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AM-US-SOVIET TECHNOLOGY;230
PRESS; PUBLIC UNAWARE; OFFICIAL SAYS
WASHINGTON (AP) - MUCH OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC STILL DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE MAGNITUDE OF SOVIET-BLOC EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE MILITARILY VALUABLE WESTERN TECHNOLOGY; A REAGAN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL SAID SATURDAY.

LAWRENCE J. BRADY; ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR TRADE ADMINISTRATION; SAID A RECENTLY RELEASED CIA REPORT ALONG WITH OTHER STUDIES HAVE PROVIDED ''TOTAL PROOF THAT THE LEAKAGE PROBLEM IS MASSIVE; NOT ONLY FROM THE UNITED STATES BUT MORE SO FROM THE REST OF THE FREE WORLD.''

''BUT DON'T BELIEVE THAT IT IS ACCEPTED BY THE PRESS COMMUNITY ... OR ACCEPTED BY ALL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OR THE FREE WORLD;'' HE TOLD A FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONFERENCE.

BRADY; WHO OVERSEES THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT'S EXPORT CONTROL FUNCTIONS; SAID THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAD SOUGHT TO BOOST AWARENESS ABOUT THE TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM AMONG THE NATO ALLIES AT LAST YEAR'S OTTAWA SUMMIT AND A MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING LAST JANUARY IN PARIS.

''THEY ARE AWARE; BUT LIKE AN AWFUL LOT OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD THEY DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE;'' BRADY SAID.

HE SAID THIS ATTITUDE WAS PARTLY DUE TO WESTERN EUROPE'S ''NEUTRALIST DRIFT ... CAUSED IN NO SMALL MEASURE BY THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE BECOME ECONOMICALLY INTEGRATED TO THE ECONOMY OF THE SOVIET UNION.''

BRADY SPOKE AT A CONFERENCE IN SUBURBAN ARLINGTON; VA.; SPONSORED BY THE LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION; A CONSERVATIVE-ORIENTED GROUP WHICH DESCRIBES ITSELF AS A NONPARTISAN RESEARCH INFORMATION CENTER WITH MORE THAN 300;000 MEMBERS NATIONWIDE.

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