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1. SUMMARY. SPEAKERS AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN BEIJING ALL HIGHLIGHTED THE PLIGHT OF WOMEN IN TODAY'S WORLD, WHERE THEY ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY THE VICTIMS OF WAR AND CONFLICT AND OTHER FORMS OF VIOLENCE. MOST ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE BURDEN OF RURAL WOMEN, AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION IN HELPING WOMEN TO IMPROVE THEIR DAILY LIVES AND EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES. EACH SPEAKER USED EXAMPLES FROM HER OWN COUNTRY'S RECENT EXPERIENCE IN ATTEMPTING TO BETTER THE DAILY LIVES OF WOMEN. IN A STIRRING AND SOMEWHAT CONTROVERSIAL ADDRESS, PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BENAZIR BHUTTO EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO INVEST IN THE EDUCATION OF WOMEN, AND STRESSED FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE AS AN IMPORTANT WAY TO PROVIDE WOMEN WITH BETTER CHOICES. SHE WAS CRITICAL OF THE CONFERENCE'S PLATFORM OF ACTION, TERMING IT WEAK ON THE ROLE OF TRADITIONAL FAMILY. THE PRIME MINISTER OF BANGLADESH PROPOSED THE CREATION OF A NEW UN POST TO FOCUS ON WOMEN'S AFFAIRS. END SUMMARY.

2. OPENING SPEECH, UNITED NATIONS GENERAL SECRETARY BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI (DELIVERED IN HIS ABSENCE BY DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL ISMAT KITANI): THE SECRETARY GENERAL BEGAN BY HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANT ROLE CHINA WAS PLAYING AS HOST OF THE CONFERENCE, OBSERVING THAT IN AGREEING TO PLAY THIS ROLE, CHINA WAS MAKING CLEAR ITS INTENTION TO PLAY ITS FULL PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. HE STATED HIS VIEW THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD MARK A NEW ERA IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UN, AND THAT WITHOUT THE FULL AND ACTIVE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF CHINA, THE UN COULD NOT ACT AS A TRULY UNIVERSAL FORUM. HE THEN SUMMARIZED THE WORK OF THE UN OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DECADES ON WOMEN'S ISSUES. CALLING THE CONFERENCE HISTORIC AND UNIQUE, BOUTROS-GHALI SOUGHT TO PUT GATHERING IN A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, CITING IT AS PART OF THE FOURTH PHASE OF UN ACTIVITY FOR WOMEN. IN THE FIRST PHASE, THE UN SOUGHT TO BUILD A LEGAL BASIS FOR THE EQUALITY OF WOMEN. DURING THE SECOND PHASE, 1963-1975, WORK FOCUSED ON IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REALITIES OF WOMEN'S DAILY LIVES. THE THIRD PHASE, 1976-1985, ENCOMPASSED THE DECADE FOR WOMEN. THE CURRENT CONFERENCE THEN IS PART OF THE FOURTH PHASE, WHICH INVOLVES A CONTINUUM OF GLOBAL CONFERENCES STARTING WITH COPENHAGEN IN 1980 AND NAIROBI IN 1985. THE REMAINDER OF THE SPEECH FEATURED THE CONFERENCE THEMES OF EQUALITY, AND PEACE, AND A CALL TO ACTION.

3. PAKISTAN: PRIME MINISTER BENAZIR BHUTTO. IN A STIRRING AND CONTROVERSIAL ADDRESS FOCUSING ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN ISLAMIC SOCIETIES, BHUTTO BEGAN BY DECLARING THAT SHE HAD COME TO THE CONFERENCE NOT ONLY AS A PRIME MINISTER, BUT ALSO AS A WOMAN AND A MOTHER, PROUD OF HER CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS HERITAGE. SHE WAS A PAINS TO COUNTER WHAT SHE FEELS PROPAGANDA THAT HOLDS THAT ISLAM ASSIGNS WOMEN SECOND CLASS STATUS. IN REFUTING THIS POSITION, SHE POINTED TO THE THREE PRIME MINISTERS SERVING IN MUSLIM COUNTRIES, SAYING THAT THEIR ELECTION HAS DESTROYED THE MYTH BUILT BY SOCIAL TABOO THAT A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE HOUSE, AND THAT IT IS SHAMEFUL OR DISHONORABLE OR SOCIALLY UNACCEPTABLE FOR A MUSLIM WOMAN TO WORK. SHE STRESSED THE NEED TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN ISLAMIC TEACHINGS AND SOCIAL TABOOS SPUN BY THE TRADITIONS OF A PATRIARCHAL SOCIETY. IN DOING TH IS SHE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT ISLAM FORBIDS INJUSTICE SHUNNING RACE, COLOR, AND GENDER AS A BASIS FOR DISTINCTION. BHUTTO THEN TURNED TO THE TOPIC OF FEMALE INFANTICIDE, A PRACTICE SHE NOTED HAD BEEN DONE AWAY WITH IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD. SHE CITED STATISTICS SHOWING THAT MEN NOW INCREASINGLY OUTNUMBER WOMEN IN MORE THAN 15 ASIAN NATIONS. SHE POINTED TO PAKISTAN'S RECENT PROMOTION OF A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

4. SHE CONDEMNED THE DOWRY SYSTEM AS A SOCIAL ILL, AND CALLED FOR GREATER AWARENESS OF VIOLENCE COMMITTED AGAINST WOMEN AS A RESULT OF THIS PRACTICE. BHUTTO

HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION FOR OPENING UP EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN, AND NOTED HER FIRM CONVICTION THAT A WOMAN CANNOT ULTIMATELY CONTROL HER OWN LIFE AND MAKE HER OWN CHOICES UNLESS SHE HAS FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE. SHE MENTIONED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WOMENS BANK IN PAKISTAN AS AIDING THIS EFFORT IN HER OWN UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 BEIJING 039257

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COUNTRY. SHE EXPRESSED HER CONVICTION ONLY BY INVESTING IN WOMEN THROUGH PROVIDING EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO CONQUER POVERTY, SQUALOR, ILLITERACY, AND SUPERSTITION.

5. AFTER NOTING THAT PAKISTAN WAS SATISFIED THAT THE DRAFT PLATFORM FOR ACTION OF THE CONFERENCE NEGOTIATED SO FAR WAS FOCUSING ON THE CRITICAL AREAS OF CONCERN FOR WOMEN AND OUTLINES AN ACTION-ORIENTED STRATEGY FOR THE SOLUTION OF THEIR PROBLEMS, SHE STATED THAT THE PLATFORM WAS "DISTURBINGLY WEAK ON THE ROLE OF THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY." SHE CLAIMED THIS WEAKNESS COULD LEAD TO MISINTERPRETATION, AND EVEN DISTORTION BY OPPONENTS OF THE WOMEN'S AGENDA. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT DESPITE THE PROGRESS SHE HAD SEEN OVER THE PAST DECADES IN THE WORLD'S RECOGNITION OF WOMEN'S ISSUES, THE CURRENT SITUATION, WHERE THERE HAS BEEN A PROLIFERATION OF REGIONAL TENSIONS AND CONFLICTS, HAS RESULT IN WOMEN AND GIRLS BEING SUBJECTED TO VIOLENCE AND ABUSE. SHE DECRIED THE USE OF RAPE AND ETHNIC CLEANSING, CITING KASHMIR AND BOSNIA AS EXAMPLES OF ATROCITIES THAT HAVE SHAKEN THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD. SHE CLOSED BY OUTLINING HER HOPES FOR A WORLD FREE FROM EXPLOITATION AND MALTREATMENT OF WOMEN, A WORLD WHERE WOMEN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF POLITICS, BUSINESS, AND OTHER SPHERES OF LIFE.

6. ICELAND: PRESIDENT VIGDIS FINNBOGADOTTIR. PRESIDENT FINNBOGADOTTIR NOTED THAT WOMEN'S RIGHTS HAVE CEASED TO BE A PERIPHERAL, "PROGRESSIVE" CAUSE, BUT HAVE INSTEAD ACQUIRED A UNIVERSALITY. SHE CREDITED THIS CHANGE IN PART TO THE WORK OF GLOBAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE UN, BUT CAUTIONED AGAINST TOO MUCH SELF-CONGRATULATION, NOTING THAT THE NUMBER OF WOMEN NOW LIVING IN POVERTY HAS INCREASED DISPROPORTIONATELY TO MEN. SHE POINTED OUT THAT TWO-THIRDS OF THE WORLD'S ILLITERATE ADULTS ARE WOMEN, AND WOMEN CONSTITUTE THE MAJORITY OF REFUGEES AND VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE. SHE PRAISED THE UN FOR BREAKING FREE FROM A NARROW CONCEPTION OF SECURITY, LARGELY MEASURED IN MILITARY TERMS AND CHARTING A NEW PATH TO PEACE, BASED ON THE RECOGNITION THAT THE SECURITY OF INDIVIDUALS IS IN THE LONG RUN CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE SECURITY OF STATES.

7. BANGLADESH: PRIME MINISTER BEGUN KHALEDA ZIA. ZIA'S SPEECH HIGHLIGHTED THE EXPERIENCE OF BANGLADESH IN IMPROVING THE STATUS OF WOMEN. SHE NOTED THAT HER COUNTRY HAD ESTABLISHED A MINISTRY OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS, AND THAT GOVERNMENT POLICY WAS DIRECTED TOWARDS MAINSTREAMING WOMEN IN THE COUNTRY'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. IN BANGLADESH, 10 PERCENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SEATS ARE RESERVED FOR WOMEN, AND THERE ARE QUOTAS FOR WOMEN AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. SHE OBSERVED THAT EDUCATION FOR GIRLS IS STRESSED AND MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN PROVIDING WOMEN WITH BETTER HEALTH CARE SERVICES. FEMALE EMPLOYMENT IS ON THE RISE, BOTH IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS. SHE STRESSED THAT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD HAVE BEEN SUPPLEMENTED BY PRIVATE AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL INITIATIVES. WHILE NOTING THAT THE PLATFORM OF ACTION ADOPTED IN BEIJING WILL HAVE A FAR-REACHING IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF WOMEN FOR SOME TIME TO COME, THE PRIME MINISTER EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR FOLLOWUP, AND PROPOSED THAT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CREATE A NEW POST OF DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL IN CHARGE OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS. SHE ALSO SUGGESTED THE CREATION OF A HIGH-LEVEL UN COMMISSION MADE UP ENTIRELY OF EMINENT WOMEN TO PUT FORWARD SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN.

8. UGANDA: VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF GENDER AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DR. SPECIOSA WANDIRA KAZIBWE. DR. KAZIBWE WELCOMED THE MOMENTUM GAINED IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN'S ISSUES FOLLOWING THE PREVIOUS WOMEN'S CONFERENCES, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE PRACTICAL AND SYSTEMATIC IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE'S PLAN OF ACTION. DR. KAZIBWE EXPLAINED THAT THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA'S CURRENT DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS INCLUDED AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICIES WHICH HAD YIELDED SIX WOMEN MINISTERS AND FIVE WOMEN MEMBERS OF HER COUNTRY'S HIGH COURT, AS WELL AS A 30 PERCENT MINIMUM GUARANTEED REPRESENTATION FOR WOMEN IN ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS. DR. KAZIBWE STRESSED THAT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION -- BASED ON HISTORIC INEQUALITY-- AND UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 BEIJING 039257

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ACCOMPANYING ENFORCEMENT MEASURES ARE INTEGRAL TO HER COUNTRY'S NEWLY DRAFTED NATIONAL CONSTITUTION. FULL AND EQUAL DIGNITY OF PERSON ARE ALSO GUARANTEED. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN UGANDA HAS PRODUCED A 33 PERCENT REPRESENTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL, AND 50 PERCENT FOR WOMEN AT THE AGRICULTURAL COLLECT -- BASED ON PERSONAL INTERVENTION BY HER COLLEAGUE THE FEMALE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. DR. KAZIBWE HOPED THESE AND SIMILAR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICIES WOULD HASTEN REALIZATION OF THE "CRITICAL MASS"

OF EMPOWERED WOMEN AFTER WHICH WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENT WOULD BE COMMONPLACE RATHER THAN LEFT TO THE "FEW WHO MAKE HISTORY." DR. KAZIBWE LAUDED HER COUNTRY'S NEW LAW ON RAPE AND DEFILEMENT. REFERRING TO THE STUDY OF MARTIAL ARTS, SHE NOTED WRYLY THAT SHE MAY ALSO HAVE DISCOVERED ANOTHER SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF RAPE. "PREVENTION IS MORE EFFECTIVE THAN A CURE," SHE OBSERVED. DR. KAZIBWE ADVOCATED MORE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN, CALLING FOR MORE NATIONAL RESOURCES, NOT MORE MICROPROJECTS. SHE LAUDED UGANDA'S PRESIDENT AS A "GENDER SENSITIVE" MAN. SHE SUGGESTED THAT IF MORE WOMEN VOTED WITH GENDER SENSITIVITY, SHE WOULD NOT HAVE TO BEG BUTROS GHALI FOR MORE POSITION FOR WOMEN AND WOMEN'S PROGRAMS IN THE UN BECAUSE THE RESULTING MORE WOMEN HEADS OF STATE WOULD USE THEIR POWER TO STOP THE BEGGING.

9. VIETNAM: VICE PRESIDENT MADAME NGUYEN THI BINH. MADAME BINH, NOTING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATED WOMEN'S ISSUES WITH THE SEARCH FOR WORLD PEACE. SHE SAID THE WOMEN OF VIETNAM TRULY KNOW THE PRICE IMPOSED BY ARMED CONFLICT. SHE NOTED THAT DERIVED IN PART FROM THE SUFFERING OF WAR, THE WOMEN OF VIETNAM HAD BECOME NOTED FOR TWO QUALITIES -- ENDURANCE AND INITIATIVE. IN VIETNAM WOMEN HAD BECOME ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE NATIONAL STRUGGLE AGAINST POVERTY AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE NATIONAL REFORM. SHE NOTED FROM HER OWN EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING MINISTER OF EDUCATION, THE COMPELLING NEED TO BETTER EDUCATE WOMEN. SHE LISTED EDUCATION AS PREREQUISITE TO ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT.
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- 1. FORMER YUGOSLAVIA
2. BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

PAGE ONE STORIES

- 1. KASHMIR HOSTAGES ISSUE--ABDUCTORS SNAP TALKS WITH

GOVT.; CAR-BOMB EXPLOSION KILLS 12 PEOPLE IN SRINAGAR:
-- THE HINDUSTAN TIMES LEAD STORY ON SEPTEMBER 4 SAID THE AL- FARAN MILITANTS, WHO HAVE BEEN HOLDING FOUR FOREIGN TOURISTS CAPTIVE FOR OVER TWO MONTHS, HAVE BROKEN OFF TALKS WITH THE GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATOR. THE PAPER REPORTED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ABDUCTORS ABRUPTLY ENDED THE RADIO CONVERSATION ON SUNDAY MORNING EVEN AS OFFICIALS KEPT PLEADING WITH THEM TO "LISTEN TO US." REPORTS SAID CONCERN OVER THE SAFETY OF THE HOSTAGES HAS RISEN FURTHER WITH THE ABDUCTORS REFUSING TO ANSWER ANY RADIO CALLS. THE GOVERNMENT IS MAKING DESPERATE EFFORTS TO RESUME CONTACT.

-- MEANWHILE, PAPERS TODAY LED WITH SRINAGAR REPORTS STATING THAT AT LEAST 12 PEOPLE, EIGHT OF THEM SOLDIERS, WERE KILLED AND 15 OTHERS CRITICALLY WOUNDED WHEN A CAR BOMB TRIGGERED BY A REMOTE CONTROL DEVICE EXPLODED ON THE HIGH-SECURITY RESIDENCY ROAD IN THE HEART OF THE CITY ON MONDAY AFTERNOON. REPORTS SAID A GRENADE EXPLOSION PRECEDED THE BOMB BLAST. THE PRO-PAKISTAN MILITANT OUTFIT, HIZB-UL-MUJAHIDEEN, HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS OFFENSIVE TARGETING THE INDIAN SECURITY FORCES.

2. HUMAN BOMB KILLED PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER:

-- STORIES ON THE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER BEANT SINGH ON AUGUST 31 DOMINATED PAGE ONE COVERAGE IN ALL NATIONAL DAILIES OVER THE EXTENDED WEEKEND. PAPERS TODAY HIGHLIGHTED PUNJAB POLICE CHIEF K.P.S. GILL'S CLAIM THAT A "HUMAN BOMB" WAS USED IN THE ASSASSINATION, BUT CLARIFIED THAT NO SECURITYMEN, CHIEF MINISTER'S STAFF OR ANY KNOWN REGULAR VISITOR HAD ACTED AS THE BOMB. STATING THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE HUMAN BOMB IS LIKELY TO BE KNOWN ONLY AFTER THE DNA TEST OF ONE OF THE BODIES FOUND AT THE EXPLOSION SITE WAS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS, GILL SAID A MIXTURE OF GELATINE AND ALUMINIUM WAS USED AS THE EXPLOSIVE WHICH WAS TRIGGERED EITHER BY THE HUMAN BOMB HIMSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE USING A REMOTE CONTROL DEVICE. BEANT SINGH WAS KILLED ALONG WITH 12 OTHERS IN A POWERFUL BOMB BLAST AS HE ENTERED HIS OFFICIAL BULLET-PROOF CAR OUTSIDE THE HIGH-SECURITY PUNJAB AND HARYANA SECRETARIAT ON THURSDAY EVENING.

3. BENAZIR RAISES KASHMIR ISSUE AT BEIJING:

-- ALL MAJOR DAILIES REPORTED FROM BEIJING THAT THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN GOT OFF TO A COLORFUL START. THE HINDUSTAN TIMES AND THE TIMES OF INDIA REPORTED THAT IN KEEPING WITH PAKISTAN'S POLICY OF INTERNATIONALIZING THE KASHMIR ISSUE, PRIME MINISTER BENAZIR BHUTTO URGED THE GATHERING TO INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO "SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE TERRITORIES STILL UNDER FOREIGN OCCUPATION AND ALIEN DOMINATION" IN THE PLATFORM OF ACTION TO BE RATIFIED BY UN MEMBER STATES. BENAZIR SAID: "THE USE OF RAPE AS A WEAPON OF WAR AND AN INSTRUMENT OF 'ETHNIC CLEANSING' IS AS DEPRAVED AS IT IS

REPREHENSIBLE. THE UNFOLDING OF THIS SAGA IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING JAMMU AND KASHMIR AND BOSNIA, HAS SHAKEN THE CONSCIENCE OF THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY."

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SUMMARY:

EDITORIALS IN THREE MAJOR NATIONAL DAILIES WELCOMED THE NEW WESTERN RESOLVE IN DEALING WITH THE DEFIANT SERBS, WITH THE INDIAN EXPRESS CONCLUDING THAT THE NATO RAIDS SHOULD NOT BE AN END IN THEMSELVES; THEY SHOULD BE A PROLOGUE TO PEACE AND THE IDEA OF A MULTI-ETHNIC BOSNIA. THE PIONEER OBSERVED THAT AFTER OVER THREE YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC DITHERING, PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS COME UP WITH A "BALKAN POLICY WITH SPINE."

BLOCK QUOTES:

--"BEYOND THE BOMBING," EDITORIAL IN SEPTEMBER 5 THE INDIAN EXPRESS:

"THE NATO BOMBARDMENT OF THE SERBIAN TARGETS IN BOSNIA HAS BROUGHT THE BALKAN CRISIS TO A DEFINING MOMENT. THE INTENSITY OF THE ATTACK...MARKS A NEW WESTERN RESOLUTION IN DEALING WITH THE DEFIANT SERBS. IT HAS ALSO CHANGED THE BATTLEFIELD REALITY WITH THE NATO EMERGING AS A MAJOR PARTICIPANT IN THE WAR AGAINST THE NOW SEEMINGLY VULNERABLE SERBS.... AN INTENSIFICATION OF THE COMBAT...HARDLY ENSURES A REWARDING FUTURE FOR THE BOSNIAN SERBS.... THE AMERICAN SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY HAS ALREADY RESULTED IN AN ENCOURAGING RESPONSE FROM THE BALKAN PROTAGONISTS.... THIS IS THE MOMENT FOR GETTING THE BEST OUT OF THE SERBS WHO HAVE ALL ALONG BEEN REFUSING TO FOREGO THE CONQUERED BOSNIAN TERRITORIES.... THE NATO RAIDS SHOULD NOT BE AN END IN THEMSELVES; THEY SHOULD BE A PROLOGUE TO PEACE AND THE IDEA OF A MULTI-ETHNIC BOSNIA."

--"DISPROPORTIONATE FORCE," EDITORIAL IN SEPTEMBER 2, THE TIMES OF INDIA:

"IT WOULD...APPEAR THAT THE NATO OPERATION IS NOT MERELY IN THE NATURE OF APPROPRIATE RETRIBUTION FOR THE UNJUSTIFIED AND WHOLLY CONDEMNABLE BOSNIAN SERB VIOLENCE.... IT IS TOO EARLY TO ASSESS HOW ACCURATE THE BOMBING HAS BEEN AND HOW MUCH COLLATERAL AND CIVILIAN DAMAGE HAS BEEN INFLICTED.... IT IS IRONIC THAT THE MASSIVE NATO AIR STRIKES HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED AT A TIME WHEN THE BOSNIAN SERBS HAVE WELCOMED THE AMERICAN PEACE INITIATIVE. THE NATO JUSTIFICATION IS THAT FORCE IS NECESSARY TO BRING THE BOSNIAN SERBS TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT A SIMILAR ARGUMENT IN THE CASE OF THE RUSSIAN BOMBING OF CHECHNYA....

"THE ISSUE IS NOT MERELY IF THE BOSNIAN SERBS DESERVED THE PUNISHMENT BUT WHETHER IT WILL ADVANCE PEACE AND END HOSTILITIES IN THE BALKANS.... PART OF THE VISCERAL HATRED OF THE SERBS FOR CROATS AND MUSLIMS IS ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR MEMORIES OF THE LATTER'S COLLABORATION WITH THE GERMANS DURING WORLD WAR II. NATO'S USE OF AIR POWER IN SUPPORT OF MUSLIMS CAN ONLY PERPETUATE THE DIVIDE. NATO CANNOT STAND GUARD OVER BOSNIA FOREVER. IF THERE IS A LESSON IN THESE DEVELOPMENTS IT IS THE ABYSMAL FAILURE OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AS A PEACE-MAKER AND THE NEED FOR NATIONS TO HAVE ADEQUATE CAPABILITY TO DEFEND THEMSELVES IN THE EVENT THAT THE UN IS UNABLE TO ENFORCE COLLECTIVE SECURITY."

--"MOVEMENT IN THE BALKANS," EDITORIAL IN SEPTEMBER 4, THE PIONEER:

"AFTER OVER THREE YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC DITHERING...PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS COME UP WITH A BALKAN POLICY WITH SPINE. THE MUSCULAR ENFORCEMENT OF THIS POLICY...WAS DESIGNED BOTH TO DETER MINDLESS SERB VIOLENCE OF THE KIND THAT TOOK UPWARD OF 30 LIVES, AND TO GUIDE THEM FIRMLY TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.... THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN HEARTENING. THE SERBS ARE SUDDENLY EAGER TO TALK, AND WHAT IS MORE.... PRESIDENT...MILOSEVIC HAS CONSENTED TO BE PART OF THE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 NEW DELHI 011500

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PROCESS OF RESOLUTION.... IT WAS THE POLITICS OF CYNICISM THAT KEPT THE EUROPEAN POWERS FROM BACKING

THEIR WORDS WITH ACTIONS.... CLINTON HAS RESORTED TO THIS GAMBLE OF INVOLVING THE NATO PARTLY TO HEAD OFF THE PROPOSED MOVE IN THE CONGRESS TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST THE BOSNIAN MUSLIMS.... IF THE POLICY OF LIFT AND STRIKE IS PAYING OFF, IT IS WORTH WONDERING IF THIS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN HASTENED BY A COUPLE OF YEARS, FOR THAT WOULD HAVE SAVED A LOT OF LIVES THAT HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE MEANWHILE."

2. BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

SUMMARY:

AN EDITORIAL IN THE BUSINESS STANDARD CAUTIONED AGAINST THE BEIJING CONFERENCE BECOMING HOSTAGE TO EXTRANEIOUS ISSUES--SUCH AS THE U.S.-CHINA RELATIONSHIP--AND FRINGE GROUPS. AN NGO ACTIVIST PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE COMMENTED IN THE HINDUSTAN TIMES THAT SHE WAS GOING TO BEIJING WITH MIXED FEELINGS, BUT LOOKS FORWARD TO IT AS IT GIVES AN OPPORTUNITY TO FLOOR KEY AND CRITICAL ISSUES CONCERNING WOMEN GLOBALLY. ASSERTING THAT THE BEIJING MEETING PROVIDES THE LAST CHANCE IN THIS CENTURY TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON ISSUES CRUCIAL TO WOMEN, THE INDIAN EXPRESS' MAGAZINE EDITOR HOPED THAT COMPROMISES WILL NOT UNDERMINE THE VERY FOUNDATION ON WHICH SOCIAL AND GENDER JUSTICE IS PREMISED.

BLOCK QUOTES:

--"THE THING ABOUT BEIJING," EDITORIAL IN SEPTEMBER 4, BUSINESS STANDARD:

"THE REAL QUESTION ABOUT THE FOURTH UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE...HAS BEEN CLOUDED BY SUNDRY DISTRACTIONS. IT IS: WHAT WILL A UN-SPONSORED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ACCOMPLISH? ITS AIM IS TO PUT WOMEN ON THE WORLD'S AGENDA. ARGUABLY, THEY ARE ALREADY THERE. BUT CONCENTRATING MINDS CAN'T HURT.... THEY HAVE BEEN LEFT TOO BREATHLESS BY THE EXCITEMENT THAT HAS ABOUNDED IN THE RUN-UP. AT THE OUTSET THERE WAS A DEBATE ABOUT WHETHER CHINA, SEEN AS A TERRIBLE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR BY THE WEST, WAS A FIT HOST. THE CHINESE THEN ADDED TO THE HEAT BY RELEGATING A COINCIDING WOMEN NGO'S CONFERENCE TO A TOWN SAFE MILES AWAY FROM BEIJING; BY DENYING VISAS TO POLITICALLY INCORRECT COUNTRIES...AND BY NAMING ONE SPECIFIC SITE FOR DEMONSTRATIONS WOMEN NGOS MAY DECIDE TO STAGE....

"BEFORE THAT WENT THE HARRY WU SAGA, WHICH PROVED A HEAVEN- SENT OPPORTUNITY FOR A HAPPY DENOUEMENT FOR AMERICA AND CHINA: A CHANCE TO MEND A RELATIONSHIP IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. ...FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON CAN NOW GRACE BEIJING WITH HER PRESENCE, LESS AS A SPOKESMEN FOR WOMEN THAN AS A SIGNAL THAT THE U.S.-CHINA RELATIONSHIP MAY HAVE TROUGHED OUT. ALL THAT IS VERY WELL. BUT THE

REAL WORRY SHOULD BE THAT THE CONFERENCE HAS NO REAL, CLEAR AGENDA AND THAT, IF IT DID, MIGHT HAVE TROUBLE ACHIEVING IT. SIMILAR RECENT CONFERENCES HAVE NOT DELIVERED....

"THE POINT IS...SUCH CONFERENCES ARE HARD TO FOCUS.... GENUINE WORK...WON'T GET DONE IN BEIJING OR COPENHAGEN OR CAIRO. AT LEAST FROM THE POORER HALF OF THE WORLD, WOMEN WHO DO REAL MEANINGFUL WORK AMONG OTHER WOMEN WILL PROBABLY NOT HAVE THE LUXURY OF EVEN VISITING. THAT IS OFTEN THE PRESERVE OF ARTICULATE GROUPS WITH PROMINENT PROFILES. NOT JUST THAT, SUCH CONFERENCES HAVE A WAY OF BECOMING HOSTAGE TO EXTRANEIOUS ISSUES-- IN THIS CASE, THE U.S.-CHINA RELATIONSHIP--AND FRINGE GROUPS.... IF, IN THE END, THE CONFERENCE CAN BOAST ANY REAL ACHIEVEMENTS-- OTHER THAN POINTS SCORED BY GOVERNMENTS AND AN INVIGORATING TIME FOR DELEGATES--THIS NEWSPAPER, FOR ONE, WILL BE PLEASANTLY UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 05 NEW DELHI 011500

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SURPRISED."

--"TO BEIJING WITH MIXED HOPES," ANALYSIS IN SEPTEMBER 3, THE HINDUSTAN TIMES BY NEELAM GORHE AN ACTIVIST WORKING IN THE FIELD OF WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FOR THE LAST 17 YEARS ON THE NGO ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE BEIJING CONFERENCE:

"IT IS EXTREMELY INTERESTING TO SEE HOW WE HAVE EVOLVED IN THE LAST 20 YEARS. IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THE VERY MINDSET OF WOMEN)HAS UNDERGONE A CHANGE ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO PINPOINT THE REASONS.... THE SHIFT IS SUBTLE BUT CERTAIN.... THE ISSUES, IN FACT, HAVE NOT LOST THEIR RELEVANCE AT ALL ON THE CONTRARY, THEY HAVE BECOME MORE COMPLEX AND ACUTE.... EVEN IF WOMEN ARE TODAY SPEAKING UP ON ISSUES SUCH AS ALCOHOLISM, THEY ARE MARGINALIZED WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING. THIS MARGINALIZATION FROM MAINSTREAM SOCIETAL PROCESSES STEMS FROM CERTAIN KINDS OF SYSTEMATIC ISSUES--FOR EXAMPLE, A LAG IN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN VARIOUS SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE MEDIA, GOVERNMENT, BUREAUCRACY AND EVEN THE JUDICIARY....

"THE LARGER QUESTION...IS HOW QUALITATIVE CHANGES

CAN BE INDUCED IN THE LIVES OF WOMEN EVERYWHERE. CAN THIS BE DONE THROUGH GLOBAL CONFERENCE? AND IF SO, HOW? IN MY VIEW, ONE NEEDS TO ENSURE TWO TYPES OF PROCESSES: ONE IS TO LISTEN TO WOMEN AT THE GRASSROOTS, WOMEN WHOSE VOICE IS GENERALLY SILENCED.... THERE WAS A CLEAR LACK OF POLITICAL WILL IN GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS, EVIDENT TO A CERTAIN EXTEND, EVEN AT THE TOP POLICY LEVEL.... THE SECOND--WHOSE MECHANISM IS YET UNCLEAR, PARTICULARLY IN INDIA--IS TO FEED INTO THE POLICY FORMULATIONS IN THE POST-BEIJING PERIOD....

"I AM GOING TO BEIJING WITH MIXED FEELINGS. I LOOK FORWARD TO IT AS IT GIVE OPPORTUNITY TO FLOOR KEY AND CRITICAL ISSUES CONCERNING WOMEN GLOBALLY, AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK UP FOR THE MOST OPPRESSED WOMEN IN SOCIETY; BUT I AM SLIGHTLY UNSURE ABOUT HOW FAR THIS WILL ACTUALLY CHANGE THE LIVES OF THOSE WOMEN ON WHOSE BEHALF I AM TRAVELLING THERE. THE STRUGGLE TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE IN THEIR LIVES IN GOING TO BE A LONG ONE. NEVERTHELESS, WE GO TO THIS CONFERENCE TO COLLECT STRENGTH FROM SUCCESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF OTHERS AND OUR OWN."

--"THE CHANCE IN BEIJING," EDIT-PAGE ANALYSIS IN SEPTEMBER 2 THE INDIAN EXPRESS BY STAFFER PAMELA PHILIPOSE:

"WHEN AN ESTIMATED 30,000 WOMEN GATHER AT BEIJING FOR THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, IT IS YET ANOTHER ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF WHAT HAS BECOME THE COMMON SENSE OF OUR TIMES.... THE BEIJING PROCESS...SUFFERS FROM THREE MAJOR FLAWS. FIRST, NEVER DOES IT SERIOUSLY QUESTION THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE PATTERNS AND MONEY FLOWS IN IMPOVERISHING NATIONS. THE DRAFT PLATFORM FOR ACTION, WHICH THE MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL SIGN AND FINALIZE IN BEIJING, TAKES THE FREE MARKET AS A GIVEN AND INDEED AS A SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEMS FACING WOMEN.... SECOND, THE WRIT OF THE POWERFUL NATIONS OF THE WORLD RUN LARGE. THE BRACKETED AREAS IN THE BEIJING DOCUMENT INDICATE THE DECISIVENESS WITH WHICH THE WEST HAS PUT ITS STAMP ON THE NEGOTIATIONS. ANY CRITICISM OF STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT POLICIES HAS BEEN PROMPTLY OBJECTED TO BY THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE U.S....

"A NEW INTRANSIGENCE IN THE WEST'S ATTITUDE IS EVIDENT IN THE BEIJING PROCESS. IT HAS THUS FAR CONSISTENTLY BLOCKED ANY CALL TO CANCEL OR SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE DEBT BURDEN OF POORER NATIONS OR COMMIT ITSELF TO INCREASES IN RESOURCES ALLOCATED FOR THE ELIMINATION OF POVERTY. SURPRISINGLY, THE WORDS 'SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT'-- A TRIED AND TESTED UN PHRASE--SUDDENLY SEEM TO HAVE BECOME SUSPECT IN THE EYES OF THE WEST.... UN NEGOTIATIONS ARE ALL ABOUT THE FINE UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 NEW DELHI 011500

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SOCIAL AND GENDER JUSTICE IS PREMISED, THEN THERE IS
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SHOULD THIS HAPPEN IN BEIJING. BECAUSE IT IS THE LAST
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B. BOSNIA: NATO AIR STRIKES

ON SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY, EDITORIALS DEAL WITH THE PROSPECT FOR SUCCESSFUL PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE WAR IN THE BALKANS. THE WRITERS ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE MISSION OF U.S. MEDIATOR RICHARD HOLBROOKE SINCE THE CURRENT U.S. PARTITION PLAN WILL MAKE THE MUSLIMS THE LOSERS IN THIS GAME (SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG), WHILE DIE WELT THINKS THAT THE U.S. INITIATIVE COULD ONLY LEAD TO A RATHER BUT NOT TO PERMANENT PEACE IN THE BALKANS IF IT DOES NOT 'PREVENT A GREATER SERBIA.'

1. WERNER ADAM NOTES IN A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN SATURDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"TOUGHNESS PROVES EFFECTIVE."

"AFTER FIVE HUNDRED NATO SORTIES AGAINST POSITIONS OF THE BOSNIAN SERBS, THEIR LEADER KARADZIC...IS SPEAKING WITH THE TONGUES OF ANGELS AND SAYING THAT PEACE IS WITHIN REACH. WITHOUT ANY CYNICISM WE CAN CONCLUDE FROM THIS MESSAGE THAT THE OLD PHRASE IS STILL TRUE THAT THE USE OF FORCE CAN STILL PAY. BUT IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE TOO EARLY TO SPEAK OF A POSITIVE TURNABOUT OF EVENTS IN THE BALKAN MAZE. HOWEVER, WITH DUE SKEPTICISM IT IS, NEVERTHELESS, A POSITIVE SIGN THAT THE PALE SERBS HAVE SUBORDINATED TO THE BELGRADE SERBS AND THAT THE LEADERSHIP IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IS CLEARLY IN THE HANDS OF SERBIA'S PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC.

"THIS MEANS THAT THE WEST, THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE HOLBROOKE, HAS TO DEAL WITH A POLITICIAN, WHO, FOR A LONG TIME, WAS THE REAL WIRE PULLER AND WAR LORD, BUT IS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS THE NECESSARY ASSERTIVENESS TO IMPLEMENT PEACE AGREEMENTS. IN COMPARISON WITH KARADZIC AND HIS MARAUDING SOLDIERS, MILOSEVIC IS ALSO MORE PREDICTABLE AND THUS MORE RELIABLE AS CHIEF NEGOTIATOR, BECAUSE HE REALIZED A WHILE AGO THAT HIS GREATER SERBIAN STRIVING FOR POWER WOULD BE TOO MUCH MILITARILY AND ECONOMICALLY. AT LEAST THE PARTITION PLAN...NOW HAS A REAL CHANCE OF BEING IMPLEMENTED.... UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 14 BONN GE 18059

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BUT WHATEVER HAPPENS IN THE COMING DAYS AND WEEKS, FIVE HUNDRED NATO SORTIES HAVE FINALLY RESULTED IN POLITICAL MOVEMENT IN THE WAR IN THE BALKANS."

2. JENS SCHNEIDER ANALYSES THE SITUATION IN SATURDAY'S CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"BOSNIA - THE DISAGREEABLE PART IS YET TO COME."

"THOSE WHO BOMB POSITIONS ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY FOR THE THINGS THEIR JETS ARE CAUSING. WITH ITS ATTACKS ON THE BOSNIAN SERBS, THE ALLIANCE HAS VIGOROUSLY INTERVENED IN THE CONFLICT THAT IT IS NOW OBLIGED (TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS). THE EUROPEANS AND THE LEADING AMERICANS SHOULD NOT NOW WITHDRAW IF THE PLANNED EFFECT DOES NOT HAPPEN. THE ATTACKS WILL ONLY OFFER A CHANCE FOR PEACE IF THEY SERVE A CLEARLY DEFINED AIM.... THE BOMBARDMENTS MAY HAVE BEEN AN EASY TASK, BUT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL TURN INTO A DIFFICULT OBSTACLE RACE....

"ONLY THE STAMINA OF THE MEDIATORS WILL SET THE PEACE PLAN ON THE RIGHT TRACK. AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE RICHARD HOLBROOKE MUST KEEP IN MIND THAT HE CAN HARDLY COUNT ON THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AFTER (A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS),

SINCE IT WOULD BE A DISGRACEFUL PEACE. THE VICTIMS OF THE PAST THREE YEARS WOULD ALSO BE THE LOSERS EVEN IN TIMES OF PEACE, AND THE GREATEST LOSER WOULD BE BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA.... THE 'ETHNIC CLEANSERS' WOULD HAVE WON. OFFICIALLY (THE MEDIATORS) ARE THINKING OF KEEPING TOGETHER ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY - INCLUDING THE SERBIAN ONE - UNDER A BOSNIAN ROOF, BUT THIS, LIKE THE PROMISE TO LET THE REFUGEES RETURN, IS BALM TO THE BAD CONSCIENCE: THE BOSNIAN SERBS WOULD LEAN TO BELGRADE AND SIMPLY IGNORE THE BOSNIAN INSTITUTIONS....

"THE MUSLIMS AND THE CROATS ARE EYEING EACH OTHER WITH GREAT SUSPICION, AND THEY KNOW THAT THE OTHER SIDE WILL ONLY COOPERATE AS LONG AS THEY CAN BENEFIT FROM IT. TODAY, THE POLITICAL STRUCTURES OF THE FEDERATION BETWEEN THE MUSLIMS AND CROATS EXIST ONLY ON PAPER, SINCE THE CROATS CONTINUE TO STICK TO THEIR ETHNICALLY CLEAN HERZEG-BOSNA.... THIS BRINGS US TO THE NEXT LOSERS: IT WILL BE THE MUSLIMS. IN A UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 14 BONN GE 18059

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SERBIAN CONTROLLED PART, THERE WILL HARDLY BE ANY MUSLIMS, WITHIN THE FEDERATION WITH CROATIA AND THE BOSNIAN CROATS, THEY WOULD NOT EVEN HAVE THE STATUS OF A JUNIOR PARTNER.... THUS THE BOSNIAN MUSLIMS WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THE CENTRAL BOSNIAN RUMP STATE - ENCIRCLED BY THE TWO OTHERS - A RESERVATION WITH LITTLE CHANCES OF SURVIVING."

3. ERICH RATHFELDER SAID IN AN EDITORIAL IN LEFT-OF-CENTER DIE TAGESZEITUNG OF BERLIN UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"PLANS REVEALED."

"NOW SERBIA'S PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC CAN NEGOTIATE ON BEHALF OF THE BOSNIAN SERBS.... THIS MEANS THAT MILOSEVIC IS NOW CLEARLY CONFESSING HIS DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR IN BOSNIA, SOMETHING HE ALWAYS DENIED BEFORE.... NOW, EVERYTHING IS CLEAR. HE WILL ALSO NEGOTIATE FOR THE BOSNIAN SERBS. AND THIS IS

SOMETHING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY UNANIMOUSLY WELCOMES.

"IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT THE BOSNIAN SERBS CANNOT MAKE A STATE WITH KARADZIC AND MLADIC.... THE POLITICAL AND MORAL COLLAPSE OF THE BOSNIAN SERBS IS COMPLETE. WE COULD NOW THINK THAT TOGETHER WITH KARADZIC AND MLADIC, THE EXTREME RIGHT WING CONCEPT OF ETHNIC DIVISION OF THE PEOPLE IN BOSNIA CRASHED, BUT THIS CONCEPT CONTINUES TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

"THE PARTITION PLAN FOR BOSNIA IS NOTHING BUT THE SALVAGE OF THIS CONCEPT. EVEN THOUGH, IN THE U.S. VIEW, THE BOSNIAN SERB EXTREMISTS WILL GET LESS THAN THEY DEMANDED, THEIR POLICY OF DIVISION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED INTERNATIONALLY. THOSE WHO WANT THE PARTITION PLAN NEED A NEGOTIATING PARTNER WHO IS NOT INCRIMINATED. FOR THIS PURPOSE, MILOSEVIC HAS NOW GOT A CLEAN SLATE...."

4. CARL GUSTAF STROEHM ARGUES IN MONDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"MILOSEVIC AS MEDIATOR."

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"IT IS TRUE THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS FINALLY MADE THE RIGHT DECISION. IN WASHINGTON, PEOPLE REALIZED THAT THE BOSNIAN SERBS DO NOT UNDERSTAND ANY OTHER LANGUAGE BUT THE LANGUAGE OF POWER. BUT THE SUCCESS OF THE U.S. INITIATIVE NOW DEPENDS ON THE WEST BEING CONSISTENT AND, IF NECESSARY, REMAINING TOUGH, TOO. THE SERBIAN SIDE WILL NOW TRY TO PROTRACT THE TALKS, THUS TRYING TO ROB NATO OF ITS NERVE. AND ON THIS POINT, MILOSEVIC HAS SO FAR BEEN A MASTER.

"U.S. CHIEF NEGOTIATOR HOLBROOKE IS PINNING HIS HOPES ON SERBIA'S PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC - THUS HEAVING

HIM INTO A KEY POSITION DESPITE SERBIA'S DEFEAT. BUT IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT IT IS TRUE THAT MILOSEVIC IS AT LOGGERHEADS WITH BOSNIAN SERB LEADER KARADZIC BUT THAT THE MILITARY COMMANDER OF THE BOSNIANS SERBS, RATKO MLADIC, CONTINUES TO ENJOY THE FULL CONFIDENCE OF THE STRONG MAN IN BELGRADE.... BUT MLADIC...IS ALSO CONSIDERED RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GRAVEST WAR CRIMES. IS SERBIA THUS PLAYING...WITH MARKED CARDS? HOW CAN THE WEST HAVE TRUST IN MILOSEVIC IF HE, IN TURN, HAS GREAT TRUST IN GENERAL MLADIC?

"IF THE WEST WANTS TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE BOSNIAN MUSLIMS IN A HALFWAY RESPECTABLE MANNER, AND IF IT DOES NOT PREVENT THE 'CREATION OF GREATER SERBIA VIA THE BACK DOOR,' THE U.S. INITIATIVE COULD AT BEST RESULT IN A BREATHER, BUT NOT IN A PERMANENT SOLUTION IN THE BALKANS. IT IS NO GOOD SIGN IF EUROPEAN POLITICIANS ARE NOW BEGINNING TO CALL UPON THE CROATS AND THE MUSLIMS TO 'KEEP QUIET' INSTEAD OF CONCENTRATING THEIR WARMS THOSE WHO CAUSED THE TROUBLE: ON GREATER SERBIA AND ITS LEADER MILOSEVIC WHO RELEASED THE GENIE FROM THE BOTTLE SIX YEARS AGO."

5. THOMAS MEYER ARGUES IN AN EDITORIAL IN MONDAY'S CENTRIST KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"THE KEY LIES IN BELGRADE."

"THE GUARDED OPTIMISM OF THE WEEKEND WAS OBVIOUSLY TOO EARLY. HERE IN THE WEST WE HEAR A LOT OF WORDS AND THERE IN BOSNIA, WE HEAR THE SOUND OF UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 14 BONN GE 18059

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GUNS. THE BOSNIAN SERBS CONTINUE TO FIRE.... ONE THING SEEMS TO BE CERTAIN: SUCH FIRES CANNOT BE EXTINGUISHED FROM THE AIR, NEITHER BY MEANS OF A BOMBARDMENT NOR BY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. IN THE WAR THEATER, THE CONDITIONS MUST BE O.K., A WILL FOR RECONCILIATION MUST EXIST

(BEFORE PEACE CAN BE MADE).... ONE CONFERENCE AND A VISIT OF THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR TO YELTSIN'S DACHA WILL NOT BE ENOUGH.

"NEVERTHELESS, THE POLITICAL EFFORTS MUST GO ON, AT ALL LEVELS. THE KEY STILL LIES IN BELGRADE. THE PRESSURE ON SERB PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC MUST BE SO GREAT THAT HE WILL PULL THE REINS ON HIS BOSNIAN BROTHERS. YELTSIN'S DEMAND TO LIFT THE SANCTIONS ON EX-YUGOSLAVIA COMES TOO EARLY AS LONG AS GENERAL MLADIC CAN CONTINUE TO EXERCISE HIS DEADLY WORK....

6. TUESDAY'S CENTRIST MAERKISCHE ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG OF POTSDAM WRITES:

"THE BOSNIAN SERB LEADERSHIP IS PLAYING TACTICAL GAMES. IN THE PAST, THIS INCLUDED THE IGNORANCE OF U.N. DEMANDS. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE THAT MLADIC AND KARADZIC AGAIN SPECULATE THAT THE ULTIMATUM TO WITHDRAW HEAVY WEAPONS WILL BE TALKED DOWN IN THE INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION. BUT SUCH A CALCULATION COULD HAVE FATAL CONSEQUENCES IN VIEW OF NATO'S AND THE U.N.'S ABILITY TO ACT. THIS TIME, THE ALLIANCE AND THE U.N. HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO IMPLEMENT THE THREAT OF NEW AIR STRIKES, IF THEY DO NOT WANT TO LOSE FACE AGAIN. THE BOSNIAN SERBS INCLUDE THIS IN THEIR CALCULATIONS AND THEY ARE PINNING THEIR HOPES MORE ON AN ESCALATION OF THE SITUATION THAN ON A POLITICAL SOLUTION. CAN PEACE AND REASON REALLY BE ACHIEVED ONLY VIA AIR STRIKES?"

C. UN: BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

1. MONDAY'S CENTRIST SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH COMMENTED:

"CHINA'S OBVIOUS GAME."

"THE UN CONFERENCE CAN BE REGARDED AS A SUCCESS EVEN BEFORE IT HAS ACTUALLY BEGUN. THE DECISION TO MOVE THE DREADED NGOS TO THE DORMITORY TOWN OF UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 14 BONN GE 18059

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HUAIROU HAS DRAWN INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION TO THE ALTERNATIVE FORUM AND THUS DICTATED THE ISSUES WHICH THE GOVERNMENT DELEGATES ARE TO DISCUSS OVER THE COMING TWO WEEKS: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS - IN CHINA TOO.

"EXPECTATIONS ARE NOW HIGH. THE CONFERENCE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO FALL BEHIND THE STANDARDS SET AT THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI AND THE UN CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS. ALL THE PARTICIPANTS WILL REALIZE WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO GIVE IN TO A FEW AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES IN BEIJING OF ALL PLACES. BY ACTING THE WAY IT DOES, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE SURE OF THIS."

2. C. FISCHER COMMENTED SUNDAY ON REGIONAL RADIO STATION HESSISCHER RUNDFUNK OF FRANKFURT:

"CHINA WANTS TO HOST THE LARGEST DEMOCRATIC ASSEMBLY OF WOMEN THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN, BUT ITS OWN POPULATION MUST NOT FIND OUT WHAT THE WOMEN ARE DISCUSSING. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THIS TIGHTROPE ACT CANNOT WORK. THE CONFERENCE WILL HAMMER OUT PRINCIPLES WHICH GUARANTEE THE RIGHT OF ALL WOMEN TO SELF-DETERMINATION. IF THIS IS THE OUTCOME OF THE 4TH WORLD WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, IT WILL HAVE BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS."

3. MARTINA FIETZ COMMENTS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF TUESDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN:

"IN THE INTERESTS OF WOMEN."

"MAMMOTH EVENTS LIKE THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN BEIJING SHOULD BE REGARDED WITH A CERTAIN DEGREE OF SKEPTICISM. WHEN UP TO 25,000 PEOPLE GATHER TO DISCUSS A CERTAIN ISSUE, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT CLEVER HYPOTHESES AND DEMANDS WILL RESULT. THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HARD. THE PAST FEW DAYS AND WEEKS HAVE SHOWN THAT IT IS NOT EASY TO DEMAND HUMAN RIGHTS IN A COUNTRY WHICH DOES NOT RESPECT THEM. NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS RIGHT NOT TO BOYCOTT THE CONFERENCE. WE MUST SEIZE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO CONDEMN VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WE MUST MAKE IT CLEAR TO THOSE IN POWER AROUND THE WORLD THAT THEY CANNOT SIMPLY ELIMINATE THEIR CRITICS."

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"BUT EVEN APART FROM THIS, THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE DIFFICULT. THE INTERPRETATION OF THE MOTTO 'EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE' VARIES FROM PLACE TO PLACE. WHILE HERE AND ALMOST EVERYWHERE ELSE IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD, THE ISSUES ARE LARGELY EQUALITY ON THE EMPLOYMENT MARKET, BETTER OPPORTUNITIES TO COMBINE FAMILY AND CAREER AND ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SPHERES, THE PROBLEMS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD ARE MUCH MORE FUNDAMENTAL: FEMALE BABIES ARE STILL KILLED, AND GIRLS GET A MUCH WORSE EDUCATION THAN BOYS. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WOMEN STILL DIE IN CHILDBIRTH AND ACCOUNT FOR ALMOST TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE LIVING UNDER THE POVERTY LINE. THE VALUE OF THE BEIJING CONFERENCE WILL BE MEASURED ACCORDING TO WHETHER IT SUPPORTS THE INTERESTS OF THESE WOMEN."

4. ASTRID WIRTZ COMMENTS IN TUESDAY'S CENTRIST
KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER:

"COMMOTION INSTEAD OF RESPECT."

"IT IS DIFFICULT TO COMPREHEND THE AMOUNT OF DESPOTISM AND POLICE BRUTALITY WHICH IS TAKING PLACE: VIOLENCE AGAINST FEMALE POLITICAL DISSIDENTS, PRESUMPTUOUS CHECKS AND INFORMERS, ROOM SEARCHES AND DISRUPTION OF WORKSHOPS. BEIJING HAS CONFIRMED ALL THE WORST FEARS. IT HAS REVEALED ITS TRUE FACE AND DISGRACED ITSELF....

"THE WOMEN'S DEMANDS WILL GO AROUND THE WORLD, WHETHER BEIJING LIKES IT OR NOT. THE ANGER ABOUT THE CHINESE SHOULD NOT DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM THE REAL ISSUES OF THE CONFERENCE: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, POVERTY, HEALTH CARE, CLITORECTOMY, EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES. THERE HAVE BEEN ENOUGH ANALYSES SINCE THE LAST WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. WHAT IS NEEDED NOW ARE DEEDS."

D. NUCLEAR: FRENCH TESTS

1. P. CLEMENT SAID IN A COMMENTARY ON MONDAY
ON NATIONAL RADIO STATION DEUTSCHLANDFUNK OF COLOGNE:

"IF FRANCE IS NOW AGAIN OFFERING ITS NUCLEAR POTENTIAL AS A EUROPEAN PROTECTIVE INSTRUMENT, IT WANTS TO PURSUE ITS OLD POLICY AIM TO PUSH AWAY THE UNCLAS SECTION 10 OF 14 BONN GE 18059

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UNITED STATES FROM THE EUROPEAN THEATER THUS
INCREASING ITS INFLUENCE ON SECURITY POLICY ON THIS
CONTINENT. BY STRESSING THE SCENARIO THAT THE UNITED
STATES WOULD NOT INTERVENE IN A CONFLICT AND THE
EUROPEANS WOULD HAVE TO SETTLE IT ALL BY THEMSELVES,
IT IS PROMOTING THE TENDENCY FOR A RELAXATION OF
TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS. THE BONN GOVERNMENT IN
PARTICULAR, BECAUSE OF ITS SPECIAL RELATIONS WITH THE
GOVERNMENT IN PARIS, BUT ALSO TO THE ONE IN
WASHINGTON, MUST BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO SIT ON THE
FENCE. THE RISK OF A FOREIGN POLICY ISOLATION OF
FRANCE GOES BEYOND EUROPE, AND IT IS QUESTIONABLE
WHETHER THE OUTCOME OF THE TESTS JUSTIFIES FRANCE'S
LOSS OF IMAGE WORLDWIDE. IN ANY CASE, THE PRICE FOR
THESE TESTS WILL BE VERY HIGH."

2. TUESDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER SAECHSISCHE
ZEITUNG OF DRESDEN SAYS:

"WITH THE ARROGANCE THAT IS TYPICAL OF NUCLEAR
POWERS, FRANCE'S PRESIDENT CHIRAC IS IGNORING ANY
KIND OF PROTEST, FLINGING ADMONITIONS TO THE WINDS
AND DOES NOT EVEN LISTEN TO THE SLIGHTEST DOUBTS
ABOUT THE NUCLEAR TESTS. CHIRAC'S STUBBORNNESS
TEACHES ALL THOSE A BITTER LESSON WHO BELIEVED IN A
FUTURE WITHOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT THE END OF THE COLD
WAR: A NUCLEAR POWER CANNOT BE FORCED TO DO ANYTHING
THAT RUNS COUNTER TO ITS POLITICAL AMBITIONS. THE
PICTURES THAT HAVE REACHED US FOR DAYS FROM MURUROA
ARE SHOWING US A TOTAL HUMILIATION OF THE OPPONENTS
TO THE NUCLEAR TESTS. BUT IT WOULD BE WRONG TO
CONCLUDE THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES HAVE FAILED. AT LEAST
THEY HAVE ACHIEVED MORE TODAY THAN FRANCE AND THE
OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS WANT TO ADMIT: THE SWORD OF
DAMOCLES, WHICH HAD BEEN PUSHED OUT OF THE PUBLIC IN
THE PAST YEARS BECAUSE OF DISARMAMENT TREATIES, IS
HOVERING AGAIN OVER OUR HEADS."

3. CENTRIST OFFENBACH POST WRITES ON TUESDAY:

"WITH EMBARRASSING ARROGANCE, THE ACTIVITIES OF
THE FRENCH NAVY AGAINST GREENPEACE WERE CELEBRATED IN
THE FRENCH MEDIA. THE GRANDE NATION IS DEMONSTRATING

ITS SUPREMACY TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS WHO PURSUE A POLICY OF NON-VIOLENT PROTESTS. BUT IT IS MORE THAN DOUBTFUL WHETHER THE SCIENTIFIC RESULTS OF THE NUCLEAR TESTS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC WILL UTWEIGH UNCLAS SECTION 11 OF 14 BONN GE 18059

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THE POLITICAL DAMAGE. FRANCE WANTS TO DETONATE ITS NUCLEAR BOMBS IRRESPECTIVE OF HOW MANY SHIPS ARE CARRYING THE PROTESTS OF THE WORLD TO THE MURUROA ATOLL. HOWEVER, THE BLEMISHES ON THE IMAGE OF THE GRANDE NATION AND CHIRAC ARE CONSIDERABLE."

4. TUESDAY'S CENTRIST DER TAGESSPIEGEL OF BERLIN WRITES:

"FRENCH PREMIER ALAIN JUPPE OUGHT TO KNOW THAT A SERIOUS DISCUSSION ABOUT EUROPEAN NUCLEAR FORCES SHOULD BE CONDUCTED FIRST OF ALL WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN LONDON AND NOT THE ONE IN BONN. TO ACT DIFFERENTLY AND TO DRAG GERMANY IN A PUBLICLY LED DEBATE MEANS TO SPLIT EUROPE INSTEAD OF CONTINUING TO BUILD IT IN A REASONABLE WAY. BUT FRANCE NEEDS THE PUBLIC RIGHT NOW TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM ITS NUCLEAR TESTS ON MURUROA. (THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT) DID NOT TRY TO ESTABLISH CONFIDENTIAL TALKS WITH THE BONN GOVERNMENT, BUT IT OFFERED THIS HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE TOPIC ON THE MEDIA MARKET. THIS MEANS THAT, AFTER THE MURUROA DECISION, A SECOND FLAW HAS BECOME VISIBLE IN CHIRAC'S FOREIGN POLICY: IGNORANCE ABOUT THE THINGS THE NEIGHBOR GERMANY CAN PUT UP WITH IN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY.... FRANCE WOULD BE WELL ADVISED NOT TO INFECT EUROPE WITH THE SPIRIT OF DISCORD."

E. IRAQ: EKEUS IN BONN

1. THOMAS WITTKE COMMENTS IN TUESDAY'S CENTRIST GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"LIES FROM BAGHDAD."

"ROLF EKEUS IS CERTAINLY NO DIPLOMAT WHO WANTS

TO PILLORY IRAQ. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, THE UN ENVOY EVEN INDICATED THAT HE COULD CERTAINLY IMAGINE A PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE SANCTIONS ON BAGHDAD. BUT THE INFORMATION GAINED FROM SADDAM'S DISSIDENT RELATIVES HAS NOW MADE IT CLEAR: THE REGIME HAS ASSEMBLED A TERRIFYING ARSENAL OF WEAPONS. IRAQ SHAMELESSLY LIED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. FOR THE MILITARY, A UN ULTIMATUM WAS MEANINGLESS. SADDAM HUSSEIN, WHO HAS BEEN WOODED BY WESTERN INDUSTRIALISTS OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS, WANTED THE CAPABILITY FOR MASS DESTRUCTION.

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"THIS HAS IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR KLAUS KINKEL. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE UN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE, GERMANY HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE. THE ROW WITHIN THE COALITION WHICH BROKE OUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER EKEUS HAD LEFT IS NOT, HOWEVER, EVIDENCE OF POLITICAL FARSIGHTEDNESS. IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO MONITOR THE DISARMAMENT PROGRAM AND THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL THE TOXIC MATERIAL. ANYONE WHO DEMANDS THE WITHDRAWAL OF 50 GERMAN SOLDIERS ON FINANCIAL GROUNDS MUST BE MADE TO REALIZE THAT THE THIN LINE BETWEEN WAR AND PEACE NOT ONLY RUNS THROUGH THE BALKANS BUT ALSO THE MIDDLE EAST."

2. TUESDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER RHEIN-ZEITUNG OF KOBLENZ HAS THIS COMMENT TO MAKE:

"KINKEL IS UNDOUBTEDLY RIGHT TO WARN AGAINST LIFTING THE UN SANCTIONS ON IRAQ. WE MIGHT WISH THIS FOR THE SUFFERING IRAQIS (AND IT WOULD DO THE GERMAN EXPORT INDUSTRY GOOD), BUT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CANNOT AND MUST NOT TRUST THE TYRANT ON THE TIGRIS. WE NOW KNOW THAT EVEN AFTER THE END OF THE WAR, HE CONTINUED BUILDING UP HIS ARSENAL AND DUPED THE UN OBSERVERS. QUITE APART FROM THIS, NOBODY KNOWS TO THIS DAY HOW MANY MISSILES BAGHDAD REALLY HAS AND WHETHER ALL ITS B AND C WEAPONS HAVE REALLY BEEN ELIMINATED. EXTREME CAUTION IS REQUIRED AS LONG AS AN UNPREDICTABLE ADVENTURER LIKE SADDAM RULES

IRAQ. ONLY HIS OUSTER COULD FREE THE COUNTRY. AT PRESENT THIS IS NO MORE THAN A VAGUE HOPE."

F. MIDDLE EAST: ISRAEL-PLO TALKS

TUESDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN FEATURES THIS EDITORIAL BY EVANGELOS ANTONAROS:

"HOPE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST."

"A POTENTIALLY REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE MAY BE IN THE OFFING FOR THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS. IF THE RADICAL MOSLEM ORGANIZATION HAMAS DOES INDEED SIGN AN ANTI-TERRORISM AGREEMENT WITH YASSER ARAFAT'S PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY, ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS OPPONENTS OF THE PROCESS COULD DISAPPEAR FROM THE SCENE....

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"FEW OF THE PALESTINIANS MAY REGARD ARAFAT'S NEGOTIATING TACTICS AS IDEAL, BUT EVEN FEWER WANT TO RISK A RELAPSE INTO THE POLITICAL PAST. HAMAS CHIEF AHMAD YASSIN...HAS ACTED ON THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION. THE UNDERGROUND ORGANIZATION IS TO TURN INTO A POLITICAL PARTY AND TAKE PART IN THE FIRST PALESTINIAN ELECTIONS. THE QUINTESSENCE OF THE NEW LINE SEEMS TO BE TO FIGHT ARAFAT WITH HIS OWN WEAPONS -I.E. POLITICALLY INSTEAD OF VIA TERRORIST ATTACKS.

"IT WOULD, HOWEVER, BE PREMATURE TO REJOICE - NOT ONLY BECAUSE THE AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN SIGNED. HAMAS HAS A MULTIFACETED AND CONSPIRATIVE STRUCTURE WHICH THE LEADERSHIP HAS NEVER HAD COMPLETELY UNDER CONTROL. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE BRIGADES WHICH FORM THE ARMED WING OF HAMAS WILL OBEY AN ORDER TO STOP. AFTER ALL, THEY WANTED TO BOMB THE PEACE OUT OF EXISTENCE, NOT IMPROVE IT. UNLESS THE HAMAS LEADERSHIP MANAGES TO GAIN CONTROL AT ALL LEVELS, THE AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE WORTH THE PAPER IT IS WRITTEN ON."

G. RUSSIA-GERMANY: KOHL IN MOSCOW

1. MARTIN LAMBECK SAID ON THE FRONT PAGE OF MONDAY'S RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BERLIN UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"YELTSIN'S LIMIT."

"HELMUT KOHL'S CONFIDENTIAL TALKS WITH RUSSIA'S PRESIDENT YELTSIN SEEM TO HAVE ACHIEVED THE FEAT OF INTEGRATING RUSSIA, DESPITE THE NATO BOMBARDMENT AGAINST THE SERBS, INTO THE FURTHER PEACE PROCESS IN EX-YUGOSLAVIA. BUT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE THINGS YELTSIN HAS TO TELL THE WEST VIA THE MEDIATOR KOHL, AND THE REAL OPINION IN MOSCOW....

"WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT RUSSIA'S INFLUENCE ON THE SERBS FOR A POSSIBLE PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE BALKANS IS OF DECISIVE SIGNIFICANCE. WITHOUT RUSSIA THERE CAN BE NO PERMANENT PEACE IN EX-YUGOSLAVIA. THE QUESTION THUS IS WHETHER YELTSIN WILL BE ABLE TO ASSERT THE WESTERN LINE OF REASON ALSO IN HIS OWN COUNTRY.... HOWEVER, IF RUSSIA NOW REALIZES THAT ITS PARTNER IN BELGRADE WILL ONLY HAVE A CHANCE IF IT COOPERATES TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION AT THE UNCLAS SECTION 14 OF 14 BONN GE 18059

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NEGOTIATING TABLE, A PEACE CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW WOULD NOT BE TOO HIGH A PRICE FOR SUCH A CONCESSION."

2. MONDAY'S LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU CARRIED AN EDITORIAL BY KARL GROBE UNDER THE HEADLINE:

"MEDIATOR."

"CHANCELLOR KOHL AS MEDIATOR IN THE BALKANS? THERE IS A CONTACT GROUP WHICH INCLUDES THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, AND RUSSIA, BUT ALSO GERMANY. BUT THE CONTACTS ARE OBVIOUSLY SO SHAKY THAT IT IS OBVIOUSLY NECESSARY TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE SO-CALLED PEACE PLANS OF THE UNITED STATES, RUSSIA,

AND THE CONTACT GROUP. WAS IT HELMUT KOHL'S
INTENTION 'TO INTEGRATE BORIS YELTSIN INTO THE JOINT
CASE,' BECAUSE NATO CONSIDERS ITSELF THE WINNER?...

"SUMMIT DIPLOMACY USED TO INFORM THE
PARTICIPANTS ON THE LATEST MOVES. AS CORRECT AND AS
IMPORTANT IT IS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL DIPLOMATIC
POSSIBILITIES OF ACHIEVING PEACE: IT SHOULD NOT
REACH A POINT WHERE GERMANY IS PLAYING THE ROLE OF A
POWER OF ORDER IN EUROPE...."
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RECORD "EL COMERCIO" OPINES (9/1) THAT "IT'S WORTH
NOTING THAT A COUNTRY SUCH AS CHINA, WHICH DOESN'T
EXACTLY HAVE A POLITICAL REGIME ONE COULD CHARACTERIZE
AS A DEFENDER OF HUMAN RIGHTS, IS THE OFFICIAL HOST OF
THIS ENTHUSIASTIC AND MULTITUDINOUS CONVOCATION OF
WOMEN. NEVERTHELESS, ALTHOUGH THERE IS STILL A LONG WAY
TO GO, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE INCIPIENT MARKET
ECONOMY IN CHINA HAS TRANSLATED INTO A SOURCE OF NEW
WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN, ALTHOUGH IT'S ALSO
GENERATED NEW OBSTACLES."

"WE HOPE THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEIJING
ACHIEVES ITS OBJECTIVES, AND THAT THEY BE REALIZED IN

THE SHORT TERM, SO THAT WOMEN IN EVERY PART OF THE WORLD ARE FREED FROM ABUSE AND DISCRIMINATION... SOMETHING WHICH THEY HAVE DISGRACEFULLY SUFFERED IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER IN ALL CONTINENTS AND CULTURES."

THE OFFICIAL DAILY GAZETTE "EL PERUANO" REFLECTED IN AN UNCLASSIFIED

INSIDE EDITORIAL ENTITLED "PERU AT THE SUMMIT IN BEIJING" (8/31) THAT "OUR COUNTRY WILL BE WELL-REPRESENTED AND ITS POSITIONS ATTENTIVELY ARTICULATED... PARTICULARLY SINCE THE WORLD KNOWS THAT IN A SOCIETY REINVENTING ITSELF SUCH AS OURS IS, WOMEN HAVE PLAYED AND ARE NOW PLAYING THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE.
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A. BROADCAST MEDIA

UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, BEIJING

IT WAS REPORTED ON BBC RADIO AT 9.00 THAT THE FIRST LADY HAD MADE A KEYNOTE SPEECH IN BEIJING. THE INTRODUCTION TO THE ITEM WENT THUS:

"IN A KEYNOTE SPEECH, AMERICAN FIRST LADY HILLARY CLINTON HAS FOCUSED ON THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. SHE SAID THAT WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS WERE INDIVISIBLE. MANY OF HER REMARKS WERE INTERPRETED AS BEING DIRECTED TOWARDS THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES."

REPORTER JUNE KELLY THEN SAID FROM BEIJING:

"THIS WAS A STRIDENT, UNEQUIVOCAL ADDRESS FROM THE AMERICAN FIRST LADY, WHO WAS AWARE THAT MANY HOPES WERE

RIDING ON THIS IMPORTANT SPEECH. SHE DID NOT MENTION CHINA SPECIFICALLY, BUT CLEARLY MANY OF HER REMARKS WERE AIMED AT THE HOST COUNTRY, WHICH HAS BEEN HEAVILY CRITICIZED FOR ITS HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. SHE SAID THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ENSURE THE PERSONAL FREEDOM OF THEIR CITIZENS, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN THEY HAD. SHE CONDEMNED FORCED ABORTIONS AND STERILIZATIONS. BOTH OF THESE METHODS OF BIRTH CONTROL ARE ALLEGEDLY SANCTIONED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. TO LOUD APPLAUSE, SHE ALSO ATTACKED THE ENFORCED DETENTION AND TORTURE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PEACEFULLY CHALLENGE THE VIEWS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS."

B. TODAY'S MAJOR NEWS STORIES

1. UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, BEIJING

2. BOSNIA

3. U.S. POLITICS

C. SUMMARY

1. UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, BEIJING

MANY PAPERS TODAY REPORT FROM BEIJING ON THE PROGRESS OF THE UN CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, ALTHOUGH THE FIRST LADY'S SPEECH CAME TOO LATE FOR THEM (SEE BROADCAST MEDIA ABOVE). ALTHOUGH THERE ARE A COUPLE OF EDITORIALS, MOST ITEMS MERELY REPORTS LOCAL COLOR AND MANY, PREDICTABLY, FOCUS ON THE MUCH-PUBLICIZED BARRING OF WINNIE MANDELA FROM THE CONFERENCE. THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES' (MALE)

REPORTER WROTE:

"CYNICS WERE HEARD TO MUTTER YESTERDAY THAT CHINA'S OVER-BEARING SECURITY PERSONNEL HAD FINALLY GOT IT RIGHT WHEN THEY TURNED WINNIE MANDELA AND HER NOT PARTICULARLY UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 11 LONDON 012326

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AFFABLE BODYGUARDS AWAY FROM THE GREAT HALL OF THE
PEOPLE.

"PRESIDENT MANDELA OF SOUTH AFRICA IS AN ICON IN CHINA,
WHICH FOR YEARS SUPPORTED HIS AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.
BUT HIS ESTRANGED WIFE HAD ARRIVED LATE FOR THE OPENING
OF THE CONFERENCE. ... TARDINESS AT A STATE FUNCTION IN
CHINA IS VIEWED ASKANCE. MRS MANDELA BLAMED HER BUS
DRIVER. BUT THE PEOPLE WHO COUNT IN CHINA ARRIVE ON
TIME, PREFERABLY IN A LARGE BLACK LIMOUSINE. ...

"SECURITY FOR THE CONFERENCE IS AT LEAST THREE TIMES
GREATER THAN I HAVE SEEN IN TWO DECADES COVERING
DIPLOMATIC EVENTS IN CHINA. ... THIS HAS LEFT DIPLOMATS
IN PEKING WONDERING WHAT IT IS THE CHINESE FEAR -- NOT,
SURELY, A DEMONSTRATION BY LESS THAN A DOZEN EXILED
TIBETAN WOMEN. ... WHY RUIN EVERYTHING WITH SUCH HEAVY
SECURITY? ... MOST CHINESE CITIZENS ARE CATCHING NO
MORE THAN A GLIMPSE OF THE CONFERENCE."

2. BOSNIA

THERE IS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT THIS MORNING ON BOSNIA
, AND
WRITERS ARE WAITING TO SEE IF THE AIR STRIKES ARE
RESUMED. THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES SAID IN A FRONT
PAGE REPORT (IN ITS 3 A.M. EDITION):

"WESTERN MILITARY COMMANDERS WERE LAST NIGHT URGENTLY

CONSIDERING A FRESH WAVE OF AIR RAIDS AGAINST THE BOSNIAN SERBS AFTER THE UN DISMISSED AS UNSATISFACTORY THE SERB

RESPONSES TO ITS LATEST DEMANDS."

AND THE SAME PAPER COMMENTED IN AN INSIDE PAGE ITEM:

"HUGE PRESSURES WERE BUILDING BOTH FOR AND AGAINST THE CONTINUATION OF NATO'S AIR STRIKES YESTERDAY, WITH THE CAMP IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING THE BOMBING RAIDS .. LOOKING ON BALANCE STRONGER. ...

"DIPLOMATS SAID THE STRENGTH OF THE HAWKISH CAMP WAS WELL ILLUSTRATED BY THE INDIGNANT REACTION OF NATO AMBASSADORS, PARTICULARLY WASHINGTON'S REPRESENTATIVE, TO A SET OF COUNTER- PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM GEN MLADIC OVER THE WEEKEND. MR ROBERT HUNTER, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO NATO, LED THE FIELD IN DENOUNCING THE BOSNIAN SERB COMMANDER'S POSITION, AND WARNING THAT HE SHOULD EXPECT FURTHER AIR ATTACKS FROM THE WESTERN ALLIANCE."

3. U.S. POLITICS

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES TODAY HAS AN EDITORIAL ON THAT SUBJECT CLOSE TO ALL OF OUR HEARTS, THE POSSIBILITY OF A U.S. BUDGET 'TRAIN WRECK'. THE PAPER BELIEVES THAT IT WILL BE NARROWLY AVOIDED. SEE TEXT BELOW.
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D. TEXT

1. UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, BEIJING

"WOMEN'S TALK IN CHINA"

THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT EDITORIALIZED:

"IT IS DIFFICULT TO THINK OF AN EASIER TARGET FOR SNEERING THAN THE UN CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, WHICH FINALLY GOT UNDER WAY IN PEKING YESTERDAY.

"THE SNEERERS HAVE TWO MAIN ARGUMENTS. THE FIRST IS THAT THE VERY IDEA OF A UN WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IS LUDICROUS, BECAUSE THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A SET OF ISSUES RELEVANT TO WOMEN ACROSS THE WORLD, AND THAT EVEN IF THERE WERE, A CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTAL TYPES WOULD NOT BE MUCH USE IN ADDRESSING THEM. THE SECOND OBJECTION IS THAT EVEN IF A WORTHWHILE AGENDA COULD BE DEFINED, CHINA WOULD BE AMONG THE LEAST SUITABLE PLACES TO CONSIDER IT. CHINA REMAINS A ONE-PARTY STATE, HOSTILE TO LIBERAL VALUES, AND A PLACE WHERE RESISTANCE TO THE VERY BIRTH OF FEMALES HAS CAUSED THE NATURAL GENDER BALANCE IN THE POPULATION TO DRIFT FROM A NORM OF 106 MALES FOR EVERY 100 FEMALES TO A RATIO OF 114:100 AT THE LAST COUNT.

"THESE ARE BOTH SERIOUS ARGUMENTS AND THEY ARE BOTH WRONG. ... THOSE WHO WISH TO IGNORE CHINA MAY BE ASSURED THAT CHINA WILL NOT IGNORE THEM. THAT IS WHY, RIGHTLY, GREAT EFFORT IS BEING PUT INTO DRAWING CHINA FULLY INTO THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM THROUGH MEMBERSHIP OF THE WTO. CHINA MAY STILL HAVE AN UNACCEPTABLE POLITICAL CULTURE, BUT THE CHANCE OF IT GETTING BETTER IS SURELY GREATER IF ITS PEOPLE AND ITS LEADERS ARE EXPOSED TO IDEAS, GOODS AND PEOPLE FROM BEYOND ITS BORDERS. THIS UN CONFERENCE AND ITS RELATED NON-GOVERNMENTAL GATHERING IS A USEFUL COMPONENT IN THAT PROCESS. ...

"UN CONFERENCES, LIKE THE ONE AT RIO ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, MAY BE UNWIELDY AND HARD TO FOLLOW BUT THEY ALSO

HELP TO BUILD NETWORKS AND RAISE AWARENESS. THEY ALSO ASSIST IN THE PROCESS WHEREBY SOCIAL POLICY IS TESTED BY INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON AND GOOD PRACTICE SPREADS. NO MODERN BUSINESS WOULD DARE TO FUNCTION WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL TRENDS: WHY DENY OURSELVES SUCH TOOLS IN THE SOCIAL SPHERE?

"WHAT MATTERS ABOUT EVENTS IN CHINA THIS WEEK IS NOT, PRIMARILY, THE WORDING OF THE CONFERENCE'S FINAL DECLARATION, BUT THE ARGUMENTS THAT ATTEND IT. BENAZIR BHUTTO'S TIRADE AGAINST FEMALE INFANTICIDE WILL RESONATE THROUGH ASIA. SO, IF WE CAN SET ASIDE OUR ARROGANCE, SHOULD THE LEAGUE TABLE WHICH PUTS BRITAIN WELL BELOW
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AVERAGE FOR FEMALE REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT. DON'T
 KNOCK THE PEKING CONFERENCE. LISTEN."

"WHAT WOMEN WANT"

LAST NIGHT'S CONSERVATIVE TABLOID LONDON EVENING STANDARD
 EDITORIALIZED (9/4):

"FOR ALL THE GOOD WILL THAT ATTENDS THE PROCEEDINGS AND
 FOR ALL THE IMPORTANCE OF SOME OF THE INDIVIDUAL ISSUES
 BEING ADDRESSED,

THE QUESTION REMAINS: SHOULD THE UN BE
 HOLDING A CONFERENCE ON THIS SUBJECT AT ALL? WE ARE,
 AFTER ALL, TALKING ABOUT THE MAJORITY OF THE HUMAN RACE
 HERE, NOT A THREATENED MINORITY. AND THE ANSWER TO THAT
 IS, NO. OF COURSE WOMEN SUFFER GRAVE DISCRIMINATION IN
 PARTICULAR COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF ACCESS TO
 EDUCATION AND EQUALITY OF PAY. THIS IS A REAL HUMAN
 RIGHTS PROBLEM. BUT TO PRETEND THAT WOMEN ARE UNITED BY
 VIRTUE OF THEIR SEX IS TO IGNORE THE REALITY THAT THIS
 HALF OF HUMANKIND IS AS DIVERSE AS THE OTHER IN ITS

RELIGIOUS BELIEF, NATIONAL IDENTITY, TEMPERAMENT,
 POLITICAL CONCERNS AND MORAL OUTLOOK. GENERALIZING ABOUT
 WOMEN JUST WON'T DO."

"NOT QUITE THE FOCUS THAT BEIJING WAS BANKING ON"

WRITING IN THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH, DEPUTY
 EDITOR OF THE CONSERVATIVE WEEKLY SPECTATOR ANNE
 APPLEBAUM MUDED FROM PEKING:

"A CHANDELIER SHAPED LIKE A RED STAR GLOWED ON THE
 CEILING OF THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE; A GIANT BLOW-UP
 DOVE WITH A PLASTIC OLIVE BRANCH IN ITS MOUTH PERCHED IN
 A CORNER OF THE ROOM. AS THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE
 ON WOMEN OPENED, THE BEIJING OPERA SANG, CHILDREN DANCED,
 ACROBATS TURNED SOMERSAULTS -- AND ALL THE TIME THE
 CHINESE MAN BEHIND ME WAS SYSTEMATICALLY TAKING
 PHOTOGRAPHS, NOT OF THE EVENTS ON THE STAGES, BUT OF THE
 AUDIENCE. ...

"WHEN THE TELEVISION CAMERAS HOMED IN ON AN AMNESTY

INTERNATIONAL DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE DETENTION OF WOMEN DISSIDENTS IN CHINA, A LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATE BESIDE ME GRUMBLED: 'ALL OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS GOING ON HERE, AND THEY HAVE TO FOCUS ON THAT ISSUE.'

"MUCH THE SAME THOUGHT MAY BE RUNNING THROUGH HILLARY CLINTON'S MIND AS SHE ARRIVES HERE THIS MORNING. ALTHOUGH SHE IS SAID TO HAVE A 'PASSIONATE DESIRE' TO BE HERE, SHE WAS NEARLY PREVENTED FROM COMING BY HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES IN WASHINGTON FOCUSING ON 'THAT ISSUE'. IN THE RUN-UP TO THE CONFERENCE, CHINA HAD IMPRISONED AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, HARRY WU. ... THE PRO-HILLARY

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WASHINGTON POST ARGUED THAT SHE SHOULD NOT GO, ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD MAKE AMERICA'S HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY LOOK UNSERIOUS.

"HILLARY OBVIOUSLY DISAGREES. WHY SHOULD HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES MATTER TO A UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, SHE HAS ASKED. WHY, IN FACT, SHOULD HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES MATTER TO AMERICAN DIPLOMATS AT ALL? THIS SORT OF PROBLEM HAS BEEN WITH US FOR SOME TIME. IT PLAGUED AMERICA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION; IT CAUSED JIMMY CARTER TO STUMBLE MANY TIMES. BUT NOWADAYS, THERE ARE ALSO PLENTY OF PEOPLE IN CHINA AND OUTSIDE IT, NOT ALL OF THEM GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN, WHO THINK IT IS TIME TO LEAVE THAT DEBATE BEHIND.

"FOR A START, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DENY THAT THERE ARE INDEED MANY 'WONDERFUL THINGS' GOING ON IN CHINA. IN BRITAIN, WE SELDOM THINK MUCH ABOUT ECONOMIC GROWTH FIGURES; EVEN WHEN THEY GO UP, WE DON'T 'FEEL GOOD'. BUT IN A VERY POOR COUNTRY LIKE CHINA, ECONOMIC GROWTH -- NOW RUNNING AT 12 PER CENT -- MEANS THAT EVERY YEAR MORE

PEOPLE EAT MORE, BUY MORE, LIVE BETTER. ...

"NEITHER IT IS CLEAR WHETHER BEIJING INTERPRETS AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS PROTESTS THE WAY THEY ARE MEANT TO BE INTERPRETED. ... THE CHINESE ARE WELCOME TO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A GRAND GLOBAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN WESTERN AND EASTERN VALUES, BUT THEY ARE WRONG. JUST WATCH WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE: AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATE, HILLARY CLINTON AND WHAT MUST BE THOUSANDS OF CHINESE SECURITY GUARDS, WHEN AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DEMONSTRATED DOZENS OF TELEVISION CAMERAS WERE READY TO FILM THEM. WITHIN A FEW HOURS, THE PICTURES WENT OUT ALL

OVER THE WORLD.

"NOWADAYS, ONE STATEMENT, IF IT IS MADE IN A TELEVISUALLY INTERESTING CONTEXT -- SUCH AS AMNESTY'S STATEMENT IN CHINA -- CAN BE BROADCAST EVERYWHERE INSTANTLY. HARRY WU WAS MADE FAMOUS BY A TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY; SO WERE THE STORIES OF FEMALE INFANTICIDE AND FORCED ABORTIONS IN CHINA. WHEN THESE ISSUES ARISE, HILLARY CLINTON MUST RESPOND, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT MUST REACT. THE VERY FACT THAT THE

UN HAS BEEN FORCED TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ITS DULL, UNCONTROVERSIAL CONFERENCES A RANGE OF 'UNOFFICIAL' ORGANIZATIONS WHICH DO NOTHING BUT CAUSE CONTROVERSY SPEAKS TO THE POWER THAT THE GLOBAL MEDIA GIVE TO SMALL INTEREST GROUPS. HUMAN RIGHTS, AS DEFINED BY THOSE GROUPS, ARE HERE TO STAY.

"IF THE PRESENCE OF LEGIONS OF SECURITY MEN MEANS ANYTHING, THE CHINESE KNOW THIS FULL WELL. AS PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN SAID AT THE UN CONFERENCE 'S OPENING SESSION (ALTHOUGH I THINK HE MEANT SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT), THE 'EYES OF THE WORLD ARE ON THIS CONFERENCE'. AND IF UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 11 LONDON 012326

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL FORCES THE EYES OF THE WORLD TO FOCUS, JUST FOR AN INSTANT, ON CHINESE WOMEN POLITICAL PRISONERS, THERE IS NOTHING THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, OR THE UN, OR HILLARY CLINTON CAN DO TO STOP THEM."

"THE FEMINIST CROWD BEHIND WINNIE MANDELA SANG WE SHALL OVERCOME. NOT HERE, SISTERS, WHERE THE POLICE MAKE THE SOUTH AFRICANS LOOK LIKE GENTLE PUSSYCATS"

WRITING IN THE CONSERVATIVE TABLOID DAILY MAIL, LONG-STANDING WRITER WITH THE PAPER ANN LESLIE ALSO REPORTED FROM BEIJING:

"'I DON'T UNDERSTAND THESE PEOPLE!' SHRIEKED WINNIE MANDELA, SWATHED IN ONE OF HER MAGNIFICENT TURBAN-TOPPED 'QUEEN OF AFRICA' OUTFITS. 'THESE PEOPLE' WERE A HORDE OF NASTY LITTLE CHINESE SECURITY MEN WHO, PUSHING AND SHOVING, WERE HELLBENT ON STOPPING THE SELF-STYLED 'MAMMA AFRICA' FROM GATE-CRASHING THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE UN WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN.

"IT WAS BEING HELD IN THE HUGE MAOIST-STALINIST HULK OF THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE WHICH, IS, INCIDENTALLY, ON TIANENMEN SQUARE. NOT A PLACE IN WHICH EVEN THE LUDICROUS LIKES OF MAD WINNIE, CLATTERING HER BRACELETS AND WAVING HER CLENCHED FISTS, SHOULD ATTEMPT TO OVERSTAY HER ALREADY DEFINITELY-ABSENT WELCOME. ...

"WOMEN SURROUNDED HER, SHOUTED 'LET HER IN' AND SANG 'WE SHALL OVERCOME'. (NOT HERE YOU WON'T, SISTERS, NOT IN PEKING').

"SOMEHOW, THE FARCICAL ERUPTION OF WINNIE MANDELA INTO THIS EVENT SEEMED HIGHLY APPROPRIATE. LOTS OF HOT AIR, GRANDSTANDING, HYPOCRISY, (OH HELL! WHY NOT SAY LIES?), LUDICROUSLY OVERBLOWN SQUABBLES AND CONTINUING SPATS WITH THE CHINESE POLICE HAD BEEN THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS MASSIVE JAMBOREE SO FAR.

"THE CHINESE SECURITY MEN'S ANTICS HAVE CHURNED UP THE GRASS ROOTS OR NGO WOMEN HERE NO END. JUST AS NO NEW YORKER FEELS HE OR SHE HAS GAINED TRUE NEW YORKER STATUS WITHOUT HAVING A GOOD MUGGING TALE TO TELL, NO NGO DELEGATE HERE FEELS THAT SHE'S A TRULY IMPORTANT FEMINIST UNLESS SHE'S BEEN 'REALLY, REALLY HASSLED BY THE POLICE'. ...

"AND EVERYONE COMPLAINED THAT THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS WERE BEING GROSSLY VIOLATED BECAUSE THE SECURITY MEN KEPT FILMING THEM. OH DEAR, WHAT DID THE MILITANT LITTLE NINNIES EXPECT? THIS IS COMMUNIST CHINA, NOT CHIPPING SODBURY! ...

"IN THE LINE OF DUTY, I LISTENED TO THE OPENING SPEECHES AT THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE -- AND INSTANTLY FELT SO CROSS THAT I WISHED I HADN'T. ... WHEN PRESIDENT JIANG UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 11 LONDON 012326

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ZEMIN IN HIS SPEECH DENOUNCED 'COLONIALISM' FOR THE
CONTINUING POVERTY OF SO MUCH OF THE WORLD -- AND
PARTICULARLY OF ITS WOMEN -- I FELT LIKE FLINGING ONE OF
THE ORNAMENTAL POINSETTIAS AT THE STRINGS OF BLACK HAIR
PASTED OVER HIS BALDING PATE.

"HAD HIS CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY NOT SPENT SO MUCH OF ITS
HISTORY SINCE 1949 SUBJECTING ONE QUARTER OF THE WORLD'S
POPULATION -- ESPECIALLY ITS WOMEN -- TO MURDEROUS AND
WASTEFUL CAMPAIGNS LIKE THE GREAT LEAP FORWARD, THE ANTI-
RIGHTIST CAMPAIGN AND THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, DURING
WHICH FURTHER MILLIONS WERE PERSECUTED AND DIED, HIS
COUNTRY -- AND HIS COUNTRY'S WOMEN -- WOULD BE A GRETA
DEAL RICHER AND HAPPIER THAN THEY ARE. ...

"THE FINAL NOTE OF HYPOCRISY AND UNREALITY CAME WHEN THE
SEXPOT PRESENTER ANNOUNCED THAT THE ARTISTS WERE NOW
GOING TO SING FOR US: 'PLEASE STAY, GUESTS FROM AFAR'.
THE TRUTH IS THAT, FAR FROM WISHING US TO STAY, THE
CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS ABSOLUTELY LONGING FOR THE BLESSED
MOMENT WHEN ALL THESE HORDES OF
TROUBLESOME WOMEN 'FROM
AFAR' GO BACK HOME AND NEVER BOTHER THEM AGAIN."

"NO JOY FOR WINNIE AS THE SEXUAL REVOLT STARTS EARLY"

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED:

"PAKISTAN'S PRIME MINISTER, BENAZIR BHUTTO, SENT A FIRM
MESSAGE TO THE FUNDAMENTALISTS WHEN SHE SAID: 'ISLAM
FORBIDS INJUSTICE AND TREATS WOMEN AS HUMAN BEINGS IN
THEIR OWN RIGHT'.

"SHE DID, HOWEVER, APPEASE HER CONSERVATIVE DOMESTIC
CRITICS, AND HER ALLIES IN WASHINGTON, WITH A FORETASTE

OF ONE OF THE COMING BATTLES -- OVER THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY'S ROLE. THE FAMILY WAS 'THE BEDROCK OF SOCIETY,' SHE SAID. THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE THE THEME OF HILLARY CLINTON'S SPEECH, AND IS ONE OF THE KEY CONCERNS OF THE VATICAN.

"MRS CLINTON WAS UNDER PRESSURE EVEN BEFORE HER ARRIVAL TODAY TO CONDEMN EXPLICITLY CHINA'S FORCED ABORTIONS AND FORCED STERILIZATIONS. A REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN, CHRIS SMITH, URGED MRS CLINTON AND THE LEADER OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, MADELEINE ALBRIGHT, TO APPLY PRESSURE 'IN EVERY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FORUM AFFORDED BY THIS CONFERENCE'. HOWEVER, THE U.S. DELEGATION INDICATED YESTERDAY THAT THEY WERE UNLIKELY TO DO SO IN A UN CONFERENCE."

"IT'S EASY TO FORGET, HILLARY"

THE LEFT-LEANING TABLOID TODAY REPORTED IN A PAGE LEAD:

"THEY'D BARRED JANE FONDA AND WINNIE MANDELA AND MAN-UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 11 LONDON 012326

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HANDLED AND SPIED ON OTHER DELEGATES.

"BUT FOR HILLARY CLINTON, THE CHINESE LAID ON A WELCOME

WITH A STYLE AND DIGNITY DENIED TO OTHER DELEGATES TO THE FOURTH CONFERENCE ON WOMEN.

"CHINA HAD GONE ALL-OUT TO BE ALLOWED TO STAGE THE UN-BACKED CONFERENCE. A GREAT OPPORTUNITY, IT WAS HOPED, TO WIPE OUT THE MEMORY OF TIANENMEN SQUARE -- THE MASSACRE OF JUNE 1989 IN WHICH HUNDREDS, IF NOT THOUSANDS, OF DEMONSTRATING STUDENTS WERE SLAUGHTERED.

"FOR MANY OF THE 30,000 WOMEN DELEGATES FROM 185 COUNTRIES ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE IN THE BEIJING SUBURB OF HUAIROU, THE OLD, RUTHLESS FACE OF COMMUNIST CHINA MADE ITSELF PLAIN, WITH HARASSMENT AND SNOOPING SECURITY OFFICIALS.

"BUT IN THE WORLD OF POLITICS, IT'S SO EASY AND CONVENIENT TO FORGET THE VICTIMS OF A REGIME'S VIOLENCE AGAINST ITS OWN PEOPLE. AND FOR THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S WIFE, WHO HAD IGNORED DEMANDS TO BOYCOTT THE CONFERENCE, THE CHINESE MANAGED A TOUCH OF THE VELVET GLOVE. "THE WHITE HOUSE INDICATED THAT 47-YEAR-OLD MRS CLINTON, IN TURN, WAS NOT ABOUT TO CHALLENGE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ON ITS DISGRACEFUL TREATMENT OF CONFERENCE-GOERS, OR ITS DIRE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. ...

"OFFICIALDOM DID NOT LIKE THE LOOK OF RADICAL, 57-YEAR-OLD ACTRESS JANE FONDA. SHE WAS BARRED. ... IT WAS NOT ONLY THE WELL-KNOWN FACES WHO WERE STAMPED ON. LOCAL WOMEN STRAYING TOO CLOSE TO THE VISITORS WERE ROUGHLY ORDERED AWAY. A GROUP OF 150 DELEGATES PROTESTING ABOUT 'THE SUFFERING OF WOMEN' WERE MANHANDLED. LATER, THEY BATTLED WITH POLICE -- WOMEN POLICE.

"ALL IN ALL, HILLARY'S STAY IN CHINA COULD PROVE QUITE INTERESTING. BUT SHE'D BETTER BEHAVE HERSELF."

2. BOSNIA

"NATO GETS TOUGH"

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY ECONOMIST EDITORIALIZED:

"THE UNITED STATES, WHICH SUPPLIED MOST OF THE WARPLANES, AND BRITAIN AND FRANCE, SPONSORS OF THE RAPID REACTION FORCE, HAVE BECOME ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE BOSNIAN WAR. THEY HAD SOUGHT TO STAY OUT EVER SINCE THE WAR BEGAN, IN APRIL 1992. THAT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THEY DECLINED TO OFFER ADEQUATE TROOP PROTECTION TO THE AREAS THAT THE UN, WITH THEIR BLESSING, HAD DECLARED 'SAFE'. BUT HAVING THREATENED RETALIATION FOR ANY ATTACKS ON THESE AREAS, THE ALLIES HAD LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO CARRY OUT THEIR THREAT. TRUE, THE UN HAS OFTEN FAILED

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TO MATCH WORDS AND DEEDS IN BOSNIA. BUT FOR NATO,
SUPPOSEDLY THE MAINSTAY OF THE WEST'S SECURITY, TO BACK
DOWN WOULD BE MORE SERIOUS. THUS THE WEST'S BLUFF HAS
BEEN CALLED. IT IS NOW INVOLVED.

"THIS BOMBARDMENT OF THE BOSNIAN SERBS IS QUALITATIVELY
DIFFERENT FROM ANYTHING NATO HAS DONE BEFORE. ITS
WARPLANES HAVE, ON NINE OCCASIONS, ENGAGED IN PINPRICK
ATTACKS ON BOSNIAN SERB TANKS, A
IRCRAFT OR AMMUNITION
DUMPS. THIS WEEK'S ONSLAUGHT, BY CONTRAST, IS PROBABLY
BIG ENOUGH TO SHIFT THE STRATEGIC BALANCE OF THE WAR IN
THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT'S FAVOR. IT HAS PUSHED THE UN
BEYOND ANY PRETENSE OF NEUTRALITY.

"BUT IT WILL IT ALSO PUSH THE BOSNIAN SERBS TO THE
NEGOTIATING TABLE? EVEN BEFORE THIS WEEK'S EVENTS, A
HINT OF PEACE -- ONLY A HINT -- WAS IN THE AIR. ... THE
(AMERICAN) PLAN KILLS OFF THE IDEAL OF A MULTI-ETHNIC
BOSNIAN WITHIN ITS PRE-WAR BORDERS; IT IS, INEVITABLY, A
COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE DESIRABLE AND THE POSSIBLE. YET
IT PROBABLY REPRESENTS THE BEST CHANCE FOR PEACE IN
BOSNIA -- EVEN AFTER NATO'S ATTACKS. INDEED, THE STRIKES
MAY YET HELP RATHER THAN HINDER THE DIPLOMACY.

"THEY WILL, AT ANY RATE, IF THE BOSNIAN SERBS NOW REALIZE
THAT THEY CANNOT OVERRUN THE MAIN MUSLIM CITIES. NATO'S
THREAT TO PROTECT SARAJEVO, TUZLA AND GORAZDE MEANS, IN
PRACTICE, THAT IT WILL NOT ALLOW THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT
TO LOSE THE WAR. SO IF THE BOSNIAN SERBS COOLLY CONSIDER
THEIR OWN SELF-INTEREST, THEY SHOULD SUE FOR PEACE. THEY
MAY BE IN A MOOD TO DO SO. ...

"YET NOTHING CAN BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED IN THIS WAR.
BOMBING MAY STRENGTHEN MORALE AS WELL AS WEAKEN IT; IT
DOES NOT ALWAYS INFLECT LASTING MILITARY DAMAGE. AND THE
BOSNIAN SERBS MAY ASSESS THEIR CHANCES DIFFERENTLY FROM
THE ALLIES. THEY, AFTER ALL, KNOW THE WEST DOES NOT WANT
TO GET MORE INVOLVED ON THE GROUND, AND THAT RELUCTANCE
WILL GROW ON THE AMERICANS' PART AS NEXT YEAR'S
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DRAWS CLOSER. IN THE MEANTIME
THERE ARE HOSTAGES TO BE TAKEN, TOWNS TO BE ATTACKED --
MAYBE IN CROATIA, MAYBE EVEN FARTHER AFIELD. SHORT OF
THIS, THE BOSNIAN SERBS MAY JUST STAY AWAY FROM THE
BARGAINING TABLE. ...

"A PEACE SETTLEMENT WILL NOT DEPEND ONLY ON THE SERBS.
IF CROATIA'S PRESIDENT TUDJMAN WERE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO

ATTACK EASTERN SLAVONIA, THE ONE PART OF HIS COUNTRY STILL IN SERB HANDS, MR MILOSEVIC WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY COMMIT HIS ARMY TO ITS DEFENSE. THE BOSNIAN MUSLIMS, TOO, COULD UNDERMINE PEACE TALKS. THEY MIGHT, AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST, LAUNCH ATTACKS FROM SAFE AREAS IN THE HOPE OF PROVOKING A SERB RESPONSE AND FURTHER NATO INTERVENTION. THEY HAVE BEEN HOPING SINCE THE OUTSET
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THAT THE UNITED STATES CAVALRY WOULD ONE DAY RIDE TO THEIR RESCUE. IT WON'T BUT THEY MAY YET BELIEVE THAT THE WEST'S NEW INVOLVEMENT WILL WIN THEM BETTER TERMS.

"LASTLY, THE UN AND NATO, FOR THEIR PART, COULD LOSE THEIR WAY AND STUMBLE. THEY WILL NOT SECURE A PEACE IF THEY NOW FLINCH FROM THEIR STERN DEFENSE OF THE SAFE AREAS. THAT MAY MEAN SCALING DOWN WHAT REMAINS OF THE EFFORT TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID: THE PRETENSE OF UN IMPARTIALITY IS NOW HARDER THAN EVER TO SUSTAIN. IT CERTAINLY MEANS BEING READY FOR MORE SETBACKS, MORE LOSS OF LIFE. THE HOPE MUST BE THAT THE WAR'S NEW TURN WILL LEAD TO A HAPPY ENDING, BUT OF THAT THERE IS NO CERTAINTY. THE AVENGING ALLIES SHOULD REALIZE THAT THEIR BOLD ACTIONS THIS WEEK COULD YET BE JUDGED A GLOOMY, AND PERHAPS, DANGEROUS, FAILURE."

3. U.S. POLITICS

"AVERTING A BUDGET CRASH"

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIALIZED:

"DIVIDED GOVERNMENT AND NAIL-BITING BUDGET FINALES HAVE BEEN A REGULAR FEATURE OF THE U.S. POLITICAL LANDSCAPE FOR DECADES. MANY, INDEED, ARE FRETTERING AT THE

POSSIBILITY OF A BUDGET 'TRAIN WRECK' BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE REPUBLICAN-CONTROLLED CONGRESS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD AS THEY ARGUE OVER HOW TO BRING THE FEDERAL BUDGET INTO BALANCE.

"BUT THE FACT THAT BOTH HAVE FORMALLY COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO THAT OBJECTIVE DOES INDEED HOLD OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT A 'HISTORIC' DEAL WILL BE STRUCK. THE TROUBLE IS THAT, FAR FROM AVOIDING THE FLAWS OF PAST DEFICIT CUTTING EFFORTS, THIS YEAR'S BUDGET-SLASHERS LOOK DETERMINED ONLY TO REPEAT THEM.

"HISTORY -- AND COMMONSENSE -- DICTATE THAT A RESPONSIBLE APPROACH TO CURING THE UNITED STATES OF ITS OVER-BORROWING MUST FULFIL TWO CONDITIONS. THE FIRST IS THAT THE REFORMS MUST COMMAND A BROAD CROSS-PARTY CONSENSUS, SO THAT POLITICIANS AT LATER ELECTIONS CANNOT EARN POLITICAL CAPITAL BY PROMISING TO UNRAVEL THEM. THIS ARGUES FOR MODERATION RATHER THAN RADICALISM.

"THE SECOND CONDITION IS THAT REFORMERS MUST TACKLE THE PARTS OF THE BUDGET THAT ARE RUNNING OUT OF CONTROL, AND NOT MERELY THE PARTS THAT ARE EASY TO CUT. U.S. POLITICIANS TEND TO PANDER TO THE PUBLIC PERCEPTION THAT LAVISH SPENDING BY FEDERAL AGENCIES IS TO BLAME FOR THE COUNTRY'S DEFICIT. YET THIS TYPE OF 'DISCRETIONARY' UNCLAS SECTION 11 OF 11 LONDON 012326

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SPENDING HAS BEEN UNDER TIGHT CONTROLS SINCE THE 1980S, AND ACCOUNTS FOR LESS THAN ONE SIXTH OF FEDERAL SPENDING. ENTITLEMENT -- OR BENEFIT -- SPENDING IS AT THE ROOT OF AMERICA'S FISCAL PROBLEMS. WITHOUT DETERMINED EFFORTS TO REDUCE ITS FUTURE GROWTH, FOR EXAMPLE BY MEANS-TESTING

BENEFITS OR INCREASING THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT AGE,
ATTEMPTS TO REACH AND MAINTAIN FEDERAL BUDGET BALANCE

WILL FAIL.

"NEITHER THE PRESIDENT'S NOR THE REPUBLICANS' BUDGET
PLANS OFFER MUCH HOPE THAT EITHER, STILL LESS BOTH, OF
THESE CONDITIONS WILL BE MET BY ANY 1995 BUDGET DEAL.
TRUE, MR CLINTON'S LATE-ISH CONVERSION TO THE CAUSE OF
BUDGET BALANCE OFFERS HOPE OF A 'BIPARTISAN' ACCORD.

"BUT THE CONGRESSIONAL REACTION WAS ANYTHING BUT
BIPARTISAN, WITH REPUBLICANS PRESSING FOR DEEPER CUTS IN
PROGRAMS, SUCH AS EDUCATION, WHICH DEMOCRATS WOULD MUCH
RESENT BEING PASSED INTO LAW. COME NOVEMBER THE MORE
ZEALOUS REPUBLICANS ARE EVEN PROMISING TO HOLD THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RANSOM OVER SUCH PLANS, WHEN IT
COMES TO CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL TO SEEK MORE FUNDING FROM
THE FINANCIAL MARKETS. ...

"FOR ALL THE SOMBER PREDICTIONS, THE CHANCES ARE THAT
CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT WILL COME TO TERMS. THE
REPUBLICANS WILL BE ABLE TO SAY THEY HELPED TO CONSTRAIN
THE BUDGET MORE TIGHTLY THAN EVER BEFORE. MR CLINTON
WILL BE ABLE TO CLAIM THAT HE EMBRACED CHANGE WHILE
MAKING IT -- marginally -- LESS PAINFUL FOR THE WORST
OFF. AS REGARDS THE EQUITY OR THE EFFICIENCY OF THEIR
APPROACH, HOWEVER, BOTH WILL HAVE OFFERED ONLY BUSINESS
AS USUAL." O'BRIEN

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CULTURE AND WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

-DENISE NOEL-DE BIQUE
DIRECTOR
WOMEN'S AFFAIRS DIVISION
MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE & WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

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SENIOR PLANNING OFFICER
MINISTRY OF LABOUR & COOPERATIVES

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TEXT:

((FBIS Transcribed Text)) Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Sept 5, CANA
-- Following is the text of the editorial in Tuesday's TRINIDAD
GUARDIAN newspaper:

"Beijing in the final analysis may turn out to be no more than a
giant talk shop for the women of the world, most of whom are
disadvantaged in their societies and in their relationship at this.
((Sentence as received))

Yet out of the deliberations at this Fourth World Conference on
Women, the meeting of -- indeed the clash of -- ideas and
experiences, a consensus of sorts ought to emerge on the role of
women in the next country.

Women have been granted patronisingly by their menfolk the
supporting role in their journey through life. They are
traditionally the wives and the mothers, the homemakers while the
men go out and work for a living or make war.

Much of this has changed in this latter half of the 20th century.
Women have the vote; they work in many countries on equal terms with
men; one or two are heads of state, others heads of government. And
they are, too, soldiers and sailors in modern armies and navies.

But this is shadow far more than substance. Gender issues assume
increasing importance as women become better educated and begin to
look beyond the walls of the home and into the world outside. World
competition with men has created physical, psychological and sexual
problems and more or less masculine alarm.

One issue of overriding concern to women everywhere is the
controversial problem of abortion. In Trinidad and Tobago, abortion
is illegal. But it is happening any way and scores of women die
every year as a result of back room operations.

Abortion is a serious moral and religious issue here and in other
places in the world. But merely to fulminate against its practice
will not stop it, nor ease the misery of so many young peoples who
have been forced to come to terms with it.

The official-17 strong Trinidad and Tobago delegation headed by
Joan Yuille Williams, Minister of Women's Affairs, according to an
official statement, developed a common position for the conference
on the issues of gender poverty, inequalities in health care,
violence against women, inequality between men and women, and
insufficient mechanisms to promote the advancement of women.

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