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MAJOR STORIES IN THE FRENCH PRESS TODAY:
A SURPRISE MEETING IN PARIS OF FOUR OIL-PRODUCING

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COUNTRY MINISTERS IS HEADLINED. REPORTS QUOTE PRESIDENT REAGAN'S REMARK TUESDAY THAT OIL PRICE CUT IS "GOOD NEWS FOR WORLD ECONOMY". REGAN'S AND SHULTZ'S DECLARATIONS ON SAME ISSUE ARE ALSO NOTED.

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S NEW APPEAL FOR TROOPS WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON IS MENTIONED IN BRIEF REPORTS ON 18TH SESSION OF LEBANESE-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH ALSO NOTE BEGIN'S REJECTION OF U.S. GUARANTEES FOR ISRAELI BORDER.

OTHER MAIN FOREIGN ISSUES INCLUDE ANDROPOV'S ARTICLE IN SOVIET REVIEW "KOMMUNIST" AND SPANISH SOCIALISTS' DECISION TO NATIONALIZE LARGEST BANKING SYSTEM IN SPAIN. THE COMING WEST GERMAN LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS, PATTY HEARST'S PARTICIPATION IN FRENCH TELEVISION LITERARY PROGRAM TONIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CHARLES TRENET'S CANDIDACY TO THE FRENCH ACADEMY HAS BEEN REJECTED ARE OTHER MAIN TOPICS IN FRENCH MEDIA INCREASINGLY DOMINATED BY THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND THE CASE OF FORMER NAZI CRIMINAL **KLAUS BARBIE**.

COMMENT - HEADLINES

OIL MINISTERS' MEETING IN PARIS LAST NIGHT:

"OIL WAR COUNCIL IN PARIS"--FRANCE-SOIR

"MULTIDIRECTIONAL CONSULTATIONS IN PARIS"--PARISIEN

"OIL YALTA IN PARIS"--LE MATIN

MIDDLE EAST:

"REAGAN'S CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN

TROOPS"--FIGARO/AUORE .-

"BEGIN SAYS 'NO' TO REAGAN"--QUOTIDIEN

"BEGIN THREATENS SYRIA"--HUMANITE

"BEGIN SAYS 'NO' TO U.S. GUARANTEES"--LIBERATION

ANDROPOV'S ARTICLE IN 'KOMMUNIST':

"ANDROPOV HINTS MORE RIGOROUS ECONOMIC POLICY"--LE MONDE

"SOVIET LEADER'S IDEOLOGICAL CREDO"--FIGARO/AUORE

"USSR: HARDENING"--QUOTIDIEN

"IMPROVING DEMOCRACY"--HUMANITE

NATIONALIZATIONS IN SPAIN:

"GONZALEZ PUTS ON MITTERRAND'S BOOTS"--LE MATIN

WRITTEN PRESS COMMENT - EXCERPTS

MIDDLE EAST:

FIGARO/AUORE UNSIGNED REPORT ON PAGE 4: "PRESIDENT

REAGAN APPEALED AGAIN YESTERDAY FOR A WITHDRAWAL OF

FOREIGN TROOPS FROM LEBANON.... MEANWHILE,

ISRAELI-LEBANESE TALKS, UNDER AMERICAN AEGIS, ARE

CONTINUING WITH THE REGULARITY OF A METRONOME. AS FOR

HABIB, HE REPORTEDLY WILL SOON GO TO DAMASCUS TO MEET

WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD...".

LES ECHOS BRIEF UNSIGNED ITEM ON BACK PAGE: "THE 18TH

SESSION OF THE ISRAELI-LEBANESE NEGOTIATIONS WAS AN

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OPPORTUNITY FOR INTENSE WORK ALTHOUGH IT LASTED ONLY THREE HOURS. THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE INDICATES THAT THE NEGOTIATORS ARE STILL TRYING TO OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES CREATED BY THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ISRAELI AND LEBANESE POSITIONS.... OFFICIAL ISRAELI CIRCLES INDICATE THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN SPOKE OF A PALESTINIAN 'HOMELAND' THURSDAY TO STIMULATE KING HUSSEIN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BUT THAT IT DOES NOT REFLECT ANY NEW FLEXIBILITY IN TRADITIONAL U.S. POLICY."

QUOTIDIEN ON PAGE 25 BY JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT HENRI BAINVOL: "PRESIDENT REAGAN CALLED AGAIN WEDNESDAY FOR A WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM LEBANON.... THIS IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR THE ISRAELIS TO SAY NO TO THE U.S. THIS IS WHAT BEGIN DID IN REJECTING REAGAN'S IDEA OF U.S. GUARANTEES.... IN SO DOING, HE DISPLAYED LOYALTY TO THE OLD ISRAELI TRADITION WHICH CONSISTS OF BEING SUSPICIOUS OF ALL INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES.... THE ISRAELI'S 'NO' TO REAGAN ABOUT LEBANON IS PROBABLY ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A NEW CONTROVERSY BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND JERUSALEM OVER THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE. IN ANOTHER DELARATION PUBLISHED BY THE U.S. PRESS, REAGAN CLARIFIED HIS VIEWS ON 'U.S. GUARANTEES'.... HE SPOKE OF A 'HOMELAND' FOR THE PALESTINIANS. IN JERUSALEM, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE PALESTINIAN MEETING IN ALGIERS, HUSSEIN IS ABOUT TO ANNOUNCE HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE PEACE PROCESS ON THE BASIS OF THE REAGAN PLAN WHICH CALLS FOR THE CREATION OF A JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN CONFEDERATION. THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT ASSERTS IT IS PLEASED ABOUT THE EVENTUAL INVOLVEMENT OF JORDAN IN THE PEACE PROCESS BUT ONLY ON THE BASIS OF THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS, WHICH SPEAK OF 'AUTONOMY' FOR THE PALESTINIANS. THE ISRAELI 'NO' TO THE REAGAN PLAN RISKS BEING MUCH MORE RESOUNDING AND HAVING MUCH GRAVER CONSEQUENCES THAN ITS 'NO' ON LEBANON".

LE MATIN UNSIGNED ITEM ON PAGE 11: "...YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON PRESIDENT REAGAN RENEWED HIS APPEAL FOR A WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM LEBANON.... AS FOR BEGIN, HE ONCE AGAIN REJECTED THE IDEA OF U.S. GUARANTEES FOR THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL'S NORTHERN BORDER...".

HUMANITE FRONTPAGE ARTICLE: "MOSHE ARENS SHOWS HIS TRUE FACE: HE WILL BE MORE 'HAWK' THAN THE HAWKS. HE THREATENS SYRIA WITH A 'PREVENTIVE' OPERATION AND ASSERTS THAT ISRAELI TROOPS WILL STAY IN LEBANON...".

ALSO HUMANITE ON PAGE 8: "...REJECTING PRESIDENT REAGAN'S OFFERS FOR GUARANTEES... THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT PREFERS TO USE ITS PUPPET IN LEBANON, THE REBEL HADDAD, TO REACH ITS GOAL....

MEETING OF OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES' MINISTERS IN PARIS YESTERDAY:

FRANCE-SOIR FRONTPAGE ARTICLE: "...THERE IS A GROWING FEELING THAT THE OIL COUNTRIES ARE NO LONGER IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION. ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THE U.S., AFTER LONG ENCOURAGING HIGH PRICES IN VIEW

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OF ITS OIL RESERVES, IS NOW CALLING FOR AND PRAISING AN OIL PRICE CUT. THIS IS WHAT TREASURY SECRETARY REGAN USIA

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SAID YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.... WHILE PRESIDENT REAGAN AND SECRETARY SHULTZ WERE MAKING IDENTICAL DECLARATIONS....THE BALL IS NOW IN THE OIL COUNTRIES' COURT...".

PARISIEN ON PAGE 7 UNSIGNED REPORT: "...THE OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES--OPEC OR NOT--ARE DETERMINED TO CLOSE RANKS TO AVOID A COLLAPSE OF THE PRICE OF OIL." LE MATIN ON PAGE 15 BY REPORTER HENRY LAURET: "...FOR THE FIRST TIME, OPEC IS OPENLY TRYING TO AGREE WITH MEXICO.... IF IT SUCCEEDS, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES OF THE NORTH SEA WILL IMPLICITLY IMPLEMENT THE COMPROMISE.... ACCORDING TO A WELL INFORMED SOURCE, LE MATIN HAS LEARNED LAST NIGHT THAT NIGERIA HAD GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT IN PRINCIPLE TO AN EVENTUAL COMPROMISE.... IF THE FOUR-COUNTRY MEETING IN PARIS REACHES A MODUS VIVENDI, WE CAN CONCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: 1. SAUDI ARABIA'S ALLIES AND THE OPEC 'HAWKS' FINALLY REACHED AN AGREEMENT.... 2. VENEZUELA SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCING MEXICO TO PLAY THE COMMON INTEREST GAME... 3. OPEC WON THE TEST OF STRENGTH OF STOPPING A DEESCALATION OF THE PRICE OF OIL AND OF AVOIDING A OIL PRICE WAR... IT REMAINS TO SEE WHAT THE EXTRAORDINARY OPEC MEETING NEXT WEEK WILL DECIDE CONCERNING THE EXTENT OF THE CUT. THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR MANEUVER--BETWEEN FOUR AND SEVEN DOLLARS PER BARREL."

ANDROPOV'S CALL FOR ECONOMIC CHANGE:

LE MONDE FRONTPAGE ARTICLE BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW, JACQUES AMALRIC UNDER TITLE: "'RETURN TO ANDROPOLIS'." EXCERPTS READ: "ANDROPOV'S MOSCOW IS ALREADY NO LONGER THAT OF BREZHNEV.... THERE ARE PLENTY OF ANECTOTES ILLUSTRATING THE CHANGE.... NO ONE OTHER THAN SOVIET OFFICIALS ARE PREPARED TO SAY THAT ANDROPOV'S REFORMS WILL WORK. BUT ANDROPOV APPEARS DETERMINED....

WHILE WE CANNOT YET SPEAK OF A TRUE 'PURGE'-- MOST OF THE MEN PUT ON THE SIDELINES WERE VERY OLD--ANDROPOV'S PURPOSE IS TO CREATE A FEELING OF ANXIETY AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND PARTY OFFICIALS. UNCERTAINTY PREVAILS FOR THE OVERALL POPULATION: IMPROVED KHRUSHCHEVIAN REFORMISM OR INCREASED TOTALITARISM?.... IT IS PROBABLE THAT ANDROPOV WILL COMPLETE HIS VICTORY ON THE DISSIDENT FRONT. IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, THE KGB STRUCK IN OPPOSITION CIRCLES WHICH HAD BEEN RELATIVELY SPARED UNDER BREZHNEV: A WARNING TO HISTORIAN ROY MEDVEDEV; THE ARREST OF HUMORIST

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SISSOIEV; STRENGTHENING OF POLICE MEASURES TO PREVENT ANY CONTACT BETWEEN NON-OFFICIAL SOVIETS AND FOREIGN RESIDENTS; IMPROMPTU VISITS TO SEVERAL INTELLECTUALS' APARTMENTS BY KGB AGENTS; INTENSIFIED PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SMALL GROUPS OF PACIFISTS BOLD ENOUGH TO ALSO CALL FOR A CUT IN SOVIET MILITARY BUDGET. THERE IS WORRY ALSO ABOUT THIS ARTICLE IN 'SOVIET RUSSIA' DATED JANUARY 19 ANNOUNCING THE CREATION OF REEDUCATION CENTERS FOR PEOPLE HAVING AN 'ANTISOCIAL AND PARASITIC WAY OF LIFE' THE ATMOSPHERE IN ANDROPOLIS--A SURNAME INVENTED FOR MOSCOW--IS DECIDEDLY NOT TO FRIVOLITY BUT RATHER ONE OF ANXIOUS EXPECTATION. THE

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SOVIETS KNOW WHAT THEY LOST WITH BREZHNEV; THEY STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY CAN EXPECT FROM ANDROPOV". FIGARO/AUORE ON PAGE 3 BY MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT DENIS LEGRAS. CONCLUSION READS: "...BOTH A 'STATE OF THE UNION' AND THE 'LAST EVANGILE,' THIS LONG ARTICLE HAS THE MERIT OF BEING AN ASSESSMENT WITHOUT COMESTICS AND OF FILLING A VOID. THE PROGRAM OF THE PARTY PREPARED BY SUSLOV UNDER KHRUSHCHEV BEING OBSOLETE, THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY BASIC REFERENCE DOCUMENT. ANDROPOV DID NOT WAIT LONG TO IMPOSE HIS OWN."

QUOTIDIEN FULL INSIDEPAGE ARTICLE BY REPORTER PIERRE DAIX: "LET'S ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ANDROPOV DOES NOT LOSE MUCH TIME WITH MARX.... WHAT BOTHERS HIM ARE THE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.... ANDROPOV FEELS THAT SALARIES ARE NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE VOLUME OF PRODUCTION. THIS IS PURE CAPITALIST ECONOMY.... BUT FAR FROM SUDDENLY BELIEVING IN ECONOMIC LAWS, HE MENTIONS THEM ONLY TO JUSTIFY INCREASED REPRESSION. HE KNOWS BETTER THAN ANYONE THAT INCREASED CONTROLS AND THREATS WILL NOT RESTORE THE ECONOMY. ON THE OTHER HAND, A HUNT AGAINST PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ECONOMIC FAILURES CAN BE THE BEGINNING OF STRENGTHENED POLITICAL COERCION, WHICH APPEARS TO BE ONE OF THE KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW SOVIET LEADER. THE POLISH LESSON IS CERTAINLY HAUNTING HIS DREAMS.... THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT BREZHNEV'S MEN ARE THE FIRST TARGET OF THESE ACCUSATIONS...".

RADIO NEWS PROGRAMS

U.S. ECONOMIC RECOVERY:

EUROPE ONE RADIO BY ECONOMIC REPORTER RENE TENDRON: "U.S. ECONOMY IS CLEARLY RECOVERING. PRESIDENT REAGAN IS PLEASED. 12 MILLION PEOPLE ARE UNEMPLOYED BUT THE INDUSTRY IS TAKING A NEW START AND INFLATION HAS BEEN STOPPED. THE OIL PRICE DECLINE COMES AT THE RIGHT MOMENT TO STRENGTHEN BUSINESS CIRCLES' CONFIDENCE. ON

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WALL STREET, THE DOW JONES REACHED AN UNSEEN RECORD..."

RADIO LUXEMBURG'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT ANITA HAUSSER: "WALL STREET HAS BEEN EXPECTING AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR MONTHS. NOW THE RECOVERY IS SHOWING ITS FACE: STOCK EXCHANGE 'HAS A BALL'. THE OIL PRICE DECLINE IS TIMELY. BUSINESS CIRCLES ARE NOT EXPECTING A DRAMATIC PRICE DROP. THE ONLY FEAR IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT INFLATION WILL RISE. BUT, FOR THE TIME BEING, OPTIMISM IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY."

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE - FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25, 1983
NYT FROM WASHINGTON: "2 HIGH EPA AIDES RESIGN AT REQUEST OF THE WHITE HOUSE"; NYT FROM MADRID: "MADRID NATIONALIZES BIG INDUSTRIAL GROUP, CITING IRREGULARITIES"; WP FROM WASHINGTON: "SENATE PANEL REFUSES TO ENDORSE ADELMAN"; NYT FROM HARBIN, CHINA: "IN A NORTH CHINA CITY, LITTLE OF RUSSIA IS LEFT"; WP FROM TORONTO: "SEAL PUP HUNT HALTED FOR YEAR OFF CANADA COAST".

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EDITPAGE: NYT : "PLO V. PALESTINIANS"; WP: "A CHANCE TO NEGOTIATE".

COLUMNS: FLYYN: " MYTHS THAT ARE MUDDYING THE DEBATE ON MISSILES"; WEITZMAN: "AN 'IMPRACTICAL' IDEA FOR A BOTTOM-UP ECONOMIC REVIVAL"; POWER: "U.S., NICARAGUA SHOULD EASE OFF".

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