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PRAVDA ON SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY, TIES WITH U.S.

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, MAY 17 TASS--CONDUCTING ITS FOREIGN POLICY SET OUT BY THE 24TH CPSU CONGRESS, THE SOVIET UNION PROCEEDS FROM THE CHOICE THAT MANKIND HAS TODAY THE CHOICE OF COOPERATION OR CONFRONTATION, OR RELAXATION OR HEIGHTENING OF TENSION AND, IN THE LONG RUN, THE CHOICE OF THE POLICY OF PEACE OR THE POLICY OF WAR, PRAVDA WRITES TODAY. IN THESE CONDITIONS, THE SOVIET UNION INVARIABLY DECLARES FOR LIQUIDATION OF THE SEATS OF WAR, FOR REBUFFING THE ENCROACHMENTS OF IMPERIALISTS ON FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE PEOPLES, FIRMLY UPHOLDS THE INTERESTS OF THE WORLD SOCIALISM, OF ALL ITS FRIENDS AND ALLIES, OF THE PEOPLES WAGING ANTIIMPERIALIST STRUGGLE.

"LOYAL TO THE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM, OUR PEOPLE SOLIDARISE WITH THE STRUGGLE OF THE HEROIC VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. THE SOVIET PEOPLE GAVE AND WILL CONTINUE GIVING THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE," THE LEADING ARTICLE SAYS. "THE SOVIET UNION TIRELESSLY STRESSES THAT THE ONLY REALISTIC WAY OF SOLVING THE VIETNAM PROBLEM LIES IN RESPECT OF THE RIGHTS OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO DECIDE THEIR DESTINY THEMSELVES, WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE AND PRESSURE FROM THE OUTSIDE. IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SOVIET UNION DEVELOPS AND CONSOLIDATES FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH THE PROGRESSIVE ARAB STATES. IT SUPPORTS THE READINESS FOR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT THAT IS SHOWN BY THE PROGRESSIVE ARAB STATES".

THE SITUATION IN EUROPE OFFERS THE FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO CONVENE SHORTLY A CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, THE ARTICLE SAYS. SUCH PRINCIPLES AS THE UNSWERING OBSERVANCE OF INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS, NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS, EQUALITY, INDEPENDENCE, NON-USE OF FORCE AND RENUNCIATION OF THREATS TO USE FORCE CAN SERVE AS THE CONSTRUCTIVE BASIS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS AMONG THE EUROPEAN STATES.

THE SOVIET UNION DECLARED AND DECLARES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE ASIAN STATES. IT HAS THE PURPOSE TO PROMOTE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE IN ASIA, TO HELP THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES OF THE AREA TO WAGE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ALL THE TYPES OF COLONIALISM. THE SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY IN ASIA PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET UNION CAN BE BASED ON SUCH PRINCIPLES AS NON-USE OF FORCE IN THE RELATIONS AMONG THE STATES, RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND INVIOABILITY OF THE FRONTIERS, NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WIDE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND OTHER COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF COMPLETE EQUALITY AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE.

"THE SOVIET UNION ATTACHES A CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF EQUAL MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES," PRAVDA WRITES. "RELYING ON THE LENINIST PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, IT STRESSES INVARIABLY THAT THE IMPROVEMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IS POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE BUT IT SHOULD BE ACHIEVED NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF SOME THIRD COUNTRIES OR PEOPLES, NOT TO THE DETRIMENT OF THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS".

THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES CONDUCT THE CONSISTENT STRUGGLE FOR LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS AND FOR DISARMAMENT. THE SOVIET PROPOSAL ON CONVENING THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE RECEIVED A WIDE AND FAVOURABLE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE. "AS TO THE SOVIET-AMERICAN CONTACTS IN DISARMAMENT, THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT IN THE TALKS ON STRATEGICAL ARMAMENTS LIMITATION WOULD SUIT THE INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN PEOPLES AND THE INTERESTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY".

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