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(KISSINGER)

PEKING (UPI) -- SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, FRESH FROM HIS DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH IN ARRANGING A DELICATE TRUCE BETWEEN WARRING ARABS AND ISRAELIS, ARRIVED IN PEKING TODAY TO BE GREETED BY CHINESE PREMIER CHOU EN LAI AS "A MIDDLE EAST CYCLONE."

KISSINGER FLEW HERE FROM ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN TO BRIEF THE CHINESE LEADERS ON HIS DRAMATIC PEACE MISSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS PART OF THE CONTINUING AMERICAN EFFORT BUILD UP SOLID RELATIONS WITH PEKING. SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, HE WAS IN TOUCH WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR

KENNETH KEATING IN TEL AVIV TO DISCUSS "CLARIFICATIONS" THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WANTED BEFORE AGREEING TO SIGN THE PRELIMINARY PEACE AGREEMENT KISSINGER HAD HAMMERED OUT IN HIS VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST CAPITALS.

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UNLIKE THE TENSE ATMOSPHERE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IT WAS ALL SMILES FOR KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL IN PEKING.

HE WAS GREETED WARMLY AT THE AIRPORT BY FOREIGN MINISTER CHI PENG-FEI AND VICE FOREIGN MINISTER KUAN CHIAO, WHO REPRESENTS CHINA AT THE UNITED NATIONS. AFTER A SHORT STOP AT THE GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE ON THE EDGE OF PEKING HE WAS WHISKED OFF TO THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE FOR HIS INITIAL MEETING WITH CHOU, AND A WELCOMING BANQUET GIVEN BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

AS THEY SAT CHATTING BEFORE THE BANQUET, CHOU CONGRATULATED HIM ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY OF STATE AND KISSINGER COMPLAINED "I GET SO MANY DOCUMENTS, I CAN'T DO ANY READING."

CHOU REPLIED "I DON'T BELIEVE THAT. I THINK YOU'LL FIND TIME BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL YOUTHFUL AND VIGOROUS."

KISSINGER SMILED AND SAID "ONE MORE TRIP THROUGH THE MIDDLE EAST AND I'LL BE AGED."

CHOU COMMENTED "THEY SAY YOU WERE LIKE A MIDDLE EAST CYCLONE AT THIS TIME."

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