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FRENCH PRESS TODAY IS DOMINATED BY RESULTS OF LAST SUNDAY'S SECOND ROUND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, AND THEIR EFFECTS ON THE GOVERNMENT.

LE MONDE REPORTS YITZHAK SHAMIR IN WASHINGTON TRYING TO REDUCE ISRAELI-AMERICAN TENSIONS. VESTIGAL COVERAGE CONTINUES OF WEINBERGER CBS INTERVIEW SUNDAY ON MISSILE TALKS AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

MONDALE-MITTERRAND MEETING YESTERDAY GETS VERY BRIEF PLAY. WASHINGTON POST STORY ON PENTAGON RE-EXAMINATION OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR ARMS IN EUROPE GETS ATTENTION. INCREASING ATTENTION TO FRENCH DOCTOR SENTENCED TO PRISON IN AFGHANISTAN, WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CLAUDE CHEYSSON AND MEDICAL GROUPS INTERVENING. IN LYONS, A PRESS LEAK OF A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REPORT ON ACCUSED NAZI WAR CRIMINAL **KLAUS BARBIE** IS CAUSING CONCERN THAT HIS LAWYER WILL ASK FOR A CHANGE OF VENUE FOR HIS TRIAL.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE WEST GERMAN ELECTIONS BY THE LEFTIST WEEKLY NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR CALLS THE KOHL VICTORY "AMBIGUOUS," WARNING THAT IT IS BY NO MEANS A PRO-MISSILE VOTE. BRIEF MENTION OF TIME MAGAZINE SURVEY CLAIMING AMERICANS WOULD PREFER VIRTUALLY ANY DEMOCRAT IN THE WHITE HOUSE TO REAGAN.

NO MENTION IN THE FRENCH PRESS OF YESTERDAY'S WASHINGTON POST REPORT ON MEMO ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY EDWARD ROWNEY QUESTIONING TOUGHNESS OF U.S. ARMS NEGOTIATORS.

THE HEADLINES:

CENTRAL AMERICA:

"SALVADOR, GUATEMALA...U.S. INTERVENTIONS OF ALL KINDS" (HUMANITE)

EUROMISSILES:

"EUROMISSILES: WEINBERGER FAVORABLE TO AN INTERMEDIATE AGREEMENT" (LE MATIN)

"NATO QUESTIONS THE USEFULNESS OF ITS NUCLEAR ARMS IN EUROPE" (LIBERATION)

TIME MAGAZINE POLL:

"U.S. POLL: ANY DEMOCRAT IS MORE ACCEPTABLE THAN REAGAN" (LIBERATION)

GERMAN ELECTIONS:

"BONN: AN AMBIGUOUS VICTORY" (NOUVEL OBSERVATOR)

MIDDLE EAST:

"MR. SHAMIR STRIVES TO REDUCE ISRAELI-AMERICAN TENSIONS" (LE MONDE)

WRITTEN PRESS COMMENT - EXCERPTS:

CENTRAL AMERICA AND WEINBERGER INTERVIEW:

COMMUNIST HUMANITE, ON WEINBERGER CENTRAL AMERICA INTERVIEW, SAYS "...110 MILLION DOLLARS IN SUPPLEMENTARY MILITARY AID TO EL SALVADOR TO SUPPORT A DICTATORSHIP THAT CANNOT STAND UP TO INSURRECTION; AT THE RISK, INCREASING DAILY, OF GETTING MIRED IN CENTRAL AMERICA LIKE, NOT LONG AGO, IN VIETNAM..." SOCIALIST LE MATIN SAYS WEINBERGER "FIGURES THAT AN INTERMEDIATE ACCORD ON EUROMISSILES MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE...BUT REAFFIRMED THAT IT WAS STILL UP TO THE SOVIETS TO MAKE A SERIOUS PROPOSAL...IN GENEVA..." PENTAGON STUDY OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS:

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LEFTIST LIBERATION, QUOTING WASHINGTON POST REPORT, SAYS "THE NEED TO DEPLOY SEVERAL THOUSAND TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN WESTERN EUROPE IS BEING RE-EXAMINED BY THE PENTAGON...THE STUDY CONCERNS OLD WEAPONS ALREADY IN PLACE WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO USE IN WARTIME..."

TIME MAGAZINE:

LIBERATION REPORTS A TIME SURVEY SAYING "MORE THAN HALF THE AMERICANS DO NOT WANT REAGAN TO RUN FOR A SECOND TERM NEXT YEAR...54 PERCENT QUESTIONED PREFERRED ANY DEMOCRAT TO THE PRESENT REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT..."

MONDALE IN PARIS:

IN A BRIEF, HUMANITE SAYS "FORMER U.S. VICE PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE ...WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT FRANCOIS MITTERRAND AT THE ELYSEE MONDAY MORNING...MR. MONDALE SAID THE CONVERSATION TOUCHED ON NUCLEAR -... ." NEGOTIATIONS...TERMING THE TALK .FRIENDLY AND USEFUL.."

MIDDLE EAST:

LE MONDE, IN AN ARTICLE BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT ROBERT SOLE, SAYS "TO UNBLOCK NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND LEBANON, THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN A NEW INITIATIVE: SIMULTANEOUSLY INVITE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES TO WASHINGTON...BUT THIS IS NO MINI-CAMP DAVID...THE TWO ARE MEETING SEPARATELY WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS, AND NO SPECTACULAR RESULTS ARE EXPECTED..."

FRENCH DOCTOR SENTENCED IN KABUL:

IN A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL ON THE SENTENCING IN KABUL OF FRENCH PHYSICIAN PHILIPPE AUGOYARD TO EIGHT YEARS, LE MONDE SAYS "THIS HEAVY SENTENCE IS UNDOUBTEDLY AIMED AT TWO OBJECTIVES: TO BOLSTER THE SOVIET THESIS THAT AFGHANISTAN IS THE VICTIM OF OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE...AND, TO DEMORALIZE THE CIVILIAN POPULATIONS LIVING IN THE ZONES CONTROLLED BY THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE, AND TO DISCOURAGE DOCTORS WHO, LIKE DOCTOR AUGOYARD, ARE AIDING THESE DEPRIVED PEOPLE...THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE THAT THESE OBJECTIVES WILL BE ACHIEVED..."

WEST GERMAN ELECTIONS:

IN AN ANALYSIS OF THE WEST GERMAN ELECTIONS, HEADED "AN AMBO IGUOUS VICTORY," THE LEFTIST WEEKLY NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR SAYS:

"FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 14 YEARS, GERMANY HAS A CHANCELLOR WHO GETS ON WELL WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE USIA

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UNITED STATES. KOHL LIKES REAGAN...IN WASHINGTON'S EYES, HELMUT KOHL IS EXACTLY THE MAN TO PRESIDE OVER THESE GERMANO-AMERICAN RECONCILIATIONS...MOST

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OBSERVERS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE AMERICAN CAPITAL, KNOW THAT THE GERMANS, IN VOTING MASSIVELY FOR KOHL LAST SUNDAY, AND AT THE SAME TIME SENDING A BUNCH OF GREENS TO THE BUNDESTAG, WERE SENDING THE ALLIES AN AMBIGUOUS SIGNAL...THIS WAS NO PRO-MISSILE VOTE, AND HELMUT KOHL WAS THE FIRST TO UNDERSTAND THAT...

"IN WASHINGTON, CERTAIN CIRCLES ARE EXPECTING MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS IN GERMANY AT THE END OF THE YEAR - POSSIBLY VIOLENT - IF WORK ON THE PERSHING . INSTALLATIONS CONTINUES. NOBODY DOUBTS THAT HELMUT KOHL WILL DO THE MAXIMUM TO GET SERIOUS CONCESSIONS OUT OF THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO AVOID THE THREAT OF VIOLENT CONFRONTATION AMONG GERMANS...

"IF REAGAN INSISTS, AT THE NEXT SUMMIT OF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS IN WILLIAMSBURG, ON TRAINING HIS PARTNERS IN THE POLICY OF COMMERCIAL WAR TO THE BITTER END WITH THE SOVIET UNION, KOHL WILL SHOW HIMSELF TO BE AN ALLY AS RETICENT AND ADAMANT AS WAS HELMUT SCHMIDT. EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT THE NEW CHANCELLOR WAS PERSONALLY FURIOUS WITH REAGAN'S EMBARGO ON DELIVERIES FOR THE SIBERIAN GAS PIPELINE...

"KOHL IS NOT GOING TO BURY HIS POLICY OF COOPERATION WITH THE EAST, CAREFULLY CULTIVATED BY HIS PREDECESSORS...HE WANTS TO MEET QUICKLY WITH ANDROPOV, AND WOULD LIKE REAGAN TO DO LIKewise...KOHL IS THE MAN FOR THE GERMANO-AMERICAN RECONCILIATION, WHICH THE FRENCH SEE AS ESSENTIAL TO THEIR SECURITY. BUT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO FORGET THAT KOHL'S GERMANY IS NOT THAT OF ADENAUER, AND THAT BETWEEN IT AND AMERICA THERE IS TODAY, EVEN WITH KOHL, NO LONGER A UNION OF LOVE, BUT A COLD MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE..." INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, TUESDAY, MARCH 15 1983:

FRONTPAGE HEADLINES:

U.S. REASSESSING NEED FOR TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS (WP); OPEC CUTS PRICE 5, LIMITS OUTPUT IN BID TO STOP PRICE SLUMP (IHT); IN FRANCE, A WARNING FOR THE LEFT (NYT); STRAUSS DEMANDS POST IN CABINET (REUTERS); MORE NORTHERN VIETNAMESE SEEK WORK IN SOVIET BLOC, ENVOYS SAY (WP); BRAZILIAN CITY'S INDUSTRIAL CALDRON CHOKES RIVERS, TREES AND PEOPLE (LAT); EDITPAGE: THE SQUEAKY U.S. GATE (NYT); A PALL OVER ZIMBABWE (WP); JUDGING THE REAGAN RECOVERY: THE JOBLESS VOTE TOO (ROBERT SAMUELSON); IS TROUBLED YUGOSLAVIA A POLAND IN THE WORKS? (LEOPOLD UNGER); THE MISSILE BATTLE HAS JUST BEGUN (CHRISTOPHER BERTRAM); FROM THE NONALIGNED, STILL A DOUBLE STANDARD (FLORA LEWIS)

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