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~~NCNA CITES FORD'S PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT TO NATO IN BRUSSELS~~

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((TEXT)) BRUSSELS, MAY 29, 1975 (HSINHUA) -- THE FIRST MEETING OF THE HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION WAS HELD HERE THIS AFTERNOON.

NATO SECRETARY GENERAL JOSEPH LUNS SAID THAT "IN THE FACE OF EVER INCREASING SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH", IT IS VITAL FOR NATO "TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE DEFENCE

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DISPOSITION". "ONLY UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS CAN WE MAINTAIN ... A FAVOURABLE BALANCE OF FORCE WHICH WILL IN FACT CONSTITUTE THE BASIS OF ANY REAL PROGRESS TOWARDS THE SETTLEMENT OF VARIOUS TOUGH PROBLEMS THAT DIVIDE THE EAST AND THE WEST," HE ADDED.

BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER LEO TINDEMANS SAID THAT THE EXISTENCE OF NATO ENABLES ITS MEMBER COUNTRIES TO BE FREE FROM ANY ATTEMPT OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO EXERT PRESSURE OF FORCE ON THEM. HE STRESSED ON "AN EQUAL PARTNERSHIP" BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE.

U.S. PRESIDENT FORD, SPONSOR OF THE SUMMIT, SAID THE AIM OF THE MEETING IS "TO RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ALLIANCE," "TO RESTATE OUR PLEDGE TO COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE", "TO ADDRESS THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WE FACE AND TO REVIEW THE STEPS WE MUST TAKE TO DEAL WITH THEM". "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNCONDITIONALLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY, REMAINS TRUE TO THE COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN WHEN WE SIGNED THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, INCLUDING THE OBLIGATION IN ARTICLE FIVE TO COME TO THE ASSISTANCE OF ANY NATO NATION SUBJECTED TO ARMED ATTACK," FORD DECLARED.

HE STRESSED THAT AS "THE FORCES OF OUR POTENTIAL ENEMIES HAVE GROWN STRONGER", "WE MUST MAINTAIN A STRONG AND CREDIBLE DEFENSE. THIS MUST REMAIN THE FOREMOST OBJECTIVE OF THE ALLIANCE." HE DECLARED, AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED, "OUR COMMITMENT NOT TO ENGAGE IN ANY UNILATERAL REDUCTION OF U.S. FORCES COMMITTED TO NATO REMAINS VALID. BUT THAT IS NOT ENOUGH. WE MUST MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF OUR DEFENSE RESOURCES."

REFERRING TO THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, FORD SAID THAT "WHATEVER EUPHORIC OR INFLATED EMPHASIS THE SOVIET UNION OR OTHER PARTICIPANTS MAY TRY TO GIVE IT", THE SOVIET UNION MUST ASSURE THAT "THE PROMISES" IT MADE AT THE CONFERENCE "ARE TRANSLATED INTO ACTION". ONLY WHEN SUCH STEPS ARE TAKEN "CAN WE KEEP CSCE IN PERSPECTIVE," HE SAID.

FORD ADMITTED "SERIOUS PROBLEMS" FACING THE NATO. HE ADVOCATED THAT NATO SHOULD "IMPROVE THE PROCESS OF POLITICAL CONSULTATION" AND STRENGTHEN ITS "COOPERATION" SO AS TO "FACE THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE" TOGETHER.

KING BAUDOUIN OF BELGIUM GAVE A BANQUET THIS EVENING IN HONOUR OF THE HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT TAKING PART IN THE MEETING. FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING CAME FROM PARIS TO ATTEND THE BANQUET (HE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SUMMIT AND WAS REPRESENTED BY THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER) AND HELD BRIEF TALKS WITH U.S. PRESIDENT G. FORD. THE FRENCH PRESS POINTED OUT THAT BY DOING SO, GISCARD D'ESTAING INTENDED TO EXPRESS FRANCE'S UNITY WITH ITS NATO ALLIES ON THE ONE HAND AND STRESSED ITS INDEPENDENCE ON THE OTHER. PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO FRANCE, THE FRENCH PRESIDENT TOLD REPORTERS THAT IN HIS TALKS WITH FORD, HE REAFFIRMED TO THE U.S. PRESIDENT THAT ALTHOUGH FRANCE HAS WITHDRAWN FROM NATO MILITARY ORGANS, IT IS STILL A MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE.

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