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FOLLOWING IS REVIEW OF GERMAN NEWSPAPERS OF
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A. LIBYA

1. COVERAGE

MOST PAPERS LED WITH REPORTS ON THE BONN
GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCED SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA.

THE INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL WEEKLY DIE ZEIT OF HAMBURG
CARRIED AN INTERVIEW WITH MIDDLE EAST EXPERT UDO
STEINBACH.

THE LEFT-OF-CENTER ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY STERN OF
HAMBURG CARRIED AN ARTICLE BY ITS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ROLF
WINTER STRONGLY CRITICIZING THE "TERRORIST" U.S. AIR
RAID ON LIBYA.

2. HEADLINES

"BONN GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON
LIBYA -- STRAUSS CRITICIZES EUROPEAN 'INACTIVITY' --
REAGAN WARNS TERRORISTS" (DIE WELT)

"BONN IMPOSES DRASTIC SANCTIONS ON TRIPOLI, EXPELS
22 LIBYAN DIPLOMATS -- KOHL CALLS FOR REDUCING ECONOMIC
RELATIONS WITH LIBYA" (GENERAL-ANZEIGER)

"LIBYA HAS TO REDUCE ITS EMBASSY PERSONNEL BY MORE
THAN HALF -- GERMAN EMBASSY STAFF IN TRIPOLI TO BE
REDUCED TO 19 PERSONS" (SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG)

"TWENTY-TWO LIBYANS HAVE TO LEAVE BONN" (KOELNER
STADT-ANZEIGER AND OTHERS)

3. TEXT

- A. THE CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN LED WITH THE

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FOLLOWING REPORT FROM BONN:

"REACTING TO THE BOMB ATTACK ON THE WEST BERLIN DISCOTHEQUE 'LA BELLE,' THE BONN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 09 BONN 12966

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TO TAKE DRASTIC MEASURES AGAINST LIBYA.... THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU IN BONN WILL BE REQUESTED TO REDUCE ITS STAFF FROM THE CURRENT NUMBER OF 41 TO 19 PERSONS. THE FREEDOM OF MANEUVER OF THE REMAINING STAFF WILL BE RESTRICTED.

"CHANCELLOR KOHL STATED IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE BILD ZEITUNG THAT GERMAN FIRMS SHOULD FURTHER REDUCE THEIR TRADE RELATIONS WITH LIBYA. HE SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER IT 'VERY GOOD' IF AMERICAN FIRMS WITHDREW THEIR OIL EXPERTS FROM LIBYA.

"BAVARIAN STATE PREMIER FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS...STATED IN THE CSU ORGAN BAYERNKURIER THAT IT WILL BE 'HARD WORK' TO LIMIT AND, EVENTUALLY, TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE THAT HAS BEEN INFLICTED ON U.S.-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. 'ALL THOSE EUROPEANS WHO SHOW HYPOCRITICAL DISMAY THESE DAYS SHOULD REALIZE THAT IT WAS THEIR INACTIVITY AND THEIR FAILURE THAT PROMPTED THE AMERICANS TO TAKE ACTION (AGAINST LIBYA).'"

B. IN ITS FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL, THE CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN SAID:

"THE EUROPEANS TAKE ACTION, ALTHOUGH LATE AND ONLY AFTER A PAINFUL PROCESS OF LEARNING.... THE EXPULSION OF LIBYANS FROM WESTERN EUROPE...WILL DEPRIVE LIBYAN TERRORISM OF PART OF ITS LOGISTIC INFRASTRUCTURE.... QADHAFI IS BEING ISOLATED AND OFFICIALLY BRANDED AS AN INSTIGATOR OF TERRORIST CRIMES." (BY MANFRED SCHELL)

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B. THE INDEPENDENT GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN SAID:

"CHANCELLOR KOHL HAS QUITE OPENLY APPEALED TO GERMAN FIRMS TO REDUCE THEIR TRADE RELATIONS WITH LIBYA.... THAT MIGHT BE A PRELUDE TO IMPOSING ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. THE PRINCIPAL ARGUMENT AGAINST SUCH SANCTION, I.E., DEPENDENCE ON LIBYAN OIL, IS LOSING SIGNIFICANCE. OIL IMPORTS FROM LIBYA IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1986 DECLINED BY 31 PERCENT.

"THE BONN CABINET DECISION (ON SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA) ALSO IS A SIGNAL TO WASHINGTON.... EFFORTS ARE AIMED AT RELEGATING POLITICAL DIFFERENCES TO THE BACKGROUND AND AT RESTORING SOLIDARITY WITH THE U.S."

C. THE INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL WEEKLY DIE ZEIT OF HAMBURG CARRIED AN INTERVIEW WITH MIDDLE EAST EXPERT UDO STEINBACH. HIS STATEMENTS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

"QADHAFI IS NOT AN OPPONENT OF THE WEST IN GENERAL.... HE IS AN OPPONENT THE AMERICANS
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PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THEY SUPPORT ISRAEL. ISRAEL IS QADHAFI'S AND THE ARAB WORLD'S PRINCIPAL ADVERSARY.

"IT IS A GROTESQUE EXAGGERATION TO CONSIDER QADHAFI THE PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.... HE SUPPORTS TERRORIST ACTIVITIES TO A CERTAIN EXTENT. OTHER REGIMES, SYRIA FOR INSTANCE, DO SO TO A GREATER EXTENT."

ASKED ABOUT THE AIMS AND REPERCUSSIONS OF THE U.S. AIR RAID ON LIBYA, STEINBACH SAID:

"(AMERICAN) EXPECTATIONS HAVE NOT COME TRUE. QADHAFI'S POSITION IS EVEN STRONGER NOW."

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D. THE LEFT-OF-CENTER ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY STERN OF HAMBURG CARRIED AN ARTICLE BY ITS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF RUDOLF WINTER, WHO SAID:

"IT IS PAINFUL BUT BENEFICIAL THAT MR. REAGAN, BY HIS LIBYAN FOOLISHNESS, HAS SHAKEN THE FOUNDATION OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE.... IT'S NO USE PRETENDING ANY LONGER THAT THERE ARE SUCH THINGS AS FAMOUS 'COMMON VALUES.'... EVEN CHANCELLOR KOHL, EUROPE'S GREATEST REAGAN FAN NEXT TO THE IMPOSSIBLE MRS. THATCHER, FEELS THAT HE HAS BEEN BADLY TREATED, AND -- WHAT'S NEW -- SAYS SO IN PUBLIC.

"ANYONE WHO, LIKE AN ORDINARY TERRORIST, ACCEPTS DEATH OF CHILDREN AS A RESULT OF HIS ACTION, CANNOT LEAD AN ALLIANCE THAT STANDS FOR HUMANENESS AND RECONCILIATION.... RONALD REAGAN, NOT MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, IS THE MAN PEOPLE HAVE TO BE AFRAID OF THESE DAYS."

B. SDI AGREEMENT

1. COVERAGE

MANY PAPERS COVERED YESTERDAY'S BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON THE U.S.-GERMAN SDI AGREEMENT.

2. HEADLINES

"CONTROVERSY OVER CONSEQUENCES OF SDI AGREEMENT"
(DIE WELT)

"PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION CRITICIZES SDI AGREEMENT, SEES DANGER TO GERMAN EXPORT INTERESTS" (FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE)

"(ECONOMICS MINISTER) BANGEMANN REJECTS CHARGES BY UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 09 BONN 12966

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OPPOSITION, SAYS SDI DOES NOT AFFECT TRADE WITH EAST"
(NEUE RUHR ZEITUN AND OTHERS)

3. TEXT

A. THE CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN CARRIED THE
FOLLOWING DPA REPORT FROM BONN:

"YESTERDAY'S BUNDESTAG (ON THE SDI AGREEMENT) WAS
MARKED BY UNBRIDGEABLE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION PARTIES. THE LATTER
ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF HAVING DAMAGED GERMAN
INTERESTS. SPD LEADER HANS-JOCHEN VOGEL...SAID THE
GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN THE AMERICANS EXCESSIVE INFLUENCE
OVER GERMAN TRADE WITH THE EAST. HE SAID THE SPD WILL
TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT 'AS SOON AS WE ARE IN A POSITION
TO DO SO.'... ECONOMICS MINISTER BANGEMANN ACCUSED
OPPOSITION LEADERS OF DELIBERATELY TELLING LIES."

B. THE CONSERVATIVE MONTHLY IMPRESSION CARRIED AN
ARTICLE BY THOMAS KIELINGER DEFENDING THE SDI AGREEMENT
WITH THE FOLLOWING ARGUMENTS:

"(WEST GERMAN) ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLITICAL
LEADERS HAD URGED THE BONN GOVERNMENT TO CONCLUDE THE
AGREEMENT. THEY HAD BEEN CALLING FOR SOME KIND OF
POLITICAL GUARANTEE FOR TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WITH
THE U.S. THEY HAD A GOOD REASON FOR DOING SO, IN VIEW
OF SOME UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCES THAT HAD BEEN MADE IN THE
PAST WITH REGARD TO AMERICAN FAITHFULNESS TO AGREEMENTS
ON JOINT TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS.

"SOME PEOPLE KEEP SAYING WE SHOULD TAKE THE
INTEREST OF THE EAST INTO CONSIDERATION. THAT IS A
STRANGE ARGUMENT. IF IT IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR NATIONAL
SECURITY TO KEEP ABREAST OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE
U.S.,... NATIONAL INTERESTS CANNOT BE SACRIFICED FOR THE
SAKE OF MAINTAINING GOOD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE
EAST. THERE IS NOTHING THE SOVIETS UNDERSTAND BETTER
THAN QUIET PURSUIT OF ONE'S OWN INTERESTS."

"THE SOVIETS THEMSELVES ARE EAGERLY PROMOTING THEIR
ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSE PROJECTS, WHICH MIGHT MAKE OUR
PERSHING-II A BLUNT WEAPON A FEW YEARS FROM NOW.
MOREOVER, THEIR DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS NOTWITHSTANDING,
THE SOVIETS CONTINUE THEIR ARMS BUILDUP IN THE FIELD OF
SHORT AND MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES."

C. WEST GERMAN TV

THE FRG SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA AND U.S. PRESIDENT
REAGAN'S APPEAL TO THE EUROPEAN PARTNERS TO COOPERATE IN
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THE FIGHT AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. DOMINATED WEDNESDAY'S NEWSCASTS.

OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEWS INCLUDED THE EXPULSION FROM LIBYA OF JOURNALISTS FROM THE U.S. AND EC MEMBER STATES, ITALIAN PRESIDENT COSSIGA'S VISIT TO THE FRG, THE CONFERENCE OF THE EC AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS IN LUXEMBOURG, THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL TEST FLIGHT OF A U.S. CRUISE MISSILE, CSU LEADER STRAUSS' CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, THE CONTINUING DISPUTE IN AUSTRIA OVER THE ROLE OF FORMER U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM DURING THE NAZI ERA, THE DISCOVERY IN THE U.S. OF ATTEMPTS TO EXPORT WEAPONS ILLEGALLY TO IRAN, U.S. DISARMAMENT OFFICIAL NITZE'S CONSULTATIONS WITH FRG CHANCELLOR KOHL ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S DECISION TO OBSERVE THE SALT-II TREATY FOR THE TIME BEING, SPANISH KING JUAN CARLOS' VISIT TO GREAT BRITAIN, THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IN ARGENTINA, NEW RACIAL RIOTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND THE DEATH IN NEW YORK OF RENOWNED FILM DIRECTOR OTTO PREMINGER.

DOMESTIC NEWS INCLUDED FRG-GDR RELATIONS AND THE FIRST EAST-WEST GERMAN CITY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SAARLOUIS (FRG) AND EISENHUETTENSTADT (GDR), THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE OVER FRG PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. SDI PROJECT, SPD PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1987 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, THE FINANCIAL CRISIS IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM, UNEMPLOYMENT, A PARLIAMENTARY HEARING IN BONN ON THE PLANNED REFORM OF THE SHOP ORGANIZATION LAW, AND ECOLOGY.

BOTH CHANNELS' NEWSCASTS REPORTED FACTUALLY ON THE DISCOVERY IN THE U.S. OF ATTEMPTS TO EXPORT WEAPONS ILLEGALLY TO IRAN AND THE ARREST OF SEVERAL U.S., FRG

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AND ISRAELI BUSINESSMEN. IN ARD-TV'S LATE NEWSCAST, NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT CLAUS RICHTER PROFILED THE LEADING MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP OF SMUGGLERS AND SAID THAT THE OFFENSE COULD POSSIBLY CAUSE POLITICAL TROUBLES BECAUSE IT SEEMS AS IF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE OF THE ARMS SALES.

SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA

ARD-TV MAIN AND ZDF-TV'S LATE NEWSCASTS REPORTED FACTUALLY (THE ZDF NEWSCAST WITH FOOTAGE) ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S CALL FOR THE EUROPEANS TO COOPERATE WITH THE U.S. IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

BOTH CHANNELS' NEWSCASTS REPORTED WITH FILM ON FRG DIPLOMATIC SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA AND THE ANNOUNCED REDUCTIONS OF LIBYAN EMBASSY STAFF IN BONN AS WELL AS OF FRG EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN TRIPOLI. BOTH CHANNELS' UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 09 BONN 12966

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NEWSCASTS ALSO REPORTED WITH FILM ON THE EXPULSION BY THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS FROM THE U.S. AND EC MEMBER STATES.

SFB-TV LOCAL "BERLINER ABENDSCHAU" AND ZDF-TV'S LATE NEWSCAST INCLUDED FILMED REPORTS ON THE INCREASING NUMBER OF CANCELLATIONS BY U.S. TOURISTS OF THEIR PLANNED TRIPS TO THE FRG AND WEST BERLIN IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT TERROR ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. INSTALLATIONS AND PERSONNEL. THE REPORTS BY ULRICH ZELLE (WEST BERLIN) AND MICHAEL OPOCZYNSKI (RUEDESHEIM/WIESBADEN) FOCUSED ON THE NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THESE CANCELLATIONS ON THE TOURIST BUSINESS IN THE FRG.

IN ARD-TV'S LATE NEWSCAST COMMENTARY MARTIN SCHULZE REVIEWED THE EUROPEAN SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA IN LIGHT OF THE U.S. CALL ON THE EUROPEAN ALLIES TO INCREASE

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THEIR EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. SCHULZE SAID: "IT IS CERTAINLY VERY DIFFICULT TO SAY WHAT IS THE RIGHT WAY AND THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS TO FIGHT TERRORISM. I DO NOT THINK THAT THE EXPULSION OF DIPLOMATS OR ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS ARE SUITABLE MEANS. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IF QADHAFI DOES NOT STOP LIBYAN TERRORISM, AND, AS THE PRESIDENT HAS ANNOUNCED TODAY, THE U.S. STRIKES AGAIN? WE MUST FIND A CONCRETE STRATEGY AGAINST TERRORISM - TOGETHER WITH MOST ARAB GOVERNMENTS - AND THAT INCLUDES THE SEARCH FOR REALLY EFFECTIVE MEASURES. THE EXPULSION OF DIPLOMATS, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BRING AN END TO THIS CONFLICT."

U.S. CHEMICAL WEAPONS

ZDF-TV'S MAGAZINE ON INNER-GERMAN AFFAIRS "KENNZEICHEN D" INCLUDED A FILMED REPORT BY GUSTAV TRAMPE ON THE UPCOMING NATO DECISION ON THE PROPOSED PRODUCTION OF NEW U.S. CHEMICAL WEAPONS. TRAMPE REVIEWED THE MILITARY SITUATION WITHIN THE WESTERN DEFENSE ORGANIZATION IN LIGHT OF THE QUESTION OF WHETHER NEW CHEMICAL WEAPONS ARE REALLY NECESSARY. IN INTERVIEWS WITH MILITARY EXPERTS TRAMPE DISCUSSED THE PROS AND CONS OF THIS PROBLEM. WHILE FORMER "BUNDESWEHR" GENERAL GRAF VON BAUDISSION CALLED FOR A TOTAL RENUNCIATION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, NATO SUPREME COMMANDER ROGERS EMPHASIZED THAT NATO DETERRENCE IS ONLY CREDIBLE IF THE ALLIANCE DOES NOT RENOUNCE THE PRODUCTION OF WEAPONS WHICH THE SOVIETS ALREADY POSSESS.

A REPORT BY HANS ZIEMS ON THE FATE OF A GERMAN EMPLOYEE AT A U.S. BASE IN MASSWEILER (RHINELAND-PALANTINE) FOLLOWED. THE WOMAN HAD BEEN ACCIDENTALLY EXPOSED TO THE CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENT "LOST" IN 1976. ZIEMS PROFILED THE WOMAN, WHO SUFFERS FROM CANCER DUE TO THE POISON GAS ACCIDENT. REVIEWING UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 09 BONN 12966

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THE CAMPAIGN BY LOCAL PEACE GROUPS IN RHINELAND-PALANTINE AGAINST CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS, THE REPORT CONCLUDED WITH CRITICAL COMMENTS ON THE POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF NEW U.S. CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN THE FRG.

D. WEST BERLIN PRESS

THE ARREST OF HASI IN BERLIN

1. COVERAGE

TWO PAPERS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE FRONT-PAGE REPORTS ON DEVELOPMENTS SURROUNDING THE ARREST LAST FRIDAY OF AHMAD HASI IN CONNECTION WITH THE "LA BELLE" BOMB ATTACK. OTHER PAPERS INCLUDED INSIDE-PAGE REPORTS ON THE SITUATION.

2. HEADLINES

"AUTHORITIES REMAIN SILENT REGARDING THE HASI CASE"
(DER TAGESSPIEGEL)

"HASI MET WITH HIS BROTHER IN BERLIN" (BERLINER MORGENPOST)

"LA BELLE: NO INDICATIONS OF WIREPULLERS"
(VOLKSBLATT BERLIN)

"DISCO-BOMB: THE TRACKS LEAD TO LIBYA"
(BILDZEITUNG)

3. TEXT

PAPERS REPORTED THAT BERLIN JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN NEUHAUS HAS SAID A DECISION ON THE CONTINUATION OF AHMAD HASI'S DETENTION WILL NOT BE MADE BEFORE THE END OF THIS WEEK. THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE JUSTICE MINISTER, KAEHNE, HAS INDICATED THAT SINCE TUESDAY NO NEW FINDINGS HAVE BEEN MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARREST OF HASI. UNOFFICIAL STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE STATE SECURITY AUTHORITY REVEAL THAT DURING THE RECENT IDENTIFICATION LINE-UP A NUMBER OF WITNESSES RECOGNIZED HASI AS A VISITOR TO THE "LA BELLE" DISCO ON THE EVENING OF THE BOMB EXPLOSION. THE SOURCES ALSO SPEAK OF INDICATIONS THAT THERE ARE WIREPULLERS BEHIND HASI, AND THAT HE HAD A CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY AT HIS DISPOSAL. REPORTS ALSO SAID THAT HASI'S BROTHER, NESAM HINDAW, RECENTLY ARRESTED IN LONDON IN CONNECTION WITH AN ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF AN EL AL AIRLINER, VISITED HASI EARLY THIS YEAR.

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THE BERLINER MORGENPOST SAID THAT CONTRARY TO UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 09 BONN 12966

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E.O. 12356: N/A

SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT, 1:00 P.M.

PREVIOUS REPORTS, HASI WAS NOT IDENTIFIED DURING THE IDENTIFICATION LINE-UP, AND THAT A DRAWING ON A SHEET OF PAPER APPARENTLY IS PLAYING A ROLE IN THE INVESTIGATIONS. ARAB WRITING ON THE BACK OF THE PAPER, HOWEVER, TURNED OUT TO BE A POEM.

VOLKSBLATT BERLIN UNDERSCORED THAT THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF THE EXISTENCE OF WIREPULLERS BEHIND HASI.

BZ SAID THAT THE STAFF OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE INTO THE "LA BELLE" EXPLOSION HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 100 TO 60.

BILDZEITUNG BERLIN REVIEWED INTERIOR MINISTER ZIMMERMANN'S STATEMENTS TO JOURNALISTS YESTERDAY IN BONN ON THE ARREST.

TABLOID BZ DEVOTED HALF OF PAGE 22 TO THE DEVELOPMENTS WITH MANY SMALL HEADLINES: "AMERICANS NOW ARE PERMITTED TO DRIVE HERE (IN GERMANY) WITH GERMAN LICENSE PLATES," "DIPLOMAT OUT: HE WAS ON THE LIST," "ARRESTED ARAB WILL DO WITHOUT A DEFENSE LAWYER," "POP STARS (PRINCE AND LIONEL RICHIE) CANCEL THEIR EUROPEAN TRIP" (BECAUSE OF THE ATTACKS), "BERLIN (U.S.-GERMAN) VOLKSFEST WILL TAKE PLACE" (ALTHOUGH THE VOLKSFEST IN WUERZBURG HAS BEEN CALLED OFF), AND, POINTING TO PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STATEMENTS YESTERDAY THAT THE U.S. WILL TAKE MORE ACTION IF TRIPOLI CONTINUES ITS ACTS OF

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TERRORISM AGAINST AMERICANS: "THE U.S. PRESIDENT: WE HOPE AND PRAY".

THE INDEPENDENT DER TAGESSPIEGEL INCLUDED AN ARTICLE BY WARSAW CORRESPONDENT GERT BAUMGARTEN ON "POLAND'S CLOSE TIES TO LIBYA AND THE PLO." HE REPORTED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF LIBYANS LIVE IN POLAND AND THAT AS A RESULT OF A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN URBAN, "IT IS CLEAR NOW THAT THE PALESTINIAN ARRESTED IN GREAT BRITAIN MUST HAVE SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN POLAND. HE WAS MARRIED TO A POLISH WOMAN WHO BORE HIM A CHILD. THIS LEADS TO THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE BROTHER OF THIS PALESTINIAN, TOO, THE ARAB WHO HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN BERLIN..., HAS SPENT SOME TIME IN POLAND."

FRG SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA

THE INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST SAID: "THE BONN CABINET YESTERDAY HAD A HARD TIME MAKING THE DECISION IN FAVOR OF FIRST STEPS AGAINST LIBYAN STATE TERRORISM. THEY ARE MINI-STEPS... THIS PUSSYFOOTING WILL ONLY CAUSE MR. QADHAFI TO SHRUG HIS SHOULDERS DISDAINFULLY....

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"INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SOLIDARITY IS STILL THE ONLY ROAD TO SUCCESS. IF THE CIVILIZED WORLD SEVERED ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TRIPOLI AND NO LONGER BOUGHT ANY OIL THERE, QADHAFI WOULD HAVE TO CAPITULATE IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION WITHIN HIS COUNTRY."

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TABLOID BZ SAID: "NOT AN END TO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, NOT A FREEZE, BUT A SLIMMING DOWN: THE STAFF OF THE LIBYAN EMBASSY WILL BE REDUCED TO A REASONABLE LEVEL. IT WAS IN ANY CASE CLEAR: THE STATE WITH ONLY THREE MILLION INHABITANTS HAD TWICE AS MANY DIPLOMATIC STAFF IN BONN AS THE FRG, TWENTY-TIMES LARGER, IN TRIPOLI.

"THE SOVIETS ARE ENGAGED IN POLITICAL TRICKERY: WHEN THEY WERE INFORMED BY THE U.S. OF ITS MILITARY INTENTIONS, THEY WITHDREW THEIR FLEET FROM THE AREA. NOW, SINCE THEY REALIZE THAT THE U.S. WILL BE IN A HOLDING PATTERN FOR SOME TIME, THEY HAVE DISPATCHED THREE SHIPS TO LIBYA. QADHAFI CAN NOW FEEL QUITE PROTECTED AND THE SOVIETS RISK NOTHING. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER QADHAFI WILL FEEL ENCOURAGED TO COMMIT MORE CRIMES."

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