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MONDAY FEBRUARY 7, 1983 - SUMMARY

MAJOR STORIES IN THE FRENCH PRESS DURING THE WEEKEND  
AND ON MONDAY:

THE ARRIVAL IN FRANCE OF NAZI CRIMINAL **KLAUS BARBIE**  
AFTER HE WAS EXPELLED FROM BOLIVIA MONOPOLIZES THE  
FRENCH MEDIA.

VICE-PRESIDENT BUSH'S VISITS TO GENEVA AND ROME RECEIVE  
VERY LIMITED FACTUAL INSIDE-PAGE COVERAGE. REPORTS  
MENTIONED HIS REMARK THAT "OUR'S IS NOT A TAKE IT OR  
LEAVE IT PROPOSAL". FIGARO AND INTERNATIONAL HERALD  
TRIBUNE CARRY PHOTOGRAPH OF V.P. VISITING U.S. TROOPS  
IN WEST GERMANY.

END OF SECRETARY SHULTZ'S VISIT TO CHINA AND HIS  
ARRIVAL IN SEOUL ALSO RECEIVES LIMITED COVERAGE.  
ANTENNE II TV NETWORK CARRIED FILMED EXCERPTS OF  
SECRETARY DURING PRESS CONFERENCE IN PEKING SATURDAY.  
REPORTS HEADLINE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CHINESE PREMIER WILL  
VISIT THE U.S. THIS YEAR.

RENEWED VIOLENCE AND GREAT TENSION IN BEIRUT FOLLOWING  
ATTACK AGAINST PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATION IS TOP FOREIGN  
ISSUE. MOST PARIS PAPERS CARRY PHOTO OF WOUNDED GIRL  
CARRIED TO AMBULANCE. QUOTIDIEN RUNS EDITORIAL ASKING  
FRENCH GOVERNMENT WHY FRANCE IS 'BOGGED DOWN' IN  
LEBANON.

EXPULSION FROM MOROCCO OF LE MONDE'S FRENCH  
CORRESPONDENT IN RABAT FOLLOWING FRONTPAGE REPORT LAST  
WEDNESDAY EXPRESSING DOUBTS ABOUT ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF  
GENERAL DLI MI IS OTHER MAIN TOPIC. ON IRAN-IRAQ  
CONFLICT, QUOTIDIEN REPORTS THAT FRANCE IS "CONDEMNED  
TO HELP IRAQ".

LES ECHOS AND QUOTIDIEN REPORT OPTIMISM IN U.S. OVER  
RECENT DECLINE IN UNEMPLOYMENT.

WRITTEN PRESS COMMENT - HEADLINES

VICE-PRESIDENT BUSH'S TRIP TO EUROPE AND GENEVA  
NEGOTIATIONS:

"GEORGE BUSH TOMORROW IN PARIS"--PARISIEN

"TOUR OF THE TWO GEORGES"--LE MATIN

"EUROMISSILES: COMPROMISE IN GENEVA?"--LIBERATION  
SHULTZ'S VISIT TO ASIA:

"CHINESE PREMIER TO U.S. THIS YEAR"--FIGARO/AUORE

"SHULTZ IN SEOUL"--LES ECHOS

LEBANON:

"WAVE OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS"--FIGARO/AUORE

"DEADLINES AND VIOLENCE"--LES ECHOS

"IS FRANCE BOGGED DOWN"--QUOTIDIEN

"BLOODY WEEKEND IN BEIRUT"--PARISIEN

"NEW WAVE OF ATTACKS"--LE MATIN

"MURDERS AND ATTACKS IN LEBANON"--HUMANITE

"20 DEAD IN ATTACK IN BEIRUT"--LIBERATION

IRAN-IRAQ:

"WESTERN ARMS CONNECTION"--LIBERATION

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"WHY FRANCE IS CONDEMNED TO HELP IRAQ"--QUOTIDIEN  
U.S. ECONOMY:

"UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES IN U.S."--LES ECHOS

"FIRST TIME UNEMPLOYMENT DECREASES IN ONE  
YEAR"--QUOTIDIEN

WRITTEN PRESS COMMENT - EXCERPTS

BUSH'S TRIP TO EUROPE - SHULTZ'S VISIT TO ASIA:

LE MATIN UNSIGNED REPORT ON PAGE 17: "...DENG XIAO PING  
AND GEORGE SHULTZ HAD A 'FRANK' CONVERSATION ON ALL THE  
PROBLEMS OBSCURING U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS.... IT SEEMS  
THAT US-CHINESE MILITARY CONTACTS WILL DEAL MORE WITH  
LOGISTICS, TROOP TRAINING AND MILITARY MEDICINE,  
THAN WITH ARMS SUPPLY.... AS TO THE OTHER  
GEORGE--BUSH, THE VICE PRESIDENT--HE CONTINUES HIS  
EUROPEAN TOUR.... IN GENEVA SATURDAY HE DESCRIBED THE  
U.S. PROPOSAL AS 'MORAL AND STRONG'. HE HOWEVER  
REPEATED THAT THE U.S. 'IS NOT INTRANSIGENT'....  
HUMANITE UNSIGNED REPORT ON PAGE 67: "... WE KNOW THAT  
THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S TOUR IS TO  
REASSURE NATO ALLIES AND PUBLIC OPINION CONCERNING  
PEACEFUL AMERICAN INTENTIONS. THIS IS WHY BUSH  
RECALLED IN ROME THAT U.S. PROPOSALS ARE NOT 'TAKE IT  
OR LEAVE IT' OFFERS. THIS DID NOT PREVENT HIM FROM  
IMMEDIATELY ADDING 'WE'LL NOT YIELD ON THE QUESTIONS OF  
PRINCIPLE'..."

MIDDLE EAST AND LEBANESE-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS:

LES ECHOS EDITORIAL: "DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST AND, AS USUAL, A BLOODY WAVE IS ROLLING  
OVER LEBANON. LACKING AGREEMENT AT THE NEGOTIATION  
TABLE, THE PROTAGONISTS ARE ACTIVE ON THE BATTLE  
FIELD.

THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO DEAL WITH THE MIDDLE  
EAST PROBLEM AS A WHOLE. THE IDEA IS TO OBTAIN A  
MINIMUM OF STABILITY IN THIS POWDERKEG WHICH IS VITAL  
FOR THE WEST. IT IS CLEAR THAT BEGIN REFUSES THIS  
EVENTUALITY AND FEELS HE HAS OTHER MEANS TO IMPOSE  
ORDER ON THE AREA WHILE REMAINING WASHINGTON'S  
PRIVILEGED ALLY.

THIS IS EXACTLY THAT THE AMERICANS ARE TRYING TO AVOID.  
THEY ARE NOT QUESTIONING ISRAEL'S PRIVILEGED STATUS,  
BUT THEY ALSO HAVE OTHER FRIENDS: EGYPT, JORDAN AND  
THE GULF COUNTRIES. THE LATTER HAVE CONVINCED ARAFAT  
THAT HE MUST TRY TO PLAY THE U.S. CARD. THIS IS A  
DANGEROUS GAMBLE FOR HIM, FOR JORDAN, AND PROBABLY  
FOR EGYPT. THEY BADLY NEED CONCRETE RESULTS...."

LE MATIN FULL PAGE REPORT ON PAGE 16 BY REPORTER MARC  
KRAVETZ: "... THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE  
ISRAELI-LEBANESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL OPEN TODAY IN A  
CLIMATE OF EXTREME TENSION.. NOT MUCH PROGRESS SHOULD  
BE EXPECTED. 'ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE,' UNDERLINED BY  
ALL LEBANESE POLITICAL FORCES INCLUDING THAT OF  
PRESIDENT CAMILLE CHAMOUN, IS PREVENTING ANY SORT OF  
SOLUTION IN THE CLOSE FUTURE.

QUOTIDIEN EDITORIAL BY FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPORTER PIERRE  
BEYLAU: "IS FRANCE BOGGED DOWN IN MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS?  
PARIS IS ACTUALLY DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE IRAQ-IRAN  
CONFLICT AND IN THE LEBANESE AFFAIR.... FRANCE'S PLACE

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IS NATURALLY ON THE SIDE OF IRAQ. ESPECIALLY SINCE PARIS, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, IS ACTING FOR WASHINGTON BECAUSE OF THE LATTER'S DESIRE TO AVOID COMPROMISING ITSELF IN THE BAGHDAD CAMP AND TO GIVE AN EXCUSE TO THE IRANIANS TO THROW THEMSELVES IN MOSCOW'S ARMS.

IN LEBANON, THE SITUATION IS INCREASINGLY DETERIORATING.... TOO MANY PEOPLE FEEL THAT TIME IS PLAYING FOR THEM. FIRST OF ALL THE ISRAELIS WHO KNOW THAT U.S. PRESSURE WILL DECREASE AS ELECTIONS APPROACH. ... THE SYRIANS WHO DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE LEBANON AND WHO SYSTEMATICALLY SABOTAGE ALL ATTEMPTS TO RESTORE A LEBANESE STATE. FINALLY, THERE IS ALSO THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT WHICH FEARS THAT THE DEPARTURE OF THE ISRAELIS WILL LEAVE IT ALONE IN THE FACE OF THE SYRIANS. IT IS USELESS TO CLOSE ONE'S EYES. FRENCH SOLDIERS RISK BEING KILLED IN BEIRUT. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SHOULD CLEARLY TELL US WHY".

ALSO QUOTIDIEN BY REPORTER JEAN-MARC KALFLECHE UNDER TITLE: "WHY FRANCE IS CONDEMNED TO HELP IRAQ". "... AMERICANS AND SOVIETS ARE LETTING FRANCE STRUGGLE IN THE IRAQI AFFAIR. THE AMERICANS ... ARE TRYING TO AVOID A SOVIETIZATION OF HUSSEIN'S TEAM. WASHINGTON TELLS PARIS: 'HOLD IRAQ WHILE WE TRY TO COME CLOSER TO IRAN WHERE WE STILL HAVE SOME MAJOR TRUMPS AT A TIME WHEN KHOMEINI IS DYING.' THE U.S. REASONING IS QUITE CLEAR TO IRAQI OFFICIALS AND TAREK AZIZ WAS VERY CONCILIANT ON TWO MAIN POINTS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO PARIS: IT IS NO LONGER A QUESTION OF BLOCKING EFFORTS TO RECONCILE ISRAEL AND THE ARAB WORLD AND EVEN LESS OF REBUILDING THE TAMUZ NUCLEAR PLANT.

AS FOR THE USSR, ITS CURIOUS EVOLUTION IS STILL DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND IN THIS BABYLONIAN QUIGMIRE. WE SIMPLY NOTE THAT THE USSR RESUMED ALL ITS ARMS DELIVERIES TO IRAQ AFTER A LONG INTERRUPTION. HOPE OF RECOVERING A MAJOR INFLUENCE IN THIS COUNTRY? PRESSURE ON REBEL IRAN? DESIRE TO PLAY A ROLE OF REFEREE? THE LAST POSSIBILITY SEEMS THE MOST PROBABLE."

LIBERATION ON ARMS DELIVERIES TO IRAN BY REPORTER JOSE GARCON: "... IN PRINCIPLE THE U.S. MAKES FNO DIRECT ARMS SALES TO IRAN BECAUSE OF THE HOSTAGE AFFAIR.... BUT U.S. COMPANIES SEND ARMS TO IRAN BY PROXY OF THIRD COUNTRIES AND BY MAKING FALSE DECLARATIONS ON THE ATION OF THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, AMERICN MOTORS SOLD 26 JEEPS TO KHOMEINI BY ASSERTING THAT THEY WERE DESTINED FOR SINGAPOUR. WESTERN EUROPE IS MORE DIRECT, TO BEGIN WITH ITALY.... ALL THIS SHOWS THAT DESPITE THEIR DISCRETION THE WESTERN COUNTRIES--IMMEDIATELY AFREER THE SETTLEMENT OF THE AFFAIR OF THE HOSTAGES--HAVE JUMPED INTO THE IRANIAN ARMS MARKET. ANOTHER INTERESTING POINT IS THE NEW U.S. 'OVERTURE' TOWARD IRAN: U.S. AND WESTERN COUNTRIES MAKE SURE THAT IRAN IS SUPPLIED WITH SUFFICIENT ARMAMENT SO THAT IT DOES NOT DEPEND ON THE EAST BUT NOT SUFFICIENTLY TO WIN OVER SADDAM HUSSEIN. THIS ALSO HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF PROVIDING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF

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DOLLARS TO THE ARMS INDUSTRIES. ANOTHER WAY TO FIGHT THE CRISIS."

UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES IN U.S.:

LES ECHOS UNSIGNED REPORT ON PAGE 5: "FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A YEAR, U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HAS COME DOWN. ... WASHINGTON IS DISPLAYING A RELATIVE OPTIMISM AND PRESIDENT REAGAN HIMSELF INDICATED THAT RECOVERY IS 'NOW UNDER WAY'. THIS OPTIMISM SEEMS TO BE SHARED BY EXPERTS IN THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE...."

QUOTIDIEN ON PAGE 19 UNSIGNED REPORT: "... UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICIALLY DECLINED IN THE U.S.. PRESIDENT REAGAN EXPRESSED OPTIMISM AND SAID 'RECOVERY IS UNDER WAY'...."

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE - MONDAY FEBURARY 7 FRONTPAGE ARTICLES: NYT FROM BEIJING: "CHINA SAYS TAIWAN ISSUE UNSOLVED BY SULTZ TRIP"; NYT FROM WASHINGTON: "CHINESE LEADER PLANS TO VISIT U.S. THIS YEAR FOR TALKS WITH REAGAN"; NYT FROM JERUSALEM: "MINOR DISPUTES REFLECTING U.S.-ISRAEL TENSIONS".

EDITPAGE: WP: "THE WEINBERGER FACTOR"; NYT: "THE UNWAGED WAR". . . . "

COLUMNS: WOLF JR.: "U.S. ECONOMY MAY MAKE SURPRISINGLY SHARP GAIN"; STONE: "MEDVEDEV'S TACTIC: ATTACK FROM WITHIN"; RESTON: "KREISKY'S GOSPEL OF RECONCILIATION"; DE LA SERNA: : "CONFERENCE REFLECTS SPAIN'S SPLIT ON TERROR".

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