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PARIS - THURSDAY JULY 27

LEADS: PRIME MINISTER ROCARD'S PLAN TO REORGANIZE PARIS URBAN AREA; FATE OF FRENCH WOMAN HOSTAGE JACQUELINE VALENTE; BOMBING IN BEIRUT.

- (A) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:
- 1. PRESIDENT BUSH CLEAN AIR PROPOSAL
- 2. PRESIDENT BUSH AND SDI
- 3. PRESIDENT BUSH'S ANTI-DRUG PLAN
- 4. BLOCH AFFAIR
- 5. GORBACHEV AND STRIKES IN THE U.S.S.R.
- 6. CONFERENCE ON CAMBODIA IN PARIS NEXT WEEKEND
- 7. POLAND
- 8. END OF OAU MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA
- (B) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:
- 1. LIBERATION SPECULATES THAT "BATTLE" OVER CLEAN AIR PROJECT WILL LAST ONE YEAR.
- 2. LIBERATION SAYS SDI IS IN JEOPARDY AND THAT PRESIDENT BUSH WAS NEVER A FANATIC SUPPORTER OF STAR WARS.
- 3. LA TRIBUNE SAYS THAT, AS FOR OTHER BIG PROJECTS OF THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION, THE ANTI-DRUG PLAN IS CONFRONTED WITH UNAVOIDABLE BUDGET CONSTRAINTS.
- 4. BLOCH AFFAIR GETS EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN FIGARO.
- 5. LES ECHOS EDITORIAL SAYS THAT THE CURRENT SOCIAL CRISIS HAS POSITIVE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES FOR GORBACHEV.
- 6. LIBERATION SAYS FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL NOT LET THE CAMBODIAN PARTIES GIVE UP THEIR NEGOTIATIONS.
- 7. LE MONDE FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL AND QUOTIDIEN SAY TIME IS RUNNING SHORT FOR POLAND.

- 8. LIBERATION SAYS OAU SUMMIT IN ADDIS ABABA ENDED WITHOUT SOLUTIONS TO REGIONAL CONFLICTS IN AFRICA.
- (C) HEADLINES:

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1. PRESIDENT BUSH'S CLEAN AIR PROPOSAL:

"BUSH NOT STINGEY ON DOLLARS TO CLEAN THE AIR" (LIBERATION)

- 2. PRESIDENT BUSH AND SDI:
- "DEEP CUTS IN SDI" (LIBERATION)
- 3. PRESIDENT BUSH ANTI-DRUG PLAN
- "ANTI-DRUG STRUGGLE LACKS CREDITS" (LA TRIBUNE)
- 4. BLOCH AFFAIR:
- "PARADOXES" (FIGARO)
- 5. GORBACHEV AND U.S.S.R. STRIKES"
- "GORBACHEV'S CONCESSION" (LES ECHOS)
- 6. CAMBODIAN CONFERENCE:
- "CAMBODIAN NEGOTIATORS MUST GET TO WORK" (LIBERATION)
- 7. POLAND:
- "EVERYTHING OR NOTHING" (LE MONDE)
  "POLAND AGAINST THE WALL" (QUOTIDIEN)
  8. END OF OAU SUMMIT IN ADDIS ABABA:
- "SUMMIT OF AFRICAN DIFFERENCES" (LIBERATION)

# (D) SUPPORTING TEXT:

### 1. PRESIDENT BUSH'S CLEAN AIR PROPOSAL:

"AMERICA IS BREATHING EASIER. MONDAY, GEORGE BUSH TRANSMITTED THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE PROJECT TO CLEAR THE AIR OF THE COUNTRY AND ELIMINATE POLLUTION...BUSH HOPES TO GET HIS LAW BEFORE JANUARY 1 BUT CONGRESS, WHICH IS MORE REALISTIC, EXPECTS A BATTLE WHICH COULD LAST ONE YEAR. THE BUSH PROJECT HAS ALL THE NOW WELL KNOWN SIGNS OF A PRESIDENT FAVORABLE TO COMPROMISE AND DEALS...BUT BUSH SURPRISED HIS SUPPORTERS WITH THE EXTENT OF THE MEASURES REQUIRED AFTER EIGHT YEARS OF LAISSER-FAIRE DURING THE REAGAN UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 07 PARIS 24494

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ERA....ENVIRONMENTALISTS ARE PLEASED WITH THE PLAN BUT THEY REGRET THAT BUSH DID NOT GO FURTHER, NOTABLY ON CONTROL OF AUTO EMISSIONS....IN SPITE OF CONTROVERSIES, THE AMERICANS SEEM WILLING TO PAY FOR A CLEANER AIR....ONE HAS TO PAY TO BE ABLE TO BREATHE."

### 2. PRESIDENT BUSH AND SDI:

LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION ON PAGE 23 BY REPORTER ALFREDO VALLADAO: "STAR WARS IS IN BAD SHAPE. LAUNCHED BY RONALD REAGAN IN 1983, SDI IS ABOUT TO BECOME THE MAIN VICTIM OF THE REDUCTION OF U.S. MILITARY SPENDINGS....BUSH WAS NEVER A FANATIC SUPPORTER OF STAR WARS. HE INDEED MADE CALLS TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM BUT WITHOUT REAL CONVICTION. THE ISSUE WAS RATHER TO SOFTEN THE REPUBLICAN RIGHT AND TO TRY TO SAVE A USEFUL CARD IN THE ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS....BUT NOTHING IS FINAL YET....A PROGRAM IS NEVER TOTALLY COMPROMISED OR TOTALLY OUT OF DANGER. THIS IS THE CASE FOR THE RADAR-EVADING BOMBER B-2 WHICH IS A TOPIC OF STRONG OPPOSITION ON CAPITOL HILL."

### 3. PRESIDENT BUSH'S CLEAN AIR PROPOSAL:

FINANCIAL LE TRIBUNE ON BACK PAGE BY CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK, JEAN-MARIE MACABREY: "DRUGS WILL LIKELY BE A MAJOR ISSUE THIS FALL IN WASHINGTON. ONCE AGAIN, THE MAIN PROBLEM WILL BE THE BUDGET. WILL BUSH AGREE TO FOREGO HIS ELECTORAL PROMISE--NO NEW TAXES--TO RESPECT ANOTHER COMMITMENT--TO WIN THE DRUG WAR? FROM SPACE TO AID TO POLAND, THE BIG PLANS OF THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION ARE ALL CONFRONTED TO THE UNAVOIDABLE BUDGET CONSTRAINTS."

# 4. BLOCH AFFAIR:

CONSERVATIVE FIGARO ON PAGE 6 BY REPORTER HUBERT MONTEILHET: "FELIX BLOCH IS FREE...OR ALMOST. HE GOES AROUND ACCOMPANIED BY A CORTEGE OF REPORTERS, FBI AGENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY. BETTER, MR. BUSH WARNED THE SOVIET UNION THAT IF RUSSIAN AGENTS TRIED TO HELP THE PRECIOUS BLOCH TO LEAVE U.S. TERRITORY, THE U.S. WILL BE OFFENDED. PRESIDENT BUSH DOES NOT SEEM TOTALLY CONVINCED OF THE FBI'S ABILITY TO KEEP BOCH UNDER SURVEILLANCE. THIS IS WHERE WE STAND NOW IN A TOTALLY UNPARALELLED AFFAIR. ACTUALLY, THE USUAL TACTIC IN THE AREA OF INTELLIGENCE IS TO WAIT FOR UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 07 PARIS 24494

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CLEAR EVIDENCE TO ARREST A SPY AND TO REMAIN SILENT ABOUT THE SUSPICIONS. IS THE STRANGE ATTITUDE OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WITH THE BLOCH AFFAIR EXPLAINED BY THE FACT THAT ONE IS CONCERNED TO KEEP HIM IN THE U.S. WITH THE HOPE TO OBTAIN A SUFFICIENTLY STRONG DOSSIER TO BE ABLE TO INDICT HIM?...OR WAS IT THE INDISCRETION OF THE U.S. PRESS WHICH BLEW UP THE AFFAIR PREMATURELY, CREATING EMBARRASSMENT IN WASHINGTON, VIENNA AND POSSIBLY IN MOSCOW? IN ANY EVENT, THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST BLOCH SEEM QUITE INCREDIBLE. IF BLOCH HAD WANTED TO INFORM HIS FRIEND ANAIS MOCK ABOUT THE U.S. MANEUVERS AGAINST PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM, HE WOULD

CERTAINLY NOT HAVE DISPLAYED A HOSTILE ATTITUDE TO THE POLICY OF HIS ADMINISTRATION. HE WOULD HAVE JOINED THE CHORUS TO DECEIVE HIS PARTY. BESIDES HE IS OF JEWISH ORIGIN. THIS IS ALREADY A FIRST PARADOXICAL POINT. IN ADDITION, AN INTELLIGENCE EXPERT WHOSE INFORMATION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR THE PEOPLE PAYING HIM, WOULD NOT--IN AN ERA OF MINIATURIZATION--FILL UP A BAG WITH DOCUMENTS AND HAND IT TO A WELL KNOWN AGENT ABLE TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED....FINALLY, TWO INTELLIGENCE AGENTS WITH A MINIMUM OF SAVOIR-VIVRE NEVER CALL EACH OTHER ON THEIR PERSONAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR FEAR OF BEING BUGGED. EXPLANATIONS: EITHER SOVIET INTELLIGENCE IS GUILTY OF GROSS NEGLIGEANCE OR THE CHARGES AGAINST BLOCH ARE MERELY AIMED AT STIRRING UP GULLIBLE PUBLIC OPINION AND HIDING MORE SERIOUS ACCUSATIONS WHICH WILL BE REVEALED LATER WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE TO PUT THEM IN A MORE CONVINCING FORM. IN ANY EVENT, THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF THE AFFAIR....RATHER THAN GAMBLING ON THE GUILT OF THE MAN, IT IS MORE REASONABLE TO WAIT FOR THE REVELATIONS WHICH OUR NEWSPAPERS WILL NOT FAIL TO BRING AT BREAKFAST TIME. WE ARE HOWEVER ENTITLED TO NOTE THAT THE LAND OF HUMAN RIGHTS BEING ALSO THAT OF INTELLIGENCE AGENTS, INTELLIGENCE GATHERING IS GREATLY FACILITATED AND THE DEFENDERS OF THE STATE ARE EXPOSED TO MANY FALSE JUDICIAL AND POLITICAL MANEUVERS. THE SOVIET TRAITOR INVITED TO MOSCOW, THROWN INTO A TRAP AND QUESTIONED WITHOUT ANESTHESIA CREATES MANY FEWER PROBLEMS THAN A FELIX BLOCH SURROUNDED BY LAWYERS AND JOURNALISTS. DEALING PUBLICLY WITH INTELLIGENCE IS A CHALLENGE. BUT HONOR, EVEN THOUGH THE BILL IS HUGE, HAS NO PRICE."

# 5. GORBACHEV AND STRIKES IN THE U.S.S.R.:

ECONOMIC LES ECHOS EDITORIAL: "AFTER A PROPER AMOUNT OF UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 07 PARIS 24494

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DRAMATIZATION, THE STRIKES OF THE MINERS SEEM TO HAVE

TAKEN A TURN FAVORABLE TO GORBACHEV IN A SITUATION WHICH ESCAPED HIS CONTROL. THE MINERS OBTAINED CONCESSIONS....SATISFIED WITH THE PROMISES, THEY RETURNED TO WORK...THERE IS REASON TO SAY THAT THE MINERS HAVE GIVEN GORBACHEV SOME TIME AND THAT HE BOUGHT A FEW MONTHS OF SOCIAL PEACE....THE SOCIAL CRISIS HAS POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES WITH THE PRESENTATION OF TWO BILLS OF LAW, ONE ON TRADE UNIONS--INEXISTANT IN THE CONFLICT, AND THE OTHER ON THE RIGHT TO STRIKE. THE TWO PROJECTS WILL BE STUDIED BY THE SUPREME SOVIET ON AUSUGST 4."

# 6. CONFERENCE ON CAMBODIA IN PARIS:

TELEVISION "LA 5" AT 1 P.M. ON JULY 26: "UP TO NOW, THE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. HU SEN REFUSES TO GRANT THE SINISTER KHMER ROUGE ANY KIND OF POWER. THE CONFERENCE WILL OPEN ON SUNDAY AT AVENUE KLEBER, THE VERY SITE WHERE THE VIETNAM TALKS TOOK PLACE. THE CONFERENCE SHOULD ALLOW CAMBODIA TO RESTORE ITS PEACE AND UNITY."
7. POLAND:

INFLUENTIAL LE MONDE FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL: "THE REFUSAL DOES NOT COMPLETELY BLOCK THE WAY TO A COMPROMISE. ...IT'S NOW UP TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY TO CLARIFY ITS INTENTIONS....BLOCKADES ON POLISH ROADS RAISED IN RECENT DAYS BY FARMERS CALLING FOR THE PROMISED IMMEDIATE LIBERALIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRICES--AT THE RISK OF RELAUNCHING DISCONTENT IN THE CITIES--SHOW THAT TIME IS RUNNING SHORT FOR EVERYBODY."

RIGHT-OF-CENTER QUOTIDIEN ON PAGE 14: "WALESA REFUSED JARUZELSKI'S PROPOSAL FOR A PC-SOLIDARITY GOVERNMENT...THEY ARE NOW AGAINST THE WALL, A 'WALL OF SHAME' OR A WALL OF MISUNDERSTANDING BEYOND WHICH THE WORLD CHANGES OR BLOWS UP. UP TO NOW, THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT YIELDED ON SEVERAL POINTS...IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE CHIEF OF THE COMMUNIST STATE TO AGREE TO THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT MADE ONLY OF OPPONENTS. OPONNENTS WHO ARE HOWEVER A MAJORITY IN POLAND. WHAT WOULD BE THE REACTION OF GORBACHEV AND OF THE OTHER COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS IN THE EAST WHEN DEALING WITH THEIR COUNTERPART IN WARSAW? ON THE OTHER HAND, IS IT CONCEIVABLE FOR MEMBERS OF A MAJORITY OPPOSITION TO REMAIN QUIETLY SEATED ON THE BENCHES OF UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 07 PARIS 24494

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PARLIAMENT WITHOUT ANY POSSIBILITY OF OPPOSING A POLICY REJECTED BY THE POLES WHO ELECTED THEM? THE SYSTEM OF MUTUAL CONCESSIONS HAS REACHED SUCH A DEGREE OF CONTRADICTION THAT ONLY A INGENEOUS MATHEMATICIAN WOULD BE ABLE TO UNBLOCK THE SITUATION OR PERHAPS THE 'MIRACLE' ALWAYS EVER SOUGHT BY THE POLES. FOR THE TIME BEING, THE INTENTION EXPRESSED BY WALESA TO FORM A 'SHADOW CABINET' SEEMS TO BE A PROVOCATION TO MAKE JARUZELSKI REACT IN A DIRECTION FAVORABLE TO THE DESIRES OF THE NATION. TIME IS RUNNING SHORT. THE NEW 'DIET' WILL MEET NEXT MONDAY TO DESIGNATE A NEW GOVERNMENT AND A SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND BEFOREHAND."

### 8. END OF OAU MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA:

LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION ON PAGE 23 BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN ADDIS-ABABA, STEPHEN SMITH: "THE THREE-DAY MEETING OF AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE IN THE ETHIOPIAN CAPITAL WAS MAINLY DEVOTED TO REGIONAL CONFLICTS LARGELY ESCAPING THEIR CONTROL. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PROBLEMS OF THE CRUSHING DEBT OF AFRICA AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL THREAT--AFRICA COULD BECOME A GARBAGE CONTINENT -- WERE BARELY MENTIONED. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE GOOD OFFICES PROPOSED TO SUDAN BY THE NEW OAU PRESIDENT, THE EGYPTIAN MUBARAK, THE NUMEROUS EFFORTS OF MEDIATION OFFERED BY THE ORGANIZATION FAILED TO SUCEED....THEY WERE ALSO UNABLE TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE ACUTE CONFLICT BETWEEN SENEGAL AND MAURITANIA....IN ITS RESOLUTIONS ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA, THE OAU SUMMIT INTRODUCED NO NUANCE TO GRANT THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT TO THE 'RECENT REFORMIST SIRENS.' BOUTROS GHALI, THE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WAS THE ONLY ONE TO CALL FOR 'CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN WHITE LIBERALS AND FOR REFLECTION ON A POST-APARTHEID SOCIETY.'....IN A CLIMATE OF DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN MAGHREB COUNTRIES IN THE NORTH AND SUB-SAHARAN BLACK AFRICA, THE ELECTION OF MUBARAK WAS HAILED AS 'A NEW SOURCE OF HOPE FOR THE CONTINENT. '... BUT THE NEW PRESIDENT MAINLY INVESTED HIMSELF WITH A MISSION FOR THE SUDAN, LIKELY BECAUSE THIS COUNTRY, WHICH IS CONFRONTED WITH AN ENDLESS CIVIL WAR, IS A 'STRATEGIC' AREA FOR EGYPT."

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