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FROM USIS BERLIN
SUBJECT: REVIEW OF EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE BERLIN PRESS FOR
TUESDAY FEB 08, 1983
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HEADLINES WERE MADE BY THE BEGINNING OF ISRAELI FOREIGN
MINISTER SHAMIR'S BONN TALKS IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED SPECIAL HOPES

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IN CONNECTION WITH BONN'S CHAIRMANSHIP IN EC; THE CONTROVERSY ALLEGED "INVESTMENT STRIKE" BY FRG EMPLOYERS WHO WANT TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE MARCH 6 ELECTIONS BEFORE INVESTING; AND THE STATEMENT BY BERLIN FREE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WERNER JUNG THAT IN THE PRAGUE DECLARATION "HIGHLY WELCOME PROPOSALS WERE MADE" (COMMUNIST DIE WAHRHEIT).

EDITORIALS

THE POPE'S RECEPTION OF U.S. VICE PRESIDENT BUSH DER TAGESSPIEGEL (INDEP) CARRIED A REPORT BY ITS ROME CORRESPONDENT CHRISTA PEDUTO WHO SAID: "THE THREE-QUARTERS OF AN FOUR FACE-TO-FACE TALKS WITH THE POPE MONDAY WAS DOUBTLESS THE CLIMAX OF U.S. VICE PRESIDENT BUSH'S FOUR-DAY VISIT OF ROME... ACCORDING TO HIS OWN WORDS, THE AMERICAN POLITICAL LEADER ATTACHED "GREAT IMPORTANCE" TO HIS MEETING. POLAND, THE EAST-WEST SITUATION, AND PARTICULARLY DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS WERE AMONG THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED. AS IS USUAL FOR SUCH PAPAL AUDIENCES FOR POLITICIANS, NO DETAILS WERE OFFICIALLY MADE KNOWN.

"BUSH HIMSELF LATER ON AT A PRESS CONFERENCE DID NOT REMARK ON THE CONTENTS OF HIS TALKS WITH THE POPE. HE MERELY SAID THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE GREAT "MORAL INSPIRATION" OF THE POPE, PARTICULARLY HIS ENGAGEMENT FOR PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

"INFORMED CIRCLES, HOWEVER, CONSIDER IT CERTAIN THAT THE POPE AND BUSH ALSO DISCUSSED THE OPPOSITION ATTITUDE OF THE U.S. CATHOLIC BISHOPS TOWARD THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S ARMAMENT POLICY. THIS MATTER HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES IN A "BISHOPS SUMMIT" CALLED BY THE VATICAN AS RECENTLY AS LATE JANUARY... IN TIME IT IS CONSIDERED CERTAIN THAT JOHN PAUL II VALUES THE AMERICAN BISHOPS' ATTITUDE, ALTHOUGH THE CAREFUL DIPLOMACY OF THE VATICAN CURBS HIM SOMEWHAT.

"SO IN THE COURSE OF HIS EUROPEAN TOUR, BUSH FOUND PROBABLY IN THE POPE ONE OF THE SHARPEST, THOUGH HARDLY INFLUENTIAL POLITICALLY OPPONENT OF THE REAGAN POLICY. BEYOND THE TIBER RIVER, ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE DOORS OF POLITICAL ROME WERE WIDE OPEN FOR HIM BUSH HAD CALLED ITALY "ONE OF THE MOST STABLE FRIENDS OF AMERICA." THEREFORE, THE TALKS WITH PRESIDENT PERTINI, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER POLITICIANS ON DISARMAMENT WERE WITH OUT SURPRISES.

"IT WAS, HOWEVER, STRIKING -- AS THE ITALIAN PRESS EMPHASIZED THAT IN BUSH'S TALKS ANY CONTACT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ITALIAN CP, THE LARGEST COMMUNIST PARTY IN WESTERN EUROPE, WAS VITED...

"AS A RESULT, THE ITALIAN CP, WHICH OTHERWISE DOES NOT OPPOSE VERY STRONGLY THE "MEDIUM-RANGE ARMS", WAS NOT VERY CAREFUL IN DEALING WITH THE AMERICAN GUEST. IT OBSERVED HIS REMARKS VERY CRITICALLY AND THE CP ORGAN L'UNITA EVEN SAID THAT INSTEAD OF LISTENING TO THE GOVERNMENT POLITICIANS, THE U.S. VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD RATHER LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE HOW THEY FEEL TOWARD THE MISSILES WHICH WILL BE STATIONED IN SICILY. THERE WERE, HOWEVER, NO PROTESTS ON THE STREETS REPORTED FROM ANYWHERE. BUT IN ALL OF ITALY, THERE HAS BEEN NO SUCCESSFUL MASS DEMONSTRATION FOR PEACE FOR QUITE A WHILE," MISS PEDUTO CONCLUDED.

NAZI KLAUS BARBIE EXTRADITED TO FRANCE

DER TAGESSPIEGEL (INDEP) COMMENTED ON THE LATE ATONEMENT OF NAZI KLAUS BARBIE, EX-GESTAPO CHIEF OF LYON, WHO WAS EXTRADITED TO

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FRANCE FROM BOLIVIA. THE PAPER SAID: "THE FRENCH PUBLIC INS
PASSIONATELY EXCITED AND THE MASS MEDIA DEAL EXTENSIVELY WITH
THE GESTAPO ATROCITIES IN OCCUPIED FRANCE. FOR MANY A FRENCHMAN,
KLAUS BARBIE IS WHAT EICHMANN WAS FOR THE ISRAELI. HE WHO
KNOWS THE BLOOD-STAINED PAST AS A GERMAN WILL NOT HIDE HIS
SATISFACTION THAT THE ARM OF JUSTICE HAS FINALLY REACHED THIS
SS-HANGMANN WHO SUCCEEDED IN HIDING SFOR SO LONG IN LATIN-AMERICA...
VOLKSBLATT BERLIN (PRO-SPD) REMARKED: "HOW QUICKLY AND WITH
WHAT BRUTAL CONSEQUENCE HISTORY IS CATCHING UP WITH US IS
ILLUSTRATED BY THE CASE OF **KLAUS BARBIE**... THE SPONTANEOUS RE-
ACTION OF THE FRENCH MASS MEDIA... SHOULD AWAKEN
ALL THOSE IN THE FRG WHO CONSIDER THE HITLER REGIME A MERE EPI-
SODE OF HISTORY..."
(MORE COMING)
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