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I WORLD AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

JAN. 17 (IPS) -- A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE BY EDMUND STEVENS IN YESTERDAY'S LONDON TIMES ARGUES THAT THE CANCELLATION OF THE U.S.-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT WILL HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. DON CONNERS, AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN IN MOSCOW, IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "EVEN WITHOUT A TRADE AGREEMENT WE SHALL GO ON DOING BUSINESS AS USUAL."

MEANWHILE THE TIMES' LEAD EDITORIAL, TITLED "A COOL PERIOD FOR DETENTE," STATES THAT SINCE THE POLITICAL PREMISES FOR AN ALTERNATIVE POLICY TO DETENTE "HAVE LONG SINCE ERODED," IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR WASHINGTON TO AVOID AN "ALARMIST REACTION" TO THE SOVIET MOVE. THE EDITORIAL ALSO SPECULATES THAT THE AFFAIR MAY HAVE WEAKENED THE POSITION OF SOVIET PARTY CHIEF BREZHNEV VIS-A-VIS "PROponents OF A HARDLINE" IN HIS PARTY.

ON PAGE 7 THE TIMES RUNS AN ARTICLE BY DAVID SPANIER, WHICH NOTES THAT DESPITE BREZHNEV'S ATTEMPTS TO BRING EAST AND WEST CLOSER TOGETHER, HIS "RESTRICTIVE POLICY AT HOME HAS LARGE NUMBERS OF SOVIET CITIZENS "VOTING WITH THEIR FEET" BY EMIGRATING TO THE WEST.

JAN. 17 (IPS) -- IN AN EDITORIAL YESTERDAY THE LONDON DAILY EXPRESS DESCRIBED THE CANCELLATION OF THE U.S.-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT AS "THEIR LOSS -- OUR GAIN." CITING THE EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE OF DIFFICULTIES IN DEALING WITH THE USSR, THE EDITORIAL URGES THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S POSITIVE ECONOMIC PROPOSALS, NOT THE TRADE AGREEMENT, BE FOCUS OF EUROPEAN ATTENTION.

JAN. 17 (IP) -- THE TWO MAJOR FRENCH DAILIES, LE MONDE AND LE FIGARO, TODAY ALLUDED TO THE FACT THAT THE SOVIET POPULATION WAS INFORMED OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE U.S.-USSR 1972 TRADE AGREEMENT IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD TEND TO PREVENT ANY SENSATIONALISM. BUT, LE FIGARO WONDERS, "WHAT IS BEHIND THIS CHANGE?" LE MONDE COMMENTED THAT MOSCOW DOES NOT WANT A "COMPLETE BREAK" OF ECONOMIC EXCHANGE WITH THE U.S., BUT THAT THE "POSSIBILITY OF AN ARMED INTERVENTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST" AND "WASHINGTON'S CONSTANT REFUSAL TO REACTIVATE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE" ARE PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS SHIFT.

JAN. 17 (IPS) -- ACCORDING TO LE MONDE TODAY, MOSCOW'S CANCELLING OF 1972 TRADE AGREEMENT HAS CREATED WIDESPREAD FEAR THAT THE CHANCES OF ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE GONE DOWN THE DRAIN. IN FACT, LE MONDE STRESSES, THE ISRAELI OPERATIONS IN LEBANON HAVE BECOME "SYSTEMATIC" AND ARE DEVELOPING ACCORDING TO "PRECISE PLAN" OF ANNIHILATING THE PALESTINIAN NETWORK IN THAT AREA.

JAN. 17 (IPS) -- TODAY'S LE MONDE REPORTS THAT FIGHTING CONTINUES FOR CONTROL OF THE MEKONG. CAMBODIAN REPUBLICANS HAVE BEEN MOBI-LIZING HELICOPTERS FROM KAPOT, BATTEMPANG, AND SVAY-RIANG AS THE ONLY MEANS OF GIVING VITAL SUPPLIES SUCH AS ARMS AND FOOD TO THE TROOPS DEFEATING THE CAPITAL AGAINST AN OPERATION WHICH IS TERMED "ASPHYXIATION OF THE CAPITAL."

JAN. 17 (IPS) -- THE EAST GERMAN RADIO STATION STIMME DER DDR TODAY LED ITS NEWS BROADCAST WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF TWO NEW

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S (SED) LEFTIST ORGANIZING DRIVE AMONG WORLD COMMUNIST PARTIES. SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICIAL WINKELMANN HAS TRAVELLED TO ITALY TO DELIVER A MESSAGE TO ITALIAN CP (PCI) SECRETARY ENRICO BERLINGUER FROM SED HEAD ERICH HONNECKER. THE PCI, STILL DOMINATED BY CIA GENT GIORGIO AMENDOLA, IS A KEY TARGET FOR THE HARDLINERS TO ORGANIZE.

MEANWHILE SED POLITBUREAU HARDLINER ZURT HAGER MET WITH JANOS KADAR, CHIEF OF THE HUNGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, TO "DISCUSS IDEO-LOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES." KADAR HAD EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR AMENDOLA'S POLYCENTRISM LINE AT THE RECENT BUDAPEST MEETING OF EUROPEAN CP'S. A SIMILAR MEETING ON IDEOLOGY BETWEEN HAGER AND JAN SZYDLAK OF THE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY PRECEDED THE POLISH CP LEADERSHIP'S RECENT SHIFT TOWARDS SUPPORTING A UNIFIED COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT WITH SOVIET LEADERSHIP.

BRITISH TRUCKDRIVER STABS WIFE OVER SUGAR

JAN. 17 (IPS) -- A CASE NOW PENDING IN A WINCHESTER, ENGLAND, CROWN COURT CHARGES THAT JOHN SCARD, 53, STABBED HIS WIFE AFTER HE CAUGHT HER STEALING SUGAR FROM "HIS" SUPPLY. APPARENTLY, THE COUPLE WHOSE RELATIONS WERE ALREADY STRAINED KEPT SEPARATE FOOD SUPPLIES. SCARD HAD JUST BORROWED THE SUGAR FROM A NEIGHBOR FOR AN AFTER-WORK CUP OF TEA.

II. CONTINENTAL NEWS.

JAN. 17 -- SCIENCE MAGAZINE, WHICH HAS A HISTORY OF DISTORTING CRITICISMS DIRECTED AT THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, TODAY CARRIED A LIBELOUS ATTACK. THE U.S. LABOR PARTY FOR ITS EXPOSURE OF AEC HEAD DR. EDWARD TELLER. TELLER HAS COME UNDER CONCENTRATED FIRE FROM THE LABOR PARTY FOR HIS SUPPRESSION OF FUSION RESEARCH AND PERSECUTION OF DISSIDENT SCIENTISTS WHO OPPOSE THE POLICIES OF THE ROCKEFELERS' "SEVEN SISTERS" OIL CARTEL.

TODAY'S ARTICLE IN SCIENCE BELITTLES THE LABOR PARTY'S INSISTENCE THAT A MANHATTEN-PROJECT-STYLE CRASH PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THERMONUCLEAR FUSION TECHNOLOGY IS ESSENTIAL TO HUMAN SURVIVAL, ATTRIBUTING THIS PROGRAMMATIC POSITION TO THE RAVINGS OF A "HIGHLY SECIAN MARXIST-LENINIST GROUP."