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(TEXT) MOSCOW APRIL 18 TASS--THE PAPER IZVESTIYA STRESSES THAT THE USSR'S FOREIGN POLICY COURSE, DIRECTED AT MAKING THE PROCESS OF DETENTE IRREVERSIBLE, IS UNCHANGEABLE.

" IN RECENT YEARS THE SOVIET UNION'S RELATIONS WITH FRANCE, THE FRG, ITALY, AND OF LATE--WITH BRITAIN, HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING WELL. POLITICAL COOPERATION IS BEING EVER MORE CONFIDENTLY ORGANISED WITH THE AIM OF STRENGTHENING AND DEEPENING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND TRUST. IN THE ATTAINMENT OF THESE A SPECIAL ROLE WAS PLAYED BY THE SUMMIT MEETINGS AND EXCHANGES OF VIEWS BETWEEN CPSU CC GENERAL SECRETARY LEONID BREZHNEV AND LEADERS OF WEST EUROPEAN STATES," WRITES IZVESTIYA TODAY IN AN EDITORIAL DEVOTED TO THE RESULTS OF THE APRIL PLENUM OF THE CPSU CC.

AFTER HEARING A REPORT BY LEONID BREZHNEV, THE PLENUM DECIDED TO CONVENE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 1976 THE 25TH CONGRESS OF THE CPSU. THE PLENUM DISCUSSED A REPORT BY USSR FOREIGN MINISTER ANDRE GROMYKO ON THE USSR'S INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND FOREIGN POLICY.

" IN THESE PAST YEARS THE EFFORTS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY IN EUROPE WERE DIRECTED ABOVE ALL AT STRENGTHENING PEACE ON THE CONTINENT, AT AFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLE OF THE INVIOABILITY OF THE BORDERS, AS THEY SHAPED OUT AS A RESULT OF THE WAR. THE THESIS ON THE INVIOABILITY OF THE BORDERS HAS ALREADY FOUND REFLECTION IN MANY INTER-STATE TREATIES AND WILL DOUBTLESSLY BE AFFIRMED IN THE DOCUMENTS OF THE ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE," WRITES THE IZVESTIYA.

" IT CAN BE SAID THAT MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE ALL-EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION CONFERENCE ARE INCLINED TO CONCLUDE ITS WORK IN THE SUMMER OF 1975 IN HELSINKI AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL," WRITES THE PAPER.

IT NOTES THE SUCCESSES IN IMPLEMENTING THE PEACE PROGRAM ADOPTED BY THE 24TH CONGRESS OF THE CPSU. "ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY EVENTS OF RECENT YEARS," THE ARTICLE STRESSES, "WAS THE POSITIVE TURN IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA." "OF KEY IMPORTANCE IS THE FACT THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN A PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS: IN CREATING GUARANTEES AGAINST THE OUTBREAK OF A NUCLEAR CONFLICT AND WAR IN GENERAL."

"ALL THIS, OF COURSE, IS TESTIMONY THAT THE WORLD HAS BECOME MORE TRANQUIL," WRITES IZVESTIYA, "HOWEVER, THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION HAS BECOME FAR FROM SIMPLER. IT WOULD BE WRONG TO DISCOUNT THE ACTIVITIES OF INFLUENTIAL FORCES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REPRESENTING THE INDUSTRIAL-MILITARY COMPLEX, ZIONIST CIRCLES, AS WELL AS THE SERVITORS OF THE MONOPOLIES ENTRENCHED AMONG THE TRADE UNION ELITE OF THE AFL-CIO. THESE FORCES COME OUT AGAINST SOVIET-AMERICAN DETENTE, AGAINST DETENTE IN GENERAL. IT IS PRECISELY THEY WHO INSPIRE THE NATO BOSSES TOWARDS THE ARMS RACE, TOWARDS MACHINATIONS AGAINST PORTUGAL AND A NUMBER OF OTHER ACTIONS UNDERMINING PEACE. HAVING LOST ALL SENSE OF REALITY, THESE FORCES HAD UNDERTAKEN A GROSS ATTEMPT AT INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE SOVIET STATE."

THE PAPER RECALLS THAT IN DECEMBER 1974 THE U.S. CONGRESS PASSED A TRADE REFORM BILL WHICH INCLUDED ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE CLAUSES WHICH IN FACT MEANT THE PERPETUATION OF DISCRIMINATORY OBSTACLES IN THE PATH OF DEVELOPING SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE AND ECONOMIC TIES. "IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE SOVIET UNION FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT INTO EFFECT THE SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE AGREEMENT OF 1972. THE SOVIET UNION RECOGNIZES ONLY ONE FOUNDATION ON WHICH SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN GENERAL, AND TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN PARTICULAR, CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY BUILT. IT IS CLEARLY FORMULATED IN THE APPROPRIATE SOVIET-AMERICAN DOCUMENTS: THIS IS COMPLETE EQUALITY OF THE SIDES AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS."

THE IZVESTIYA STRESSES THAT "POLITICAL DETENTE OUGHT TO BE ENHANCED BY RELAXATION IN THE MILITARY FIELD AND BE USED FOR REDUCING ARMAMENTS, FOR THE STRUGGLE FOR DISARMAMENT, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC, TECHNICO-SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL COUNTRIES ON A RECIPROCALLY ADVANTAGEOUS AND EQUAL BASIS, WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION AND INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AT ALL WHATSOEVER."

THE PAPER WRITES THAT THE USSR WILL GO ON SUPPORTING THE PEOPLES OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND OF INDOCHINA. "WE MAINTAIN FIRM FRIENDSHIP WITH MANY THIRD-WORLD COUNTRIES THAT HAVE SHAKEN OFF THE COLONIAL YOKE."

"COOPERATION BETWEEN SOCIALIST AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL GO ON STRENGTHENING IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AND NATIONAL LIBERATION."

"NO PROVOCATIONS BY THE PEKING LEADERS WHO HAVE LINKED UP WITH EXTREME IMPERIALIST REACTION, ARE ABLE TO HINDER THIS FRIENDSHIP, OR THE ENTIRE PROCESS OF DETENTE."

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