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PRESIDENT FRANCISCO DA COSTA GOMES RETURNED FROM THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI TODAY AND SAID THAT PORTUGAL SHOULD STRIVE FOR A MULTI-PARTY DEMOCRACY WHICH GUARANTEES CIVIL LIBERTIES.

THIS ASSERTION OF A TRADITIONAL EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY APPROACH SEEMED CERTAIN TO PUT THE MODERATE PRESIDENT ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH HIS TWO LEFTIST COLLEAGUES IN THE NEWLY FORMED THREE-MAN MILITARY JUNTA. (A-1)

CARROLL KILPATRICK REPORTS PRESIDENT FORD REPORTED "ENCOURAGING PROGRESS" ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADER LEONID I. BREZHNEV IN HELSINKI BEFORE ARRIVING IN THE ROMANIAN CAPITAL TO A LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME. (A-1)

DUSKO DODER REPORTS EUROPE'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY TODAY TO OPPOSE ANY THIRD-WORLD ATTEMPT TO OUST ISRAEL FROM THE UNITED NATIONS.

THEY ALSO DECIDED TO RENDER JOINT SUPPORT TO PORTUGAL'S EMBATTLED SOCIALIST PARTY, A MOVE REFLECTING GROWING EUROPEAN ANXIETY ABOUT THE PORTUGUESE SITUATIONS. (A-13)

THE SOVIET UNION TODAY FULFILLED ONE OF THE BASIC CONDITIONS OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CHARTER SIGNED IN HELSINKI YESTERDAY: THAT THE ENTIRE 38,000-WORD DECLARATION BE PUBLISHED IN FULL IN EACH OF THE 35 SIGNATORY STATES.

PRAVDA AND IZVESTIA, THE TWO LEADING OFFICIAL SOVIET DAILIES, EACH DEVOTED FIVE PAGES OF UNUSUAL EIGHT-PAGE EDITIONS TO THE DOCUMENT. THE PAPERS NORMALLY RUN SIX PAGES.

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THE PUBLICATION OF THE DECLARATION, COMPLETE WITH ITS CONTROVERSIAL SECTIONS ON EXCHANGE OF PEOPLE AND INFORMATION DISPELLED FEARS THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD MAKE PUBLIC ONLY PARTS OF THE DOCUMENT. (A-14)

MURREY HARDER WRITES THAT FIRST REPORTS ON THE NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL TALKS AT HELSINKI BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND SOVIET LEADER LEONID I. BREZHNEV YESTERDAY EMPHASIZED PROGRESS BUT SHOWED THAT MAJOR OBSTACLES REMAIN.

THE OBSTACLES HAVE EXPANDED AND SHIFTED SINCE THE GOAL OF A 10-YEAR NUCLEAR WEAPONS ACCORD WAS SET BY THE TWO LEADERS AT VLADIVOSTOK LAST NOVEMBER, PRESIDENT FORD ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE HE LEFT FOR HELSINKI THAT "THERE ARE SOME TOUGHER (NUCLEAR) PROBLEMS IN DETAIL THAT I ANTICIPATED ..."

IN ADDITION, CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARD ANY NEW U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENTS HAVE BECOME MORE CRITICAL AND QUERULOUS, AS PRESIDENT FORD EXPERIENCED ON HIS DEPARTURE FOR HELSINKI, CRITICS ARE WAITING IN THE WINGS FOR THE RECONVENING OF CONGRESS IN SEPTEMBER WITH NEW EXPECTATIONS, TO PROBE AND CHALLENGE THE LATEST FORD-BREZHNEV DECISIONS ON THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS, KNOWN AS SALT. (A-16)

FOUR PALESTINIANS AND A SYRIAN WERE EXECUTED IN DAMASCUS FOR WHAT THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT DESCRIBED AS ACTS OF TERRORISM AND SABOTAGE AGAINST SYRIAN AND AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS. (A-18)

PORTUGAL ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT IT PLANS TO EVACUATE ALMOST ALL THE REMAINING WHITE PORTUGUESE IN ANGOLA DURING THE NEXT THREE MONTHS BECAUSE OF THE WORSENING CIVIL WAR BETWEEN RIVAL NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS.

A HIGH PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL SAID THE GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES THAT BETWEEN 250,000 AND 300,000 PORTUGUESE WANT TO LEAVE BEFORE THE TERRITORY BECOMES INDEPENDENT NOV. 11 - A DEVELOPMENT THAT IS CERTAIN TO HAVE A SERIOUS EFFECT ON ANGOLA'S ALREADY BADLY SHAKEN ECONOMY. (A-20)

1. FULL TEXT OF AN EDITORIAL BY JOSEPH KRAFT ENTITLED "THE POLITICS OF ASSASSINATION" WILL BE FORWARDED.

2. THE FULL TEXT OF AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "ARMS DEALS: THE PRESIDENT VS. THE CONGRESS" WILL BE FORWARDED.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE WASHINGTON STAR WERE COVERED IN DETAIL BY THE NEWS AND COMMENTS FORWARDED EARLIER.

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