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3. INTERNATIONAL-US: SOCIALISTS ON ARMS CONTROL

//IN THEIR MEETINGS WITH US OFFICIALS NEXT WEEK THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL'S SECURITY EXPERTS WILL BE RESISTANT TO US POLICY CONCERNS.//

//A DELEGATION OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT AND ARMS CONTROL--SIDAC--HEADED BY FINNISH PRIME MINISTER SORSA WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY AFTER VISITING MOSCOW THIS WEEK. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE VISITS--A PRACTICE ESTABLISHED SEVERAL YEARS AGO--IS TO URGE SOVIET AND US LEADERS TO PROMOTE DETENTE AND PEACE THROUGH SERIOUS ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS.//

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//THE DISCUSSIONS WITH US OFFICIALS WILL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE THE COMMITTEE'S ARMS CONTROL POSITIONS ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUALS COULD BE INFLUENCED. THE MAJORITY OF DELEGATES OPPOSE INF DEPLOYMENT.

[REDACTED] SOME MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION--SUCH AS SORSA--TRY TO BE EVENHANDED IN THEIR APPROACH TO THE US AND THE USSR; MOST DO NOT.

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4. EC: ENLARGEMENT TALKS STALL

//THE EC COUNCIL FAILED LATE THURSDAY TO AGREE TO TERMS FOR SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE ENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY AFTER FRANCE UNEXPECTEDLY VETOED KEY COMPROMISES ON WINE AND FISHERIES. EC FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD BEEN MEETING SINCE SUNDAY IN AN ATTEMPT TO IRON OUT DETAILED TERMS IN TIME FOR EC LEADERS TO RATIFY THE COMMUNITY POSITION AT THEIR SUMMIT BEGINNING NEXT FRIDAY. THE COUNCIL WILL MEET IN EMERGENCY SESSION NEXT THURSDAY IN A LAST-MINUTE ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK.//

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VB [REDACTED] //THIS IS PROBABLY A TACTICAL MOVE BY THE FRENCH. OPPOSITION GAULLISTS REJECT ENLARGEMENT, WHICH IS BITTERLY OPPOSED BY SOUTHERN FARMERS AND FISHERMEN. PRESIDENT MITTERRAND FAVORS ENLARGEMENT, BUT WANTS TO SHOW THAT HE HAS DRIVEN THE HARDEST BARGAIN POSSIBLE--ESPECIALLY ON WINE AND FISHERIES--EVEN IF IT MEANS HOLDING OUT UNTIL THE SUMMIT. IF THE TEN CANNOT RESOLVE THE ACCESSION TERMS AT THE SUMMIT, THE TARGET DATE OF NEXT JANUARY FOR SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE ENTRY MAY SLIP, AND SOME PARTS OF THE ENLARGEMENT PACKAGE ALREADY IN PLACE COULD BE JEOPERDIZED.//

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5. FINLAND: COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS

//THE FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY'S MINORITY STALINIST FACTION HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL BOYCOTT THE EXTRAORDINARY PARTY CONGRESS TODAY. FACTIONALISM HAS INCREASED IN RECENT MONTHS AS THE PARTY'S EUROCOMMUNIST LEADERSHIP ESTABLISHED RIVAL ORGANIZATIONS IN DISTRICTS CONTROLLED BY THE STALINISTS, THE SOVIETS CRITICIZED THESE EFFORTS THIS MONTH IN PRAVDA AND PREFER THE POLICIES OF THE STALINIST FACTION. THERE ARE RECENT INDICATIONS, HOWEVER, THAT THEY ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT MAINTAINING THEIR INFLUENCE WITH THE MODERATES.//

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b3 [REDACTED] //THE CONGRESS NO DOUBT WILL DO NOTHING TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES THAT HAVE PLAGUED THE PARTY FOR ALMOST TWO DECADES, THE EUROCOMMUNISTS WANT EITHER TO EXPEL THE HARDLINERS OR BRING THEM TO HEEL, BUT THEY ALSO WANT TO AVOID JEOPARDIZING RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS. THEY HOPE THE STALINISTS' BOYCOTT OF THE CONGRESS--A MEETING THE STALINISTS THEMSELVES DEMANDED--WILL CAUSE MOSCOW TO RECONSIDER ITS SUPPORT FOR THE HARDLINERS. THE SOVIETS PROBABLY WILL NOT ABANDON THE HARDLINERS, BUT WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE TWO FACTIONS TO OVERCOME THEIR DIFFERENCES TO STOP THE SLIDE IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S INFLUENCE IN FINLAND.// [REDACTED] *b3*

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--//ANONYMOUS CALLERS CLAIM ISLAMIC JIHAD RESPONSIBLE FOR KIDNAPING THREE FRENCH OFFICIALS IN BEIRUT, LEBANON YESTERDAY . . . DEMAND PARIS CANCEL ARMS DEAL WITH SAUDIS AND STOP SUPPORTING IRAQ

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