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SUBJ: JAPANESE MORNING PRESS HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 15

FOR P/PF, P/PFF; VOA; STATE FOR EAP/J; STATE PASS TO USTR;
SECDEF FOR OASD/ISA/EAPR/JAPAN; CIA WASHDC; TREASURY/IMA;
WHITE HOUSE TO JAMES KELLY; COMMERCE; COMUSJ/PA; USCINCPAC/PA;
COMNAVFORJAPAN/PA.

BESIDES THESE MEASURES, THROUGH THE MERGING AND ABOLITION OF
VARIOUS OFFICES IN THE DEPARTMENT PROPER, SUCH AS THE MERGING OF
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU WITH THE BUREAU OF
INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, ETC., 55
HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS WILL BE REDUCED. STILL FURTHER, THE
SCALPEL WILL ALSO BE APPLIED TO POLICY PLANNING OFFICES, IN SUCH
FIELDS AS THE ECONOMY, MILITARY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND

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A 25-PERCENT REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL IS SCHEDULED. STUDIES ARE ALSO BEING MADE IN THE DIRECTION OF INTRODUCING THE SYSTEM OF ENCOURAGING EARLY RETIREMENT TOWARD STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN SERVING FOR 20 YEARS OR MORE, AND THE REDUCTION OF 27 OFFICERS, SERVING IN POSTS JUST ONE STEP SHORT OF AMBASSADORIAL POSITIONS, AND PERSONS OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF STATE RANK.

VOICES OF LAMENT ARE HEARD AMONG LEADERS OF THE DEPARTMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT "WE HAVE WORKED MANY YEARS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, BUT WE HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH A TERRIBLE CASE AS THIS."

THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOR UNION ALSO ISSUED A "PROTEST STATEMENT," TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT: "THE PERSONNEL REDUCTION PLAN THIS TIME WILL DEAL BIG DAMAGE TO FUTURE US FOREIGN POLICY. IT IS REQUESTED THAT SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ NOT DECIDE ON AN IMPRUDENT ACTION."

HOWEVER, AS A BIG-NAME CABINET MEMBER OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, WHICH RAISES THE BANNER OF THE REDUCTION OF FINANCIAL DEFICITS, SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ HAS FIRMED UP HIS DETERMINATION TO CARRY OUT THIS ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PLAN, SAYING THAT "IT IS A DIFFICULT AND UNPLEASANT WORK, BUT WE MUST START TACKLING IT, WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE," AND IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE CONFLICT OVER THIS ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS WILL BECOME HEATED, WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS THE STAGE.

(TN: ONLY THE SANKEI CARRIED THIS REPORT.)

FSX PLANE (TOKYO SHIMBUN - PAGE 2)

A GOVERNMENT SOURCE, ON THE 14TH, CLARIFIED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO HOLD A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING EVEN AS EARLY AS THE 23RD TO MAKE A FORMAL DECISION ON THE AIRCRAFT TYPE WHICH IS TO BECOME THE NEXT-TERM FIGHTER SUPPORT PLANE (FSX) MODEL FOR THE AIR SELF-DEFENSE FORCE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, JAPANESE AND US EXPERTS HELD CONSULTATIONS AT THE JDA ALSO ON THE 14TH TO WORK OUT THE FINAL-STAGE SELECTION, AND ON THIS DAY THE JDA BEGAN CHECKING INTO THE CASE OF REMODELING THE F-15J, MANUFACTURED BY MCDONNELL DOUGLAS (MD) OF THE US.

ACCORDING TO A SOURCE CONCERNED, MD, AT THE CONSULTATIONS ON THIS DAY, RECOGNIZED THAT JAPANESE AIRCRAFT TECHNOLOGY WILL BE INCORPORATED ON A LARGE SCALE -- SUCH AS TO INTRODUCE CANARDS WHICH WILL IMPROVE MOVEMENT PERFORMANCE, AND TO INTRODUCE HIGH-PERFORMANCE RADAR. WITH THIS, IT SEEMS THE REMODELED TYPE OF THE F-15J WILL BECOME A FIGHTER OF EXTREMELY HIGH PERFORMANCE -- GENERALLY ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THE REMODELED TYPE OF THE F-15E, WHICH WAS PROPOSED EARLIER BY THE US SIDE. CONCERNING THE LOWERING OF THE MANUFACTURING COST, A CONCLUSION IS TO BE CARRIED OVER TO THE 15TH OR AFTER.

(TN: THIS REPORT APPEARED IN ONLY THE TOKYO SHIMBUN.)

GANDHI AWARD (ASAHI - PAGE 26)

IT WAS DECIDED THAT THIS YEAR'S "MAHATMA GANDHI WORLD PEACE AWARD," WHICH WAS CREATED IN COMMEMORATION OF MAHATMA GANDHI, WHO

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ADVOCATED THE SPIRIT OF NON-VIOLENCE, WILL BE AWARDED TO JAPAN SHIPPING PROMOTION ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN RYOICHI SASAKAWA (88 YEARS OLD), AND AN AWARD CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TORANOMON, TOKYO, ON THE 14TH.

THIS AWARD IS GRANTED EVERY YEAR BY THE GANDHI COMMEMORATION FOUNDATION (HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK), WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED FOUR YEARS AGO, AND IT SAYS THAT SASAKAWA "CONTRIBUTED TO THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY, HUNGER AND DISEASE IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD."

(TN: SOME OTHER PAPERS ALSO CARRIED SIMILAR REPORTS.)

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