORT (OTCHETNYY DOKLAD)--LIVE) ///.

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BREZHNEV VOICES POSITION ON AFGHANISTAN, IRAN, INDIA

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LD230850 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0800 GMT 23 FEB 81

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEBRUARY (TASS)--LEONID BREZHNEV STATED AT THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS:

"IMPERIALISM LAUNCHED A REAL UNDECLARED WAR AGAINST THE AFGHAN REVOLUTION. THIS ALSO CREATED A DIRECT THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF OUR SOUTHERN FRONTIER. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WERE COMPELLED TO RENDER THE MILITARY AID ASKED FOR BY THAT FRIENDLY COUNTRY.

"THE PLANS OF AFGHANISTAN'S ENEMIES HAVE COLLAPSED. THE CONSIDERED POLICY OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN HEADED BY COMRADE BABRAK KARMAL, FAITHFUL TO THE NATIONAL INTERESTS, HAS STRENGTHENED THE PEOPLE'S POWER.

"AS FOR THE SOVIET MILITARY CONTINGENT, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO WITHDRAW IT WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT. BEFORE THIS IS DONE, THE INFILTRATION OF COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY GANGS INTO AFGHANISTAN MUST BE COMPLETELY STOPPED. THIS MUST BE SECURED IN ACCORDS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND ITS NEIGHBORS. DEFENDABLE GUARANTEES ARE REQUIRED THAT THERE WILL BE NO NEW INTERVENTION. SUCH IS THE FUNDAMENTAL POSITION OF THE SOVIET UNION, AND WE KEEP TO IT FIRMLY."

"THE REVOLUTION IN IRAN, WHICH WAS A MAJOR EVENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE OF RECENT YEARS, IS OF A SPECIFIC NATURE," LEONID BREZHNEV SAID. "HOWEVER COMPLEX AND CONTRADICTIONARY, IT IS ESSENTIALLY AN ANTI-IMPERIALIST REVOLUTION, THOUGH REACTION AT HOME AND ABROAD IS SEEKING TO CHANGE THIS FEATURE.

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"THE PEOPLE OF IRAN ARE LOOKING FOR THEIR OWN ROAD TO FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY. WE SINCERELY WISH THEM SUCCESS, AND ARE PREPARED TO DEVELOP GOOD RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY ON THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, AND, OF COURSE, RECIPROCITY."

LEONID BREZHNEV SAID: "A BIG PLACE IN THE SOVIET UNION'S RELATIONS WITH THE NEWLY-FREE COUNTRIES IS, OF COURSE, ACCORDED TO OUR COOPERATION WITH INDIA. WE WELCOME THE INCREASING ROLE PLAYED BY THAT LARGE COUNTRY IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. OUR TIES WITH IT ARE CONTINUING TO EXPAND. IN BOTH OUR COUNTRIES,

SOVIET-INDIAN FRIENDSHIP HAS BECOME A DEEP ROOTED POPULAR TRADITION.

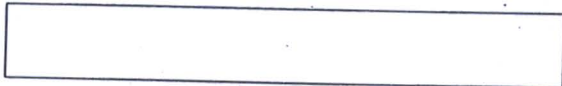
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BREZHNEV OFFERS NEGOTIATIONS ON PERSIAN GULF, AFGHANISTAN

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LD230926 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0900 GMT 23 FEB 81



(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)—LEONID BREZHNEV HAS SAID: "IT IS SOMETIMES SAID ABOUT OUR PERSIAN GULF PROPOSALS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE DIVORCED FROM THE QUESTION OF THE SOVIET MILITARY CONTINGENT IN AFGHANISTAN. WHAT COULD BE SAID ON THIS SCORE? THE SOVIET UNION IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE THE PERSIAN GULF AS AN INDEPENDENT PROBLEM. IT IS ALSO PREPARED, OF COURSE, AS I HAVE ALREADY SAID, TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEPARATE SETTLEMENT OF THE SITUATION AROUND AFGHANISTAN. BUT WE DO NOT OBJECT TO THE QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH AFGHANISTAN BEING DISCUSSED TOGETHER WITH THE QUESTIONS OF PERSIAN GULF SECURITY. NATURALLY, THIS APPLIES ONLY TO THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE AFGHAN PROBLEM, AND NOT TO INTERNAL AFGHAN AFFAIRS. AFGHANISTAN'S SOVEREIGNTY, LIKE ITS NON-ALIGNED STATUS, MUST BE FULLY PROTECTED."

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BREZHNEV ON LIMITS FOR NUCLEAR SUBMARINES, WEAPONS

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LD230928 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0903 GMT 23 FEB 81



(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--"ONCE AGAIN, WE INSISTENTLY CALL FOR RESTRAINT IN THE FIELD OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS," SAID LEONID BREZHNEV IN THE REPORT AT THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS. "IT SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED THAT THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD LIVE IN THE SHADOW OF A NUCLEAR WAR THREAT."

"LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS IS A PARAMOUNT PROBLEM. FOR OUR PART, WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE THE RELEVANT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT DELAY, PRESERVING ALL THE POSITIVE ELEMENTS THAT HAVE SO FAR BEEN ACHIEVED IN THIS AREA. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE CONDUCTED ONLY ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY. WE WILL NOT CONSENT TO ANY AGREEMENT THAT GIVES A UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE TO THE USA. THERE MUST BE NO ILLUSIONS ON THIS SCORE. IN OUR OPINION, ALL THE OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS SHOULD JOIN THESE NEGOTIATIONS AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME."

LEONID BREZHNEV SAID: "WE ARE PREPARED TO COME TO TERMS ON LIMITING THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE NEW SUBMARINES--THE OHIO TYPE BY THE USA, AND SIMILAR ONES BY THE USSR. WE COULD ALSO AGREE TO BANNING MODERNISATION OF EXISTING AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW BALLISTIC MISSILES FOR THESE SUBMARINES."

TOUCHING UPON THE QUESTION OF THE NUCLEAR-MISSILE WEAPONS IN EUROPE, LEONID BREZHNEV STRESSED THAT "AN EVER MORE DANGEROUS STOCKPILING OF THEM IS IN TRAIN. A KIND OF VICIOUS CIRCLE HAS ARISEN, WITH THE ACTIONS OF ONE SIDE PRECIPITATING COUNTER-MEASURE BY THE OTHER. HOW TO BREAK THIS CHAIN?"

"WE SUGGEST COMING TO TERMS THAT ALREADY NOW A MORATORIUM SHOULD BE SET ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF EUROPE OF NEW MEDIUM-RANGE NUCLEAR-MISSILE WEAPONS ON THE NATO COUNTRIES AND THE SOVIET UNION, THAT IS, TO FREEZE THE EXISTING QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE LEVEL OF THESE WEAPONS, NATURALLY INCLUDING THE U.S. FORWARD-BASED NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THIS REGION. THE MORATORIUM COULD ENTER INTO FORCE AT ONCE, THE MOMENT NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN ON THIS SCORE, AND COULD OPERATE UNTIL A PERMANENT TREATY IS CONCLUDED ON LIMITING OR, STILL BETTER, REDUCING SUCH NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE."

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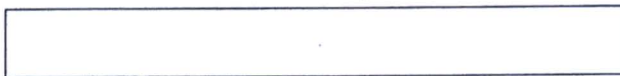
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BREZHNEV ON ALLEGED 'SOVIET THREAT' TO PERSIAN GULF

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LD230922 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0834 GMT 23 FEB 81



(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--LEONID BREZHNEV SAID FROM THE ROSTRUM OF THE 26TH CONGRESS:

"IMPERIALIST CIRCLES THINK IN TERMS OF DOMINATION AND COMPULSION IN RELATION TO OTHER STATES AND PEOPLES.

"THE MONOPOLIES NEED OIL, URANIUM AND NON-FERROUS METALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES--LO AND BEHOLD, THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN ARE PROCLAIMED SPHERES OF U.S. 'VITAL INTERESTS.' THE U.S. MILITARY MACHINE IS ACTIVELY THRUSTING INTO THESE REGIONS, AND INTENDS TO ENSCONCE ITSELF THERE FOR A LONG TIME TO COME. DIEGO GARCIA IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, OMAN, KENYA, SOMALIA, EGYPT--WHERE NEXT?

"TO JUSTIFY THIS, WASHINGTON IS SPREADING THE STORY OF A 'SOVIET THREAT' TO THE OIL WEALTH OF THE MIDDLE EAST OR THE OIL COMMUNICATIONS. THAT IS A DELIBERATELY SPECIOUS TALE BECAUSE ITS AUTHORS KNOW PERFECTLY WELL THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS NO INTENTION OF IMPINGING ON EITHER THE ONE OR THE OTHER. FOR THAT MATTER, IT IS ABSURD TO THINK THAT THE OIL INTERESTS OF THE WEST CAN BE 'DEFENDED' BY TURNING THAT REGION INTO A POWDER KEG."

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SPEAKING OF PERSIAN GULF PROBLEMS, LEONID BREZHNEV HAS SAID THAT THE USSR "HAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT VIEWS ON HOW PEACE CAN REALLY BE SECURED IN AND AROUND THE PERSIAN GULF. INSTEAD OF DEPLOYING MORE AND MORE NAVAL AND AIR ARMADAS, TROOPS AND ARMS THERE, WE PROPOSE THAT THE MILITARY THREAT SHOULD BE REMOVED BY CONCLUDING AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT. A STATE OF STABILITY AND CALM CAN BE CREATED IN THAT REGION BY JOINT EFFORT, WITH DUE ACCOUNT FOR THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL SIDES. THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF THE COUNTRIES THERE, AND THE SECURITY OF MARITIME AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS CONNECTING THE REGION WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD, CAN BE GUARANTEED. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER NATO COUNTRIES WEIGH THE WHOLE THING CALMLY AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE, SO THAT WE COULD JOINTLY LOOK FOR A SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL."

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SECRET MESSAGES TO THE USSR FROM MOSCOW FEBRUARY 1982

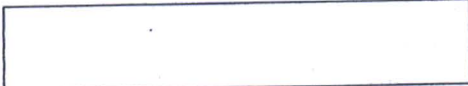


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BREZHNEV ON UNIFIED SOVIET INTERESTS TO PERSIAN GULF

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BREZHNEV APPEALS FOR 'REALISTIC' U.S. MILITARY VIEW

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LD230928 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0841 GMT 23 FEB 81



(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--LEONID BREZHNEV HAS SAID FROM THE ROSTRUM OF THE CPSU CONGRESS THAT "ALSO SINCE THE CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IN THE WHITE HOUSE CANDIDLY BELLICOSE CALLS AND STATEMENTS HAVE RESOUNDED FROM WASHINGTON, ESPECIALLY DESIGNED, AND (AS RECEIVED) IT WERE, TO POISON THE ATMOSPHERE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. WE WOULD LIKE TO HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT THOSE WHO SHAPE UNITED STATES POLICY TODAY WILL ULTIMATELY MANAGE TO SEE THINGS IN A MORE REALISTIC LIGHT. THE MILITARY AND STRATEGIC EQUILIBRIUM PREVAILING BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE USA, BETWEEN WARSAW TREATY AND NATO, IS OBJECTIVELY A SAFEGUARD OF WORLD PEACE. WE HAVE NOT SOUGHT, AND DO NOT OUR POLICY, BUT NEITHER WILL BE ALLOW TO BUILD UP SUCH SUPERIORITY TO US. ATTEMPTS OF THAT KIND, AND TALKING TO US FROM POSITIONS OF STRENGTH, ARE ABSOLUTELY FUTILE!"

summary for "conclusionary"

SPEAKING OF WESTERN ATTEMPTS TO JUSTIFY THE ARMS RACE WITH THE IMAGINARY "SOVIET THREAT," LEONID BREZHNEV DWELT ON THE TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS. HE SAID:

"WHETHER WE TAKE STRATEGIC NUCLEAR ARMS OR MEDIUM-RANGE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE, IN BOTH CASES THERE IS APPROXIMATE PARITY BETWEEN THE SIDES. IN THE CASE OF SOME WEAPONS THE WEST HAS A CERTAIN ADVANTAGE, AND WE DO IN THE CASE OF OTHERS. THIS PARITY COULD BE MORE ENDUCING IF PERTINENT TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS WERE CONCLUDED.

THERE IS ALSO TALK ABOUT TANKS. IT IS TRUE THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS MORE OF THEM, BUT THE NATO COUNTRIES, TOO, HAVE A LARGE NUMBER. BESIDES, THEY HAVE CONSIDERABLY MORE ANTI-TANK WEAPONS.

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THE TALE OF SOVIET SUPERIORITY IN TROOP STRENGTH DOES NOT MATCH THE FACTS EITHER. COMBINED WITH THE OTHER NATO COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES HAS EVEN SLIGHTLY MORE TROOPS THAN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES.

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SO, WHAT TALK CAN THERE BE OF ANY SOVIET MILITARY SUPERIORITY?"

LEONID BREZHNEV HAS SAID:

"A WAR DANGER DOES EXIST FOR THE UNITED STATES, AS IT DOES FOR ALL THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. BUT IT ORIGINATES NOT FROM THE SOVIET UNION, NOT FROM ANY MYTHICAL SOVIET SUPERIORITY, BUT FROM THE ARMS RACE AND FROM THE TENSION THAT STILL OBTAINS IN THE WORLD. WE ARE PREPARED TO COMBAT THIS TRUE AND NOT IMAGINARY DANGER HAND IN HAND WITH THE UNITED STATES, WITH THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE, WITH ALL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. TO TRY AND OUTSTRIP EACH OTHER IN THE ARMS RACE OR TO EXPECT TO WIN A NUCLEAR WAR, IS DANGEROUS MADNESS."

LEONID BREZHNEV SAID:

"IT IS UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED THAT IN MANY WAYS THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION DEPENDS ON THE POLICY OF THE USSR AND THE USA. AS WE SEE IT, THE STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM AT PRESENT AND THE ACUTENESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS REQUIRING A SOLUTION NECESSITATE A DIALOGUE, AND AN ACTIVE DIALOGUE, AT ALL LEVELS. WE ARE PREPARED TO HAVE THIS DIALOGUE.

"dialogue"

"EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT THE CRUCIAL LINK HERE IS MEETINGS AT SUMMIT LEVEL. THIS WAS TRUE YESTERDAY, AND IS STILL TRUE TODAY.

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THE USSR WANTS NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE USA. THERE IS SIMPLY NO OTHER SENSIBLE WAY FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE INTERESTS OF BOTH OUR NATIONS, AND HUMANITY AS A WHOLE".

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BREZHNEV ON IRAN-IRAQ WAR; MIDEAST SETTLEMENT

FOIA(b)(3)

LD230902 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0804 GMT 23 FEB 81

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEBRUARY (TASS)--"THE IMPERIALISTS ARE DISPLEASED WITH THE FACT THAT THE NEWLY-FREE COUNTRIES ARE CONSOLIDATING THEIR INDEPENDENCE," LEONID BREZHNEV STATED AT THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS. "IN A THOUSAND WAYS, THEY ARE TRYING TO HITCH THESE COUNTRIES TO THEIR CHARIOT IN ORDER TO DEAL MORE FREELY WITH THEIR NATURAL RICHES, AND TO USE THEIR TERRITORY FOR THEIR STRATEGIC DESIGNS. IN SO DOING, THEY MAKE EXTENSIVE USE OF THE OLD COLONIALIST METHOD OF DIVIDE AND RULE. INDEED, THAT IS ALSO THE WESTERN APPROACH TO THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR, WHICH IS NOW GOING ON FOR 5 MONTHS."

SPEAKING ABOUT A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, LEONID BREZHNEV STATED: "IT IS HIGH TIME TO GET MATTERS OFF THE GROUND. IT IS HIGH TIME TO GO BACK TO AN HONEST COLLECTIVE SEARCH FOR AN ALL-EMBRACING JUST AND REALISTIC SETTLEMENT. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS COULD BE DONE, SAY, IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A SPECIALLY CONVENED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE."

Middle East

"THE SOVIET UNION IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH WORK IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT AND WITH GOOD WILL. WE ARE PREPARED TO DO SO JOINTLY WITH THE OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES--THE ARABS (NATURALLY INCLUDING THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANISATION) AND ISRAEL. WE ARE PREPARED FOR SUCH A SEARCH JOINTLY WITH THE UNITED STATES--AND I MAY REMIND YOU THAT WE HAVE HAD SOME EXPERIENCE IN THIS REGARD SOME YEARS AGO. WE ARE PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND WITH ALL THOSE WHO ARE SHOWING A SINCERE STRIVING TO SECURE A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

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BREZHNEV CRITICIZES SOCIAL DEMOCRACY, CAPITALIST 'ADVENTURISM'

LD230912 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0809 GMT 23 FEB 81

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--LEONID BREZHNEV SAID AT THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS:

"THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT CONTINUED TO EXPAND ITS RANKS, AND TO WIN INCREASING INFLUENCE AMONG THE MASSES. TODAY, COMMUNIST PARTIES ARE ACTIVE IN 94 COUNTRIES. IN WESTERN EUROPE ALONE, SOME 800,000 NEW FIGHTERS HAVE JOINED THEIR RANKS IN THE PAST TEN YEARS. IS THIS NOT EVIDENCE ENOUGH OF THE INDOMITABLE FORCE OF ATTRACTION OF THE COMMUNIST IDEAS?"

"PRESENT-DAY SOCIAL DEMOCRACY HAS CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL WEIGHT", LEONID BREZHNEV STATED. "IT COULD DO MORE FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES AND, ABOVE ALL, FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE, FOR IMPROVING THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, REPULSING FASCISM AND RACISM, AND THE REACTIONARY OFFENSIVE ON THE POLITICAL RIGHTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE. IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, THE SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC LEADERS DO NOT ALWAYS ACT ALONG THESE LINES".

"BUT WE WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT ALL STEPS USEFUL TO PEACE AND DEMOCRACY. IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT COMPLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO COOPERATION WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, TRADE UNIONS, RELIGIOUS CIRCLES, AND ALL DEMOCRATIC AND PEACE-LOVING FORCES IN THE MATTER OF PREVENTING WAR AND STRENGTHENING PEACE."

CHARACTERISING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, LEONID BREZHNEV SAID THAT "A FURTHER AGGRAVATION OF THE GENERAL CRISIS OF CAPITALISM WAS WITNESSED DURING THESE YEARS. TO BE SURE, CAPITALISM HAS NOT STOPPED DEVELOPING. BUT IT IS IMMERSSED IN WHAT IS ALREADY THE THIRD ECONOMIC RECESSION OF THE PAST TEN YEARS.

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INFLATION HAS GROWN TO UNHEARD-OF DIMENSIONS. THE MEASURES THAT BOURGEOIS GOVERNMENTS TAKE AGAINST INFLATION FOSTER STAGNATION OF PRODUCTION AND GROWTH OF UNEMPLOYMENT; WHAT THEY DO TO CONTAIN THE CRITICAL DROP IN PRODUCTION LENDS STILL GREATER MOMENTUM TO INFLATION.

THE SOCIAL CONTRADICTIONS HAVE GROWN VISIBLY MORE ACUTE. ATTEMPTS TO DAMPEN THE INTENSITY OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE BY SOME SORT OF SOCIAL REFORM ARE HAVING NO SUCCESS EITHER."

LEONID BREZHNEV SAID: "THE DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED BY CAPITALISM ALSO AFFECT ITS POLICY, INCLUDING FOREIGN POLICY. THE STRUGGLE OVER THE BASIC ISSUES OF THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES' FOREIGN POLICY COURSE HAS GROWN MORE BITTER. VISIBLY MORE ACTIVE OF LATE ARE THE OPPONENTS OF DETENTE, OF LIMITING ARMAMENTS AND OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

"ADVENTURISM AND READINESS TO GAMBLE WITH THE VITAL INTERESTS OF HUMANITY IN THE NAME OF NARROW AND SELFISH GOALS--THESE ARE THE ELEMENTS THAT HAVE SURFACED IN PARTICULARLY DENUDED FORM IN THE POLICY OF THE MORE AGGRESSIVE IMPERIALIST GROUPS. WITH INFINITE CONTEMPT FOR THE RIGHTS AND ASPIRATIONS OF NATIONS, THEY ARE TRYING TO PORTRAY THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF THE MASSES AS 'TERRORISM'. INDEED, THEY HAVE SET OUT TO ACHIEVE THE UNACHIEVABLE--TO SET A BARRIER TO THE PROGRESSIVE CHANGES IN THE WORLD, AND TO AGAIN BECOME THE RULERS OF THE PEOPLES' DESTINY."

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C O R R E C T I O N (OUT-OF-TURN EXCERPT: POLAND)

SUBSLUG SHOULD READ /// (ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT (OTCHET) OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS AND THE IMMEDIATE TASKS OF THE CPSU IN THE FIELD OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY--OPENING 6 MINUTES READ BY GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEONID BREZHNEV FOLLOWED BY UNIDENTIFIED ANNOUNCER WHO CONTINUES READING THE SUMMARY REPORT (OTCHETNYY DOKLAD)--LIVE) ///.

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FBIS 37

C O R R E C T I O N 33 (U.S. MILITARY VIEW)

FIRST PARAGRAPH; LINE TWELVE SHOULD READ /// WE HAVE NOT SOUGHT, AND DO NOT SEEK, MILITARY SUPERIORITY TO THE OTHER SIDE. THAT IS NOT OUR POLICY. BUT /// (SUPPLYING DROPPED LINE).

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FBI 38 [REDACTED]

FOIA(b)(3)

BREZHNEV ON MILITARY SPENDING, 'LIMITED NUCLEAR WAR'

LD230920 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0830 GMT 23 FEB 81

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--DWELLING ON THE UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH OF THE MILITARY SPENDING IN THE CAPITALIST WORLD, LEONID BREZHNEV STRESSED THAT "A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THESE TREMENDOUS SUMS IS BEING SPENT ON CRASH DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TYPES OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR ARMS. THEIR APPEARANCE IS ACCOMPANIED WITH THE CREATION OF MILITARY DOCTRINES DANGEROUS TO PEACE, LIKE THE NOTORIOUS CARTER DOCTRINE. THEY WANT PEOPLE TO BELIEVE THAT NUCLEAR WAR CAN BE LIMITED. THEY WANT TO RECONCILE THEM WITH THE IDEA THAT SUCH WAR IS TOLERABLE.

BUT THAT IS OUT-AND-OUT DECEPTION OF THE PEOPLES:
" 'LIMITED NUCLEAR WAR' AS CONCEIVED BY THE AMERICANS IN, SAY, EUROPE, WOULD FROM THE OUTSET MEAN CERTAIN DESTRUCTION OF EUROPEAN CIVILISATION. AND OF COURSE THE UNITED STATES, TOO, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE FLAMES OF WAR. CLEARLY, SUCH PLANS AND 'DOCTRINES' ARE A GRAVE THREAT TO ALL NATIONS INCLUDING THE PEOPLE OF THE USA. THEY ARE BEING CONDEMNED ALL OVER THE WORLD. THE PEOPLES SAY AN EMPHATIC 'NO' TO THEM."

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BREZHNEV ON EUROPE, LATIN AMERICA, FAR EAST

LD230946 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0851 GMT 23 FEB 81

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--LEONID BREZHNEV SAID FROM THE ROSTRUM OF THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS:

"SPEAKING OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, WE MUST NOT IGNORE THE NEW AND SERIOUS DANGER THAT HAVE ARISEN TO EUROPEAN PEACE. THIS REFERS FIRST OF ALL TO THE NATO DECISION OF DEPLOYING NEW U.S. NUCLEAR MISSILES IN WESTERN EUROPE. THIS DECISION IS NO 'RESPONSE' TO ANY IMAGINED SOVIET CHALLENGE. NEITHER IS IT AN ORDINARY 'MODERNISATION' OF THE ARSENAL, AS THE WEST WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE. IT SPEAKS OF AN OBVIOUS INTENTION TO TILT THE EXISTING MILITARY BALANCE IN EUROPE IN NATO'S FAVOUR.

"IT MUST BE CLEAR: THE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW U.S. MISSILES, TARGETTED AGAINST THE USSR AND ITS ALLIES, IN THE FRG, ITALY, BRITAIN, THE NETHERLANDS OR BELGIUM IS BOUND TO AFFECT OUR RELATIONS WITH THESE COUNTRIES, TO SAY NOTHING OF HOW THIS WILL PREJUDICE THEIR OWN SECURITY. SO, THEIR GOVERNMENTS AND PARLIAMENTS HAVE THE REASON TO WEIGH THE WHOLE THING AGAIN AND AGAIN.

"THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE EUROPEAN NATIONS REQUIRE THAT EUROPE SHOULD FOLLOW A DIFFERENT PATH--THE PATH BLAZED IN HELSINKI."

LEONID BREZHNEV SAID: "THE ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, SUCH AS MEXICO, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, VENEZUELA AND PERU HAS GROWN CONSIDERABLY. WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THE EXPANSION OF THE SOVIET UNION'S MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TIES WITH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE EXPANDING THEM."

"LIFE REQUIRES FRUITFUL COOPERATION OF ALL COUNTRIES IN THE NAME OF SETTLING THE PEACEFUL CONSTRUCTIVE PROBLEMS FACING EVERY NATION AND ALL HUMANITY", LEONID BREZHNEV SAID.

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"AND THIS COOPERATION IS NO FUTILE UTOPIA. ITS
(?EMBRYOS)--BE THEY EVER SO MODEST SO FAR--ARE IN
EVIDENCE ALREADY, IN OUR TIME. THEY SHOULD BE SEEN,
CHERISHED AND DEVELOPED".

SPEAKING OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES BOUND TO FORESTALL
APPEARANCE OF SEATS OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION, LEONID BREZHNEV
HAS SAID:

"IN EUROPE, FOR EXAMPLE, THIS PURPOSE IS TO SOME
EXTENT SERVED--AND FAIRLY WELL ON THE WHOLE--BY THE
CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES CARRIED OUT IN THE MILITARY
FIELD BY DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE. THEY INCLUDE
ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY EXERCISES OF GROUND TROOPS,
AND INVITATION TO THEM OF OBSERVERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.
AT PRESENT, THESE MEASURES APPLY TO THE TERRITORY OF
THE EUROPEAN STATES, INCLUDING THE WESTERN REGIONS OF
THE USSR. WE HAVE ALREADY SAID THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO GO
FARTHER AND TO GIVE NOTICE OF NAVAL AND AIR EXERCISES.
WE HAVE PROPOSED--AND PROPOSE AGAIN--THAT THERE SHOULD
ALSO BE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF LARGE-SCALE TROOP MOVEMENTS.

AND NOW WE WANT TO PROPOSE THAT THE ZONE FOR THESE
MEASURES SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED. WE ARE PREPARED
TO APPLY THEM TO THE ENTIRE EUROPEAN PART OF THE USSR,
PROVIDED THE WESTERN STATES, TOO, EXTEND THE CONFIDENCE
ZONE ACCORDINGLY."

LEONID BREZHNEV HAS SAID:

"THERE IS A REGION WHERE ELABORATION AND USE OF
CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES--NATURALLY, WITH DUE
CONSIDERATION FOR ITS SPECIFIC FEATURES--COULD NOT ONLY
DEFUSE THE SITUATION LOCALLY, BUT ALSO CONTRIBUTE VERY
USEFULLY TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF TH PILLARS OF UNIVERSAL
PEACE. THAT REGION IS THE FAR EAST, WHERE SUCH POWERS
AS THE SOVIET UNION, CHINA, AND JAPAN BORDER ON EACH
OTHER. THERE ARE ALSO U.S. MILITARY BASES THERE.
THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE PREPARED TO HOLD CONCRETE
NEGOTIATIONS ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES IN THE FAR
EAST WITH ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES."

Far East

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TASS REPORTS 26TH CPSU CONGRESS OPENING

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--THE 26TH CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET (CPSU) BEGAN ITS WORK AT TEN A.M. TODAY.

ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND DELEGATES REPRESENTING SEVENTEEN AND A HALF MILLION SOVIET COMMUNISTS HAVE GATHERED IN THE PALACE OF CONGRESSES WHICH IS ON THE PREMISES OF THE MOSCOW KREMLIN. THEY HAVE BEEN ELECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CPSU RULES BY SECRET BALLOT AT CITY, REGIONAL AND TERRITORIAL PARTY CONFERENCES AND AT THE CONGRESSES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF THE UNION REPUBLICS OF THE USSR.

AMONG THE DELEGATES TO THE 26TH CONGRESS OF THE CPSU ARE THE FINEST REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET WORKING CLASS, COLLECTIVE-FARM PEASANTRY, INTELLIGENTSIA, VETERANS OF THE GREAT OCTOBER SOCIALIST REVOLUTION OF 1917, AND SERVICEMEN OF THE SOVIET ARMY AND THE NAVY.

A PLENARY MEETING OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE WAS HELD IN MOSCOW LAST FRIDAY. THE PLENUM UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE TEXT OF THE "REPORT OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO THE 26TH CONGRESS OF THE CPSU AND THE IMMEDIATE TASKS OF THE PARTY IN THE FIELD OF HOME AND FOREIGN POLICY" AS WELL AS THE TEXT OF A REPORT ON THE GUIDELINES FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE USSR FOR 1981-1985 AND FOR THE PERIOD TO 1990.

THE 27TH CONGRESS OF THE CPSU WAS DECLARED OPEN BY LEONID BREZHNEV, THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE CONGRESS WERE ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY.

MIKHAIL SUSLOV, MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU, SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, SAID IN HIS SPEECH AT THE CONGRESS:

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"WE ANNOUNCE WITH GREAT SATISFACTION", HE SAID, "THAT 123 DELEGATIONS FROM THE COMMUNIST, WORKERS', NATIONAL-DEMOCRATIC AND OTHER PARTIES AND ORGANISATIONS FROM 109 COUNTRIES OF ALL THE CONTINENTS OF THE PLANET HAVE ARRIVED AT THE 26TH CONGRESS AT THE INVITATION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE".

ON BEHALF OF THE DELEGATES OF THE CONGRESS, ALL SOVIET COMMUNISTS, MIKHAIL SUSLOV CORDIALLY WELCOMED THE FOREIGN GUESTS, EXPRESSED SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTIES WHICH SENT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CPSU CONGRESS. "THE PRESENCE AT THE CONGRESS OF PROMINENT FIGURES IN THE INTERNATIONAL, COMMUNIST, WORKERS' AND LIBERATION MOVEMENT", HE STRESSED, "IS CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF THE VIABILITY OF INTERNATIONALISM, THE IDEAS OF SOLIDARITY AND UNITY OF THE PRESENT-DAY REVOLUTIONARY FORCES."

THE DELEGATES HAVE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONGRESS:

1. THE REPORT OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE IMMEDIATE TASKS OF THE PARTY IN THE FIELD OF HOME AND FOREIGN POLICY. THE SPEAKER--GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEONID BREZHNEV.
2. THE REPORT OF THE CENTRAL AUDITING COMMISSION OF THE CPSU. THE SPEAKER--COMMISSION CHAIRMAN GENNADIY SIZOV.
3. THE GUIDELINES FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE USSR FOR 1981-1985 AND THE PERIOD TO 1990. THE SPEAKER--CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS NIKOLAY TIKHONOV.
4. ELECTIONS OF THE PARTY'S CENTRAL BODIES.

GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEONID BREZHNEV HAS DELIVERED THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPORT; LEONID BREZHNEV WAS WELCOMED WITH STORMY, PROLONGED APPLAUSE OF THE DELEGATES AND GUESTS OF THE 26TH CPSU CONGRESS.

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FBIS 41 [REDACTED]

BREZHNEV PROPOSES WORLD COMMISSION ON NUCLEAR WAR

LD231016 MOSCOW TASS IN ENGLISH 0900 GMT 23 FEB 81
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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--LEONID BREZHNEV SAID:
"THE PEOPLES MUST KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT THE DESTRUCTIVE
CONSEQUENCES FOR HUMANKIND OF A NUCLEAR WAR. WE SUGGEST
THAT A COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE SHOULD BE SET
UP, WHICH WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE VITAL NECESSITY OF PREVENTING
A NUCLEAR CATASTROPHE. THE COMMITTEE COULD BE COMPOSED
OF THE MOST EMINENT SCIENTISTS OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.
THE WHOLE WORLD SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE CONCLUSIONS
THEY DRAW.

"IT SEEMS TO US", LEONID BREZHNEV SAID, "THAT IT
WOULD BE USEFUL TO CALL A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE TOP LEADERS OF ITS
MEMBER-STATES IN ORDER TO LOOK FOR KEYS TO IMPROVING THE
INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, AND PREVENTING WAR. IF THEY
SO WISH, LEADERS OF OTHER STATES COULD EVIDENTLY ALSO
TAKE PART IN THE SESSION. CERTAINLY, THOROUGH PREPARATIONS
WOULD BE NEEDED FOR SUCH A SESSION TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE
RESULTS."

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(EXCERPT) THROUGHOUT ALL THESE YEARS WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING A PRINCIPLED AND CONSTRUCTIVE LINE IN RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. UNFORTUNATELY, THE PREVIOUS WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATION BY NO MEANS CONSIDERED THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. ATTEMPTING TO EXERT PRESSURE ON US, IT BEGAN TO DESTROY ALL THE POSITIVE RESULTS WHICH HAD BEEN SCORED WITH NO LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS OVER THE PRECEDING YEARS. AS A RESULT, OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS IN A NUMBER OF AREAS WERE SET BACK. THE SALT II TREATY HAS BEEN FROZEN. THE UNITED STATES HAS UNILATERALLY BROKEN OFF TALKS WITH US ON CERTAIN ARMS LIMITATION ISSUES, SUCH AS CUTTING ARMS SUPPLIES TO THIRD COUNTRIES.

UNFORTUNATELY, EVEN AFTER THE CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IN THE WHITE HOUSE, CANDIDLY BELLICOSE CALLS AND STATEMENTS ARE BEING HEARD FROM WASHINGTON, CALLS AND STATEMENTS WHICH SEEM TO BE SPECIALLY INTENDED TO POISON THE ATMOSPHERE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. IN ANY CASE, WE WOULD LIKE TO HOPE THAT THOSE WHO NOW DETERMINE U.S. POLICY WILL ULTIMATELY BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THINGS MORE REALISTICALLY.

THE MILITARY-STRATEGIC EQUILIBRIUM PREVAILING BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES, BETWEEN THE WARSAW TREATY ORGANIZATION AND NATO, IS OBJECTIVELY SERVING THE MAINTENANCE OF WORLD PEACE. WE HAVE NOT BEEN STRIVING FOR AND ARE NOT NOW STRIVING FOR MILITARY SUPERIORITY OVER THE OTHER SIDE. THAT IS NOT OUR POLICY. BUT NEITHER WILL WE PERMIT SUCH A SUPERIORITY TO BE ESTABLISHED OVER US. SUCH ATTEMPTS, AS WELL AS TRYING TO TALK TO US FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH, ARE ABSOLUTELY FUTILE. NOT TRYING TO DISRUPT THE EQUILIBRIUM WHICH EXISTS AND NOT IMPOSING A NEW AND EVEN MORE EXPENSIVE TWIST IN THE ARMS RACE--THESE WOULD BE EVIDENCE OF GENUINE WISDOM. TRULY, THE TIME HAS LONG SINCE COME TO ELIMINATE FROM SERIOUS POLICY THE RAGGED SCARECROW OF THE SOVIET THREAT.

LET US LOOK AT THE REAL STATE OF AFFAIRS, COMRADE BREZHNEV CONTINUED. WHETHER THE QUESTION IS ONE OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR ARMS OR OF MEDIUM-RANGE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE, THERE IS AN APPROXIMATE EQUALITY BETWEEN THE SIDES. THE WEST HAS A CERTAIN ADVANTAGE IN SOME KINDS OF WEAPONS, WE HAVE THE ADVANTAGE IN OTHERS. THE EQUALITY COULD BE EVEN MORE ENDURING IF WE WERE TO CONCLUDE PERTINENT TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS. THEY ALSO TALK ABOUT TANKS. THE SOVIET UNION REALLY DOES HAVE MORE OF THEM. HOWEVER, THE NATO COUNTRIES HAVE A LARGE NUMBER. IN ANY EVENT THEY HAVE CONSIDERABLY MORE ANTI-TANK WEAPONS.

IN ADDITION, THE STORY OF SOVIET SUPERIORITY IN OVERALL TROOP STRENGTH DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO REALITY. IF ONE LOOKS AT THE UNITED STATES TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER NATO COUNTRIES, THEIR OVERALL TROOP STRENGTH IS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THAT OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW TREATY ORGANIZATION. WHAT QUESTION CAN THERE BE OF ANY SOVIET MILITARY SUPERIORITY? A MILITARY THREAT HAS INDEED LOOMED OVER THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS OVER ALL THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. BUT ITS SOURCE IS NOT THE SOVIET UNION, NOT ITS MYTHICAL SUPERIORITY, BUT RATHER THE ARMS RACE ITSELF, THE TENSION WHICH PERSISTS IN THE WORLD. JOINING HANDS WITH AMERICA, THE AMERICAN STATES AND ALL THE COUNTRIES OF OUR PLANET, WE ARE PREPARED TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THIS GENUINE, NOT IMAGINARY, THREAT. TO ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT EACH OTHER IN THE ARMS RACE AND TO COUNT ON VICTORY IN A NUCLEAR WAR ARE DANGEROUS MADNESS.

IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION DEPENDS TO A LARGE DEGREE ON THE POLICIES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES. IN OUR OPINION, THE PRESENT STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND THE SHARPNESS OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS DEMANDING SOLUTION DICTATE THE NEED FOR DIALOGUE AT ALL LEVELS AND, WHAT IS MORE, AN ACTIVE DIALOGUE. WE ARE READY FOR DIALOGUE. EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT THE DECISIVE LINK HERE IS MEETINGS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. THIS WAS TRUE YESTERDAY AND REMAINS TRUE TODAY. THE SOVIET UNION WANTS NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES, AND OF MANKIND AS A WHOLE, WE JUST DO NOT HAVE ANY OTHER REASONABLE PATH.

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arms race as "danger" (i.e. arms) not the criminal)

OUT-OF-TURN EXCERPT: BREZHNEV ON AFGHANISTAN

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(EXCERPT) WE ALSO HELP, TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER FRATERNAL COUNTRIES, IN STRENGTHENING THE DEFENSE CAPABILITY OF THE LIBERATED STATES, WHEN THEY TURN TO US WITH SUCH REQUESTS. THIS TOOK PLACE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN ANGOLA AND ETHIOPIA. ATTEMPTS WERE BEING MADE TO DEAL WITH THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONS IN THESE COUNTRIES BY MEANS OF ENCOURAGING INTERNAL COUNTERREVOLUTION OR AGGRESSION FROM OUTSIDE. WE ARE AGAINST EXPORTING REVOLUTION, BUT WE CANNOT AGREE EITHER WITH THE EXPORT OF COUNTERREVOLUTION. IMPERIALISM UNLEASHED A REAL UNDECLARED WAR AGAINST THE AFGHAN REVOLUTION. THIS ALSO CREATED A DIRECT THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF OUR SOUTHERN BORDER. THIS SITUATION FORCED US TO RENDER THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE WHICH THE FRIENDLY COUNTRY ASKED FOR.

THE PLANS OF AFGHANISTAN'S ENEMIES FAILED. THE WELL THOUGHT-OUT POLICIES OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN, HEADED BY COMRADE BABRAK KARMAL, WHICH CORRESPOND WITH THE NATIONAL INTERESTS, STRENGTHENED PEOPLE'S RULE. AS FAR AS THE SOVIET MILITARY CONTINGENT IS CONCERNED, WE SHALL BE READY TO WITHDRAW IT ON AGREEMENT WITH THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT. FOR THIS, THE SENDING OF COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY GANGS INTO AFGHANISTAN MUST BE COMPLETELY STOPPED. THIS MUST BE CONSOLIDATED WITH ACCORDS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND ITS NEIGHBORS. RELIABLE GUARANTEES ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO NEW INTERVENTION. SUCH IS THE PRINCIPLED POSITION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND WE ADHERE TOO IT FIRMLY.

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OUT OF TURN EXCERPT: BREZHNEV ON EUROPEAN MISSILE-DEPLOYMENT

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(EXCERPT) WE ONCE MORE ISSUE AN URGENT APPEAL FOR RESTRAINT IN THE SPHERE OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS. THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO LIVE UNDER THE THREAT OF A NUCLEAR WAR BEING UNLEASHED. THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS AND THEIR REDUCTION IS AN EXTRAORDINARY PROBLEM. FOR OUR PART, WE ARE READY TO CONTINUE WITHOUT DELAY APPROPRIATE TALKS WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHILE PRESERVING EVERYTHING POSITIVE THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED UP TO NOW IN THIS SPHERE.

NEGOTIATIONS CAN, OF COURSE, ONLY BE CONDUCTED ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY AND IDENTICAL SECURITY. WE WILL NOT ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT GIVING ONE-SIDED ADVANTAGE TO THE UNITED STATES; THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY ILLUSIONS ON THIS SCORE. IN OUR OPINION ALL THE OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS SHOULD ALSO JOIN IN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS IN DUE TIME. THE SOVIET UNION IS READY TO HOLD TALKS ON THE LIMITATION OF ANY KIND OF ARMAMENTS. AT ONE TIME WE PROPOSED A BAN ON THE CREATION OF THE U.S. TRIDENT UNDERWATER MISSILE SYSTEM AND OUR OWN CORRESPONDING SYSTEM. THIS PROPOSAL WAS NOT ACCEPTED. AS A RESULT THE AMERICANS HAVE CREATED THE NEW OHIO SUBMARINE WITH TRIDENT-1 MISSILES. WE HAVE CREATED THE ANLOGOUS TYPHOON SYSTEM. BUT WHO HAS GAINED FROM THIS?

WE ARE READY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON LIMITING THE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW U.S. SUBMARINES OF THE OHIO TYPE AND SIMILAR ONES IN THE USSR. WE COULD ALSO ENTER INTO AN ACCORD ON BANNING THE MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING BALLISTIC MISSILES AND THE CREATION OF NEW ONES FOR DEPLOYMENT ABOARD THESE SUBMARINES.

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NOW TO THE SUBJECT OF NUCLEAR MISSILE ARMAMENTS IN EUROPE. AN EVER MORE DANGEROUS ACCUMULATION OF THESE IS TAKING PLACE. A KIND OF VICIOUS CIRCLE HAS FORMED. THE ACTION OF ONE SIDE EVOKES COUNTERMEASURES BY THE OTHER. HOW CAN THIS CHAIN BE BROKEN? WE PROPOSE THAT AGREEMENT BE REACHED ON ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM NOW ON THE DEPLOYMENT IN EUROPE OF NEW MEDIUM-RANGE NUCLEAR MISSILE FACILITIES OF THE NATO COUNTRIES AND THE USSR--IN OTHER WORDS, TO FREEZE BOTH QUANTITATIVELY AND QUALITATIVELY THE EXISTING LEVEL OF SUCH FACILITIES INCLUDING, OF COURSE, THE FORWARD-BASED NUCLEAR FACILITIES OF THE UNITED STATES IN THIS REGION. THIS MORATORIUM COULD COME INTO FORCE IMMEDIATELY AS SOON AS NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS QUESTION COMMENCE, AND WOULD BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL A PERMANENT TREATY ON LIMITATION OR, EVEN BETTER, ON REDUCTION OF SUCH NUCLEAR FACILITIES IN EUROPE IS CONCLUDED.

IN THIS WE PROCEED FROM THE POSITION THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD CURTAIL ANY KIND OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CORRESPONDING ADDITIONAL MEANS, INCLUDING THE U.S. PERSHING 2 MISSILES AND GROUND-BASED STRATEGIC CRUISE MISSILES. THE PEOPLES SHOULD KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES, RUINOUS FOR MANKIND, WHICH NUCLEAR WAR WOULD BRING. WE PROPOSE THE CREATION OF AN AUTHORITATIVE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE VITAL NECESSITY OF AVERTING NUCLEAR CATASTROPHE: THE COMMITTEE MIGHT INCLUDE THE MOST PROMINENT SCIENTISTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES; AND THE WHOLE WORLD COULD BE INFORMED OF THEIR CONCLUSIONS.

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BREZHNEV ON PEOPLE'S WELLBEING, TRADE UNIONS, CPSU

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--LEONID BREZHNEV SAID:

"THE GROWTH OF SOVIET ECONOMIC MIGHT MADE IT POSSIBLE TO ACCOMPLISH A SWEEPING PROGRAMME OF IMPROVING THE PEOPLE'S WELL-BEING IN THE SEVENTIES. THE SUM OF 32,000 MILLION ROUBLES WAS ALLOCATED FOR STATE MEASURES TO INCREASE WAGES AND SALARIES, PENSIONS, ALLOWANCES, AND SO FORTH. EACH SUCH MEASURE IS A REAL AND TANGIBLE STEP FORWARD ON THE ROAD MOST IMPORTANT TO US--THAT OF IMPROVING THE SOVIET PEOPLE'S LIFE.

"THE HOUSING BUILT IN THE SEVENTIES HAS A BIGGER FLOOR SPACE THAN THAT OF ALL THE URBAN HOUSING THAT EXISTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SIXTIES. THE SCALE OF HOUSING CONSTRUCTION IS, COMRADES, A GREAT SOCIAL ACHIEVEMENT OF OURS.

"IN SUM, THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE PARTY'S ECONOMIC STRATEGY IS BEING CONSISTENTLY IMPLEMENTED."

LEONID BREZHNEV HAS SAID:

"THE CONSTITUTION OF THE USSR HAS GREATLY ENHANCED THE ROLE OF PUBLIC ORGANISATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR DEMOCRACY. THE LARGEST OF THESE ARE THE TRADE UNIONS. NOW THAT THEY HAVE ENROLLED THE MILLIONS OF COLLECTIVE FARMERS, THE TRADE UNIONS ENBRACE PRACTICALLY ALL THE WORKING PEOPLE. THEY HAVE EXCEEDINGLY BROAD TASKS AND RIGHTS. THEY PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF WORKING PEOPLE, TAKE PART IN RESOLVING ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL PROBLEMS, AND DO MUCH TO FOSTER SOCIALIST EMULATION, INVENTION AND INNOVATION."

SPEAKING IN HIS REPORT ABOUT THE CPSU AS THE VANGUARD OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE, LEONID BREZHNEV STRESSED THAT "TODAY LENIN'S WELL-KNOWN WORDS THAT THE PARTY IS THE INTELLECT, HONOUR AND CONSCIENCE OF OUR EPOCH ARE MORE CLEARLY APPRECIATED AND CARRY MORE WEIGHT THAN EVER IN THE LIGHT OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE'S IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENTS."

"THE COMMUNIST PARTY GROWS, GATHERS STRENGTH, AND MATURES IN PARALLEL WITH OUR SOCIETY'S DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE CHANGES IN ITS SOCIO-POLITICAL AND CULTURAL MAKE-UP."

"IN THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CPSU GREW BY 1,800,000. TODAY IT HAS 17,480,000 MEMBERS."

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BREZHNEV ON SAFEGUARDING PEACE, USSR ECONOMIC STRATEGY

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEONID BREZHNEV SAID FROM THE ROSTRUM OF THE PARTY CONGRESS:

"TO SAFEGUARD PEACE -- NO TASK IS MORE IMPORTANT NOW ON THE INTERNATIONAL PLANE FOR OUR PARTY, FOR OUR PEOPLE AND, FOR THAT MATTER, FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

"BY SAFEGUARDING PEACE WE ARE WORKING NOT ONLY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING TODAY AND NOT ONLY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN: WE ARE WORKING FOR THE HAPPINESS OF DOZENS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS.

"IF THERE IS PEACE, THE CREATIVE ENERGY OF THE PEOPLES BACKED BY THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS CERTAIN TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE NOW TROUBLING PEOPLE. TO BE SURE, NEW, STILL LOFTIER TASKS WILL THEN ARISE BEFORE OUR DESCENDANTS. BUT THAT IS THE DIALECTIC OF PROGRESS, THE DIALECTIC OF LIFE.

"NOT WAR PREPARATIONS THAT DOOM THE PEOPLES TO A SENSELESS SQUANDERING OF THEIR MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL WEALTH, BUT CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE -- THAT IS THE CLUE TO THE FUTURE."

DESCRIBING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE USSR IN THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, LEONID BREZHNEV SAID:

"THE NATIONAL ECONOMY BALANCE SHEET FURNISHES CONVINCING PROOF THAT THE PARTY'S ECONOMIC STRATEGY IS CORRECT. THE COUNTRY HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN ALL THE AREAS OF BUILDING THE MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL BASIS OF COMMUNISM. THE PRODUCTIVE FORCES OF SOVIET SOCIETY HAVE ATTAINED A QUALITATIVELY NEW LEVEL.

"SOVIET MEN AND WOMEN HAVE PUT IN GOOD WORK. WHAT WE CALL SHOCK WORK. RALLIED CLOSELY AROUND LENIN'S PARTY AND TREATY ITS MASTER PLANS AS A MATTER OF VITAL CONCERN TO THEM PERSONALLY, THE WORKING PEOPLE IN TOWN AND COUNTRY HAVE SPARED NO EFFORTS IN BUILDING UP THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC POTENTIAL. HONOUR AND GLORY TO SOVIET MEN AND WOMEN--TO THE WORKING PEOPLE; THEY ARE THE MAIN INVALUABLE ASSET OF OUR SOCIETY."

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BREZHNEV ON REDRAFTING CPSU PROGRAM ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, 23 FEB (TASS)--LEONID BREZHNEV NOTED THAT ON THE WHOLE, THE PRESENT PROGRAMME OF THE CPSU CORRECTLY MIRRORS THE LAWS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. BUT 20 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE IT WAS ADOPTED.

"WE APPARENTLY SHOULD INTRODUCE THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS INTO THE PRESENT PROGRAMME. IF THIS PROPOSAL IS APPROVED BY THE DELEGATES TO THE CONGRESS THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO REDRAFT THE PROGRAMME OF THE CPSU."

CONCLUDING HIS REPORT AT THE 26TH CONGRESS OF THE PARTY, THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION LEONID BREZHNEV SAID:

"OUR AIM IS COMMUNISM AND IT IS A MAJESTIC AIM. EVERY LABOUR ACHIEVEMENT, EVERY YEAR OF HEROIC ACCOMPLISHMENT, AND EVERY FIVE-YEAR PLAN BRINGS US NEARER TO THAT AIM. THIS IS THE STANDPOINT FROM WHICH THE PARTY ASSESSES THE COMING FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. MUCH WILL HAVE TO BE DONE. THE TASKS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE FULFILLED ARE BIG AND MORE COMPLEX, BUT WE WILL MOST DEFINITELY CARRY THEM OUT."

"SOVIET PEOPLE LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE. BUT THEIR OPTIMISM IS NOT THE CONFIDENCE OF FAVOURITES OF DESTINY. OUR PEOPLE KNOW THAT EVERYTHING THEY HAVE HAS BEEN CREATED BY THEIR OWN LABOUR AND PROTECTED BY THEIR OWN BLOOD. ALSO, WE ARE OPTIMISTS BECAUSE WE HAVE FAITH IN THE POWER OF LABOUR, BECAUSE WE HAVE FAITH IN OUR COUNTRY, IN OUR PEOPLE, WE ARE OPTIMISTS BECAUSE WE HAVE FAITH IN OUR PARTY AND KNOW THAT THE ROAD IT IS INDICATING IS THE ONLY SURE ONE!"

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