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1. OVER THE PAST TEN DAYS, THE ETHIOPIAN PRESS HAS ATTACKED THE UNITED STATES WITH AN INTENSITY AND A VIRULENCE REMINISCENT OF THE WORST TIMES IN U.S.-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS.
2. WE HAVE REPORTED SEVERAL OF THE EDITORIALS EXCORIATING THE U.S. THAT HAVE APPEARED IN THE ETHIOPIAN HERALD DURING THIS PERIOD. THE HERALD'S EDITION FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 21 OFFERS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE TREATMENT WE ARE CURRENTLY BEING ACCORDED. THE FIRST PAGE CARRIES A TASS ARTICLE, PROMINENTLY PLACED, UNDER THE HEADLINE "REAGAN ACCUSED OF PURSUING MILITARISTIC POLICY AGAINST NICARAGUS." THE DAILY EDITORIAL ON PAGE TWO, ENTITLED "REMOVING IMPEDIMENT TO PEACE, LIBERATION", DECLARES THAT "THE THREAT OF A NUCLEAR WAR TODAY EMANATES FROM

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THE POLICY OF UNBRIDLED ARMS RACE PURSUED BY U.S. IMPERIALISM AND ITS NATO ALLIES...IT (THE UNITED STATES) IS ALSO CONDUCTING MILITARY MANEUVERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE HORN OF AFRICA AND CENTRAL AMERICAN WITH THE AIM OF STIFLING THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES FOR GENUINE EMANCIPATION. SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA. PDRY, NICARAGUA AND OTHER PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES ARE THE TARGET OF DESTABILIZATION BY IMPERIALISM. NOT ONLY THIS. THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS ALSO ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN ORGANIZING GANGS OF MERCENARIES FOR SUBSERSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE FRONT-LINE STATES, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ENCOURAGING THE PRETORIA REGIME IN ITS CONTINUED ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA IN DEFIANCE OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 435."

3. ANOTHER COMMENTARY ON PAGE TWO, BYLINED TO YACOB WOLDE MARIAM, PICKS UP ON THE **KLAUS BARBIE** CASE AND SAYS THAT "POLITICAL MENDACITY HAS BEEN BECOMING AN INTEGRAL ELEMENT OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY SINCE THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR." THE WRITER ADDS: "LYING IS CERTAINLY AS INDIGENOUS TO THE UNITED STATES AS AMERICAN (SIC) PIE IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS." REVIEWING, ON PAGE THREE, "THE WORLD LAST WEEK", KIFLE DJOTE WRITES: "WHAT MAKES THE PRESENT SITUATION IN CHAD VERY ALARMING AND A SOURCE OF SERIOUS CONCERN FOR AFRICANS IS THE DANGEROUS ESCALATION OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION INVOLVING SOME GREAT POWERS, THE U.S. AND FRANCE, AMONG OTHERS." THE WRITER THEN TURNS TO THE SUBJECT OF U.S. MILITARY EXERCISES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND INDIAN OCEAN AREA WHICH HE SAYS "SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE PEACE IN THE REGION, (AND) ARE PART OF THE DANGEROUS COURSE OF CONFRONTATION AND DESTABILIZATION BEING PURSUED BY THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION AIMED AT ACHIEVING MILITARY SUPERIORITY...BOTH THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND THE MOGADISHU REGIME ARE STEPPING UP THEIR POLICY OF INTERFERENCE AND CREATING HOT BED OF TENSION IN THE AREA. THIS HAS POSED A SERIOUS THREAT TO INDEPENDENT STATES, PARTICULARLY TO SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA AND THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN." THE HERALD CLOSES OUT THE DANI Y FOR ITS READERS WITH A TASS ARTICLE TWO COLUMN HEADLINED ON THE LAST PAGE, ON U.S. MILITARY EXERCISES IN SOMALIA. KORN

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