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INTER-ASIAN AFFAIRS

BRIEFS

'JIJI', 'XINHUA' NEWS EXCHANGE--Tokyo, 14 April (JIJI Press)--
JIJI press and the official Chinese News Agency XINHUA Monday concluded an agreement to exchange news articles and photographs. The pact was signed at the JIJI press head office in downtown Tokyo between President Tadayoshi Ohata and XINHUA President Zeng Tao. Later, Tao and his party, now in this country at the invitation of the major Japanese News Agency, inspected its main news room. The agreement was a follow-up to a memorandum on news interchange which was signed when a JIJI press mission, led by Ohata, visited China in May last year. [Text] [OW141335 Tokyo JIJI in English 1308 GMT 14 Apr 80 OW]

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IVORY COAST

BRIEFS

TOTAL TV COVERAGE PLAN--The national network full territorial coverage project, to which French President Giscard d'Estaing pledged support, has been postponed indefinitely by President Houphouet-Boigny. Reason: the work would cost too much (75 billion CFA francs). The construction of a new radio-television house (estimated cost: also 75 billion CFA francs) has been scrapped. The measures have caused displeasure to Thomson CSF, the French firm which had been commissioned for the projects. [Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French 29 Feb 80 p 54]

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RWANDA

BRIEFS

ITU TO OBTAIN EQUIPMENT--The International Telecommunications Union [ITU] is issuing an important call for bids to supply Rwanda with rural telecommunications equipment including: radioelectric equipment; antennas and transmission lines with connection systems; anti-lightning devices; users' telephone terminals; terminal switching equipment; protective containers; testing and control apparatus; spare parts for one year, and optional technical assistance in supervising installations and organizing maintenance (financing: UNDP [United Nations Development Program]). Address bids to the International Telecommunications Union, Places des Nations, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. . A copy of the specifications may be obtained in Paris through the CFCE [Council of Commercial Federations of Europe] (telephone 786). [Text] [Paris MARCHES TROPICAUX ET MEDITERRAN-EENS in French 21 Dec 79 p 3634] 9380

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

FRG-FRANCE SATELLITE AGREEMENT EXPECTED BEFORE 6 APRIL

Paris AIR & COSMOS in French 9 Feb 80 p 49

[Article by Pierre Langereux]

[Text] The draft Paris-Bonn intergovernmental agreement on the first French (TDF 1) and German (TV-SAT) direct TV satellites was forwarded to the French government on 1 February by the FRG [Federal Republic of Germany] Ministry for Research and Technology [BmF], according to an announcement made by Dr Hermann Strub, director of aerospace affairs of the BmFT, at the opening of the Symphonie Symposium in Berlin on 4 February.

An agreement has already been reached on principle between the French minister of Industry and the minister of the BmFT regarding the draft agreement. The latter provides for the development, construction and launching of two pre-operational satellites for 12-GHz direct-TV transmissions, and for the the creation of a Franco-German industrial group to build these national satellites and future satellites for export. The two pre-operational satellites will be launched by Ariane rockets, from Kourou in 1983 and 1984 respectively, to broadcast national TV programs. The financial protocol of the draft intergovernmental agreement forwarded to Paris provides for joint and equal French and German financing of the development costs for the pre-operational direct-TV satellites. Germany plans to dedicate around 250 million DM for its share of the development costs, according to Doctor Strub. This, together with the French share will thus bring the total developmental program cost to around 1.3 billion francs. However, in consideration of France's major share in the Ariane launcher program, the geographical distribution of the development work on the pre-operational direct-TV satellites will be made on the basis of a 54 percent industrial return to Germany and 46 percent to France.

The draft agreement has already been worked out in sufficient detail to serve as a basis for cooperation between the two countries, especially insofar as concerns its technical and financial annexes, Doctor Strub said. The two (French and German) ministers concerned also alluded to this document during the Franco-German summit held this week in Paris. But the detailed negotiations will take place over the next few weeks. Doctor

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Strub stated that the Germans look forward to concluding the negotiations before Easter. The new Franco-German agreement, therefore, could be signed within 2 months (by the beginning of April).

The Foursome

Negotiations with the industrialists, however, will begin immediately, Doctor Strub said. The production of the TDF 1 and TV-SAT television broadcast satellites is to be entrusted to the new Franco-German industrial consortium formed recently by the four principal firms that had cooperated in the building of the Symphonie satellite: AEROSPATIALE [National Industrial Aerospace Company] and Thomson-CSF in France, MBB [expansion unknown] and AEG Telefunken in Germany.

"The initiative of these four firms," said Mr Pierre Usunier, director of AEROSPATIALE's Ballistics and Space Division, "has been favorably recognized by the two governments." He added that in this case, "other industrial firms of the two countries will probably be integrated into the consortium, although the four founding firms will retain responsibility for its projects."

The new consortium is an enlargement of the Franco-German EUROSATELLITE group formed about 3 years ago by AEROSPATIALE and MBB with the Belgian ETCA [expansion unknown] firm, which, according to last minute reports, will also take part in the production of the French and German direct-TV satellites. The new group will probably retain the name EUROSATELLITE.

Hubert Curien, president of the CNES [National Center for Space Studies (French)], asserted that "this arrangement was by far the most likely," and that he feels "this will very shortly be borne out." The most recent problems regarding German participation in the ARIANESPACE company that produces the European Ariane launchers are seemingly on the way to being resolved. "Germany fully intends to join ARIANESPACE," Doctor Strub stated categorically. He considers that the definitive contracts in this regard will probably be signed "within the very next few days."

Thenceforth, there should be no further obstacles to the new French-German space cooperation decided at the summit, on 2 October 1979, by Chancellor Schmidt and President Valery Giscard d'Estaing. These French and German direct-TV satellites will be the sequels of the Symphonie telecommunications satellites, whose fifth anniversary is currently being celebrated in Berlin. The Franco-German Symphonie satellites, launched in 1974 and 1975, have been used by 34 countries until now, and are still in service.

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FRANCE

BRIEFS

TV, RADIO CHANGES--Some changes are planned in top levels of TV and radio broadcast management. Jacqueline Baudrier will probably become president of [TV network] FR 3; Claude Lemoine will reportedly replace her at Radio-France; and Claude Contamine (of Fr 3) will become an ambassador. Jean-Louis Guillaud (of [TV network] Tf 1) and Maurice Ulrich (of A 2) will reportedly not change jobs. [Text] [Paris PARIS MATCH in French 14 Mar 80 p 71]

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