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HELEN THOMAS SAYS SADAT TRIED TO BE "EVENHANDED" IN HIS AFFECTION FOR RN/HAK BUT EACH TIME SADAT TRIED TO KISS RN, RN PULLED AWAY, A BIT EMBARRASSED, I OBSERVED QUIPPED THAT IT WAS RN'S QUAKER BACKGROUND...SHE NOTES FRIENDLY TURNOUT IN EGYPT REMINDED OBSERVERS OF "THE OLD DAYS WHEN US REPUTATION WAS THE HIGHEST IN M-E," CROWDS WERE SO GREAT AND ENTHUSIASM SO DYNAMIC THAT REPORTERS DIDN'T EVEN QUESTION WH CROWD ESTIMATES,

BOB CONSIDINE ASSERTS HAK "PUT THE WHOLE HISTORIC DEAL TOGETHER "BUT RN/SADAT "GAVE HIM THE BACK OF THEIR NECKS... SHOUTS OF MILLIONS WERE FOR RN AND HIS HOST, "BUT THERE WAS NO MENTION OF HAK, "AT TIMES IT APPEARED THE BLIZZARDS OF HANDS THAT REACHED UP TO RN THREATENED TO PULL HIM OVER THE RAIL,"BUT THERE WAS "NARY A HAK PENNANT, (YET) W/OUT HIM, RN WOULD'VE

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BEEN IN DC DODGING SUBPOENAS AND SADAT WOULD HAVE SPENT THE DAY BEING DANDLED ON BREZHNEV'S KNEE, "SAYS CONSIDINE".

CHICAGO SUN TIME SAYS THE "TRIUMPHAL ACCLAIM" IN EGYPT "SIGNIFIES ASTONISHING AND RAPID SHIFT," AKIN TO "DRAMATIC U/PRC SHIFT," THE "JOYOUS, ALMOST FRENZIED, EMOTION, COULD" HARDLY HAVE BEEN COMMANDED. "THE "CRIES OF NEEKZONI SEEMED TO EXPRESS DEEP AND URGENT FEELINGS," AND IF POSITIVE US ROLE CONTINUES, "THE TRIUMPH OF CAIRO HAS MORE THAN DECENT CHANCE OF LEADING TO A TRIUMPH OF PEACE."

GIVEN IKE IN NEW DELHI AND JFK IN BERLIN AND ABSENCE OF ANY LONG-TERM FALL OUT, LISAGOR SAYS IT'S NOT CHURLISH TO SUGGEST RN TRIP IS "LITTLE MORE THAN A NOSTALGIC REMNANT OF HIS OWN AND US' PAST. IT'S TRANSPARENT AND EPHEMERAL. THE ECHOES FADE QUICKLY AS RN HIMSELF ONCE OBSERVED: 'CROWDS ARE IMPT ONLY WHEN THEY'RE NOT THERE?' BUT RN HAS ALWAYS SEEN TRAVEL AS GOOD THERAPY, "ESPECIALLY WHEN IN NEED OF IMAGE OVERHAUL," AND HE'S CALCULATING THAT TV WILL CONVEY RAPTURE ON EGYPTIAN FACES TO DISENCHANTED AMERICANS. LISAGOR CLAIMS THAT THOSE DIPLOMATS WHO DON'T BELIEVE IN QUICK FIXES TO HISTORY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT TRIP. HE NOTES EGYPTIANS STILL INVOKE THE OLD RUSS BUGBEAR AS A CONTINUING OPTION. "NOR DO THEY CARE THAT RN-HAK ARE IN AS LONG AS US UNDERSTANDS "THE ARAB SITUATION," I.E., THE SHRINKING OF ISRAEL AND CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN ENTITY. AND BEHIND THE MOOPLA AND RHETORIC, CONCLUDES LISAGOR, "IS THE LONG HARD ROAD TO PERMANENT COEXISTENCE THAT CAN'T BE NEGOTIATED - TO BORROW RN'S OWN WORDS - IN A MELODRAMATIC GRANDSTAND PLAY WHERE EVERYBODY CHEERS AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN IT FALLS DOWN."

GLOBE-DEM SAYS RN APPEARED TO BE ON SUCCESSFUL TRIP. TIC NUKE POWER DEAL FOR EGYPT. (CRITICAL EDITS ALSO IN ATL, - CONST, AND MIAMI HERALD). IT'S "AN UNFORTUNATE MISJUDGEMENT" ON RN'S PART. TIMING AND ANNOUNCEMENT W/OUT PRIOR DISCUSSION IS "BOUND TO RAISE CONCERN AND DIVERT ATTENTION" FROM SOLID ACCOMPLISHMENTS. GLOBE-DEM RAPS SADAT'S "UNWARRANTED" WARNING THAT EGYPT MIGHT "RESORT TO MILITARY FORCE AGAIN." THQ "RN'S INTENTIONS ARE THE BEST, " THE PLAN HAS POTENTIAL OF STARTING "A RACE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL TO DEVELOP A PLUTONIUM BOMB."

PHILLIPS SAYS RN WOULDN'T BE RETURNING IN TRIUMPH IF US HADN'T SUDDENLY AWAKENED TO PERILS OF ALIGNING TOO CLOSELY W/ISRAEL WHILE IGNORING RISING TIDE OF ARAB POWER. "OVER LAST 6 MONTHS, US ATTITUDES HAVE STRUCK A FAR MORE REALISTIC POSTURE." AND FAR MORE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF ARAB SITUATION

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HUMAN EVENTS IN P. 1 FEATURE, "HILL SHOULD SEND RN MESSAGE ON RED TRADE," NOTES RN/HAK DESERVE "A GREAT DEAL OF PRAISE" FOR CURRENT PRO-US SENTIMENT IN EGYPT, BUT, "THIS DOESN'T MEAN THEY CAN PULL OFF A SIMILAR SPECTACULAR" IN USSR, ADMIN "TRACK RECORD" IN USSR DEALINGS IS "HARDLY SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT," HE ASSERTS SALT PACT "W/GRAVE DISADVANTAGES" FOR US ISN'T ALL THAT WORRIES SKEPTICS OF DETENTE, "ALMOST AS BOTHERSOME IS WORD THAT RN MAY OFFER SOME HUGE, NEW TRADE CONCESSION."

TORONTO STAR'S GAYN, WRITING IN LA TIMES, ASSERTS US-PRC ARRANGEMENT "IS BEGINNING TO SHOW DEEP STRESSES... ERA OF GOODWILL IS COMING TO A CLOSE," PRC LEADERS "HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY BLUNT IN THEIR CONDEMNATION OF US (AND) MOST EXTRAORDINARY EXAMPLE OF NEW ANTI-AMERICANISM HAS BEEN SERIES OF PROPAGANDA RALLIES," NOTING TAIWAN ISSUE ISN'T SOLVED AND HAK HAS MADE DETENTE W/USSR "THE CORNERSTONE OF US POLICY," GAYN SAYS "PRC IS ALSO OFFENDED BY TOTAL -- AND ALMOST CONTEMPTUOUS -- EXCLUSION FROM ROLE IN M-E," PEKING "CAN'T BE SURE OF RN'S SURVIVAL," AND SIMILARLY "US IS KNOWN TO BE PERTURBED BY PRC SUCCESSION CRISIS," BUT GAYN BELIEVES PEKING'S LIKELY TO CONTINUE ACCOMMODATION W/US "SO LONG AS US/USSR REMAIN AT MURDEROUS ODDS."

HAK

UPI'S THOMAS NOTES INTRA-PRESS BETTING ON HAK'S RESIGNING W/IN 6 WEEKS, HEARST CALLS CONTROVERSY A "MOLEHILL BECOMING A MOUNTAIN" AND A "SICKENING EXAMPLE OF HOW WIGATE CONCERNS GET EXAGGERATED OUT OF ALL PROPORTION, BASICALLY (HAK'S ROLE AND TESTIMONY) DOESN'T MEAN A DAMNED THING, WHAT REALLY WAS IMPT WAS HE BELIEVED SOME OF MOST SERIOUS US DIPLOMATIC INTERESTS ... WERE BEING JEOPARDIZED," THO HE BELIEVES HAK "WILL BE CLEARED AND THIS WHOLE IDIOTIC NONSENSE WILL EVAPORATE AS THE MUCH ADD ABOUT NOTHING IT IS," HEARST SAYS HAK "OVERREACTED" AND HE'D "BETTER START GROWING A THICKER HIDE, PRONTO," HEARST ALSO FEELS HAK'S "SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIDE IN PERFORMANCE ARE TOO STRONG" FOR HIM TO RESIGN.

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"AND WORLD IS TOO MUCH IN NEED OF HIM. ...HIS DIPLOMATIC
MIRACLES...HAVE DONE SO AMAZINGLY MUCH FOR CAUSE OF PEACE."

DRUMMOND SAYS "CRUEST, UGLIEST, MOST RECKLESS OF ALL...
CRIMES COMMITTED IN NAME OF EXPOSING WIGATE IS THE FACELESS
EFFORT TO DESTROY HAK'S SERVICE BY INNUENDO AND LEAK." COM-
PARING IT TO MCCARTHYISM, DRUMMOND FEELS HAK WAS DOING EXACTLY
THE "RIGHT THING IN CONFRONTING HIS ACCUSERS. ROSCOE ALSO RECALLS
HOW PROOF THAT INNUENDOS WERE IN CIRCULATION, THE PRACTICE "
HAS BECOME SO BALD AND BLATANT EVEN A LIB COLUMNIST LIKE
CHILDS LEADS PROTESTS," ...JOHN MCLAUGHLIN SAID "SOME DELINQUENT
POLS AND JOURNALISTS...GIVE IMPRESSION THEY FEAR IMPCHMENT
ATTEMPT...IS SLIPPING BETWEEN THEIR FINGERS. THEY'RE
FLAILING ABOUT LIKE DROWNING MEN, SEIZING ANY INSTRUMENT O
STRIKE OUT AT RN W/. LATEST VICTIM IS HAK." WHO'S SHOWN "
BRAVE MORAL OUTRAGE AT CERTAIN VICIOUS MEDIA ASSAULTS"
AND "DISTORTED LEAKS."

BASKIN IN DALLAS NEWS NOTES "OSBSCURE AND MEDIOCRE"
HAK-ACCUSER EILBERG HAS MADE "LITTLE IMPRINT" ON DC IN PAST,
YET HE'S ACCEPTED OVERNITE BY MEDIA AS A MAN OF PROPHET-LIKE
STATURE. TO BASKIN, HAK'S REACTION WAS QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE
. THE EMBARRASSMENT BROUGHT ON HAK IS "UNCONSCIONABLY
GROSS AND ILL-SERVING" TO US AND BASKIN'S GLAD HAK "THREW
DOWN THE GAUNTLET" TO THOSE IRRESPONSIBLE ON COMM.

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HUMAN EVENTS SAYS HAK CONTROVERSY "SIMULTANEOUSLY REVEALS BOTH UTTER RUTHLESSNESS OF MEDIA AND DOUBLE STANDARD THEY INVARIABLY APPLY. ... WHY THESE INSULTING QUESTIONS... HAD TO BE HURLED AT HAK'S 1ST CONF. (AFTER M-E) ... ONLY THE MOST CYNICAL AND HARD-HEARTED OF REPORTERS COULD FULLY COMPREHEND." BUT MEDIA "OUTBURST" IS LIKELY TEMPORARY SINCE, AS WOODSTEIN INDICATES, HAK HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN PROTECTED BY MEDIA. AND, HE NOTES, MEDIA AND HAK'S HILL ALLIES "ARE STILL NOT GOING AFTER HAK W/SAME PROSECUTORIAL ZEAL" THAT MEETS OTHERS IN ADMIN, AND KRAFT SAYS "EVEN PERJURY SHOULD BE FORGIVEN."

THIMMESCH CHARGES "HAK SUCCEEDED, THRU MANEUVERING AND EMOTIONAL OUTBURST, IN POLITICIZING QUESTION OF WHETHER HE LIED... HE'S SUMMONED ALL MANNER OF SUPPORT" FROM GOLDWATER TO [18] COLUMNISTS, NOW HEARINGS SHOULD BE PUBLIC IN TAPS AND PLUMBERS SHOULD TESTIFY, WHEN QUESTION OF HAK'S ROLE IN TAPS IS SETTLED, COMM, SHOULD QUESTION HIS PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF PLUMBERS. THIMMESCH SAYS DAVE YOUNG COULD BE KEY WITNESS, BUT HIS "WHEREABOUTS AREN'T KNOWN, AND HE'S BECOME A MYSTERY FIGURE."

HAK'S THREAT WAS "UNWORTHY OF A REMARKABLE SECY... WHO'S A GOOD CHANCE OF GOING DOWN AS GREAT," SAYS TULLY. HE HAS A "RIGHT" TO BE TIRED, BUT NOT "TO THROW A GLANDULAR TANTRUM." ACHESON "WAS NAILED TO THE CROSS ALMOST DAILY" AND WHILE PRIVATELY FURIOUS, HE PUBLICLY "KEPT HIS COOL." DIFF IS ACHESON HAD "EXPERIENCE IN DC'S BUREAUCRATIC JUNGLE" WHILE HAK "HAS A SCHOLAR... HAD ALWAYS BEEN PROTECTED... IN HIS OWN LITTLE IVORY TOWER." STILL, TULLY IS SURPRISED HAK "DIDN'T FIND OUT LONG AGO" DC'S NOT HARVARD, WHILE PRESS "MAY SHOW SHOCKING MANNERS," THEY ALSO "REFLECT AVERAGE AMER'S BELIEF THAT PUBLIC BUSINESS IS HIS BUSINESS" WHICH HE HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT. FURTHER, HAK "CHOSE A SILLY MATTER FOR HIS EMOTIONAL OUTBURST... TAP SCANDAL ISN'T EARTH-SHAKING, MERELY AN UNTIDY COMMENATRY ON RN WH, THREATS TO RESIGN WOULD BE SAVED FOR RAINY DAY THAT'D OCCUR IF HILL DISOWNED HAK'S M-E EFFORTS." TULLY SAYS HAK SHOULD GET "6 NIGHTS' SLEEP, WORLD ISN'T GOING TO COLLAPSE JUST BECAUSE YOUR FEELING WERE HURT."

EX-NSC STAFFER ROGER MORRIS, WHO QUIT IN PROTEST OVER CAMBODIA, TOLD MINN, TRIB THAT HAK SHOULDN'T RESIGN BECAUSE "HE HAS BEST MIND WE'VE EVER HAD IN US FOREIGN POLICY." BUT, "HAKS SO ABSORBED IN TACKLING MILITARY CRISES HE'VE NEGLECTED 'LESS GLAMOROUS, LESS SEXY' CRISIS OF HUNGER." MORRIS ALSO ADVISES HAK TO "COME CLEAN" RE: TAP ROLE AND SAID "THERE'S MORE TO COME OUT ABOUT THAT," SAYING 60 PERCENT IN WORLD SUFFER CHRONIC MALNUTRITION, 20 PERCENT ARE ON STARVATION DIETS AND FOOD RESERVES ARE AT 27 DAYS, MORRIS SAID,

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"US POLICY, HOWEVER, IS BASED ON WHAT RECIPIENTS HAVE TO OFFER US, AND IT'S PRETTY CLEAR MANY OF THESE COUNTRIES HAVE PRACTICALLY NOTHING, SO WE DON'T DO ANYTHING," HE ALSO FAULTED PRESS FOR NOT REPORTING STARVATION AND DROUGHT. AS FOR HAK, "HE'S NOT VERY INFORMED ABOUT MORAL ETHICS," SAID MORRIS.

BUFFALO NEWS SAID SYMPTOMS HAK "LAMENTED ACTUALLY INVOLVE SUCH ELEMENTAL MATTERS OF FAIR PLAY AND COURTESY THAT MANY THICK-SKINNED WASH. TYPES COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE WAS CARRYING ON SO," BUT "DELIBERATE SELECTIVE LEAKING OF MALICIOUS MORSELS...HAS BEEN OF SERIOUS AND GROWING CONCERN" IN JUDICIARY PROBE AND IF "COMM. CAN'T POLICE ITS STERN RULES AND REALLY CRACK DOWN" IT SHOULD OPEN HEARINGS. FURTHER, BUFFALO PAPER AGREES W/HAKS "WRATH" RE: INEXCUSABLE RUDENESS AND WOLF-PACK QUALITY OF MEDIA (CROSS-EXAM.)

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