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Clinton Presidential Records
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FOLDER TITLE:

[12/05/1996 - 09/19/1997]

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RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- P1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
- P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

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Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- b(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- b(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- b(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
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- b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-DEC-1996 20:06:00.00

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TO: Darby E. Stott (Darby E. Stott@EOP [UNKNOWN])
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

December 5, 1996

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

Meeting with Argentine President Menem

The President met today with Argentine President Carlos Menem and several members of the Argentine Cabinet to review the relationship with one of our closest international partners. To enhance and strengthen that relationship, the two leaders agreed to establish a special Consultative Process with regular, senior- level meetings between our two governments. This Consultative Process will address important issues in our bilateral relationship.

The President applauded Argentina's continuing role as a driving force for democracy in the Americas. The two leaders also reviewed progress in implementing commitments from the first Summit of the Americas, which the President hosted two years ago this week in Miami. They reaffirmed their commitment to the Summit goal of a Free Trade Area of the Americas and agreed to cooperate closely with Chile as we prepare for the Santiago Summit of the Americas in March 1998.

The President expressed appreciation for Argentina's continued strong support for our joint foreign policy initiatives around the world, including in Bosnia, where 40 Argentine police monitors serve in the UN's International Police Task Force, and in Zaire, where Argentina is helping to address the humanitarian crisis. They also reviewed our growing commercial ties, taking note of the fact that two-way trade between the United States and Argentina now exceeds six billion dollars per annum.

President Menem extended to President Clinton an invitation to visit Argentina. The President affirmed that he hopes to visit the region sometime early in his second term.

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for our joint foreign policy initiatives around the world, including in

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Clinton Puts Computers on Millennium To-Do List

Participating in ceremonies today in Washington, D.C. to announce the White House Millennium Project, President Bill Clinton acknowledged the federal government's need to fix its computers and assure the delivery of services to U.S. citizens. Clinton included the Y2K date change on a list of steps necessary to prepare the nation for the new millennium. In a series of items which ran from connecting classrooms to the Internet to document preservation of the Constitution, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence, Clinton said:

"Now, as the millennium turns, as we have all seen from countless reports, so do the dates on our computers. Experts are concerned that many of our information systems will not differentiate between dates in the 20th and the 21st century. I want to assure the American people that the federal government, in cooperation with state and local government and the private sector, is taking steps to prevent any interruption in government services that rely on the proper functioning of federal computer systems. We can't have the American people looking to a new century and a new millennium with their computers -- the very symbol of modernity and the modern age -- holding them back, and we're determined to see that it doesn't happen."

GAO Reports Take DoD to Task

The US General Accounting Office (GAO) issued a pair of reports this week finding fault with DoD conversion preparations in two program areas. GAO took issue with several critical areas in the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). DFAS systems are used to pay millions of active duty and retired military and civilian personnel, to disburse funds for contractor and vendor invoice payments, and to account for DoD worldwide operations. According to the GAO report, DFAS has not identified in its Year 2000 plan all critical tasks or established milestones for task completion, particularly in the area of validation and implementation. DFAS has not done formal risk assessments of all systems to be renovated or ensured the availability of contingency plans, the GAO report asserts. DFAS has not identified all system interfaces, having written interface agreements in place for only 230 of 904 interface partners. Finally, GAO has concluded that

DFAS has not adequately ensured the availability of test resources.

"DFAS' risk of failure in these areas is increased due to its reliance on other DoD components, such as central design activities, to perform year 2000 renovations for many of its systems and on the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) to ensure that its megacenters can operate in a year 2000 environment," the report notes.

"Unfortunately, this is not atypical," said one industry observer. "I think if they went into most agencies, they'd find that management hasn't looked at the problem closely enough to understand its size and complexity."

Also this week, GAO issued a report critical of DoD's attempt to use the Defense Integration Support Tools (DIST) database for Y2K inventory and related functions. While noting that DoD has already acknowledged the need for improvements, the report says, "(given the pace at which these efforts have been proceeding, we do not believe that DIST will be usable and reliable in time to have a beneficial impact on Year 2000 correction efforts." While some Defense components maintain separate databases to perform this function, the report points out that the Navy intends to use DIST as its Y2K tracking tool.

"Supposedly, this was the way DoD was going to track everything. But I ran into hideous confusion trying to get applications into the database. Vendors were required to do this themselves, but seemed both unaware of the requirement and were given no instructions on how to do it. Lots of

agencies were just loading everything they had in there, but there were big discrepancies over what the database actually contained," this industry source said.

The reports are available at <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/ai97117.pdf>.
and <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/ai97112.pdf>

Gartner Analyst Reports Latin America Countries Making Slow Y2K Progress

President Clinton announced recently that he would make fast track trading authority a top Administration priority for the year and earlier this month he also dropped a 20-year-old ban on the sale of high tech weapons to Latin America. Before revving up the engines on those F-16s, however, countries in the Southern Hemisphere need to ramp up efforts on Year 2000 software conversion. Or that would seem to be the sense of one accidental tourist.

Jim Cassell is the Gartner Group's lead analyst for South America and a frequent traveler in Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and other countries in the region. "We're very disappointed in Latin America," Cassell says, referring to efforts to make the Y2K fix. Fewer than 5 percent of Latin American companies have moved beyond Y2K awareness, he estimates. Just 60 percent of companies, he says, will have done enough "to sustain business without significant damage," Cassell adds, as opposed to 80 percent of firms in North America, Europe and elsewhere.

Cassell, who spends lots of time in airports waiting for connections, has the opportunity to watch people on the move. He says that technical

people are moving to much higher paying jobs in the U.S., Canada, France, Germany and other countries. COBOL programmers, for instance, earning \$11,000 to \$13,000 in Mexico City can command \$40,000 to \$50,000 in the U.S., he says. This brain drain makes low wage countries particularly vulnerable, Cassell suggests. A Big 6 accounting firm in San Paulo, Brazil, is seeking 500 technical professionals but the competition for these resources is incredible. How bad is the situation elsewhere? Cassell says one bank in Porto Alegre, Brazil needs 340 people working on its 38 million lines of code, but has a total staff of 150. Cassell claims that Curitiba, Brazil, has a Y2K manpower requirement equivalent to the entire IT workforce of Paraguay.

While the claims on talent are considerable, Cassell indicates that the pace of Y2K changes in the region is slower than a tequila sunrise. He ascribes this to several reasons. "The overall mindset of Latin American enterprise is extremely conservative monetarily," Cassell says. Until the last 12 to 18 months, unstable economic conditions were a major contributing factor, with countries like Brazil and Argentina coping with inflation of 40 percent per month. "Then came devaluation of the peso in Mexico, which cratered economic investment. The region pulled in its horns," Cassell says.

Bearish investment strategies have translated into barely any money for Y2K remediation. And, as the Gartner guru points out, the return of hyperinflation to these countries could make the return on investment logic of fixing older systems downright grizzly. Cassell says such economic forces, along with scant competition and state owned

telecommunications monopolies, have helped push the cost of information technology in Latin America to 1.6 times its U.S. equivalent.

Cassell recently briefed Argentine President Carlos Menem on Y2K and expects to testify before government panels in Brazil, Mexico and Columbia soon. But leadership on the issue is still a big question mark for the region. "There's nothing analogous to the Horn Committee in Latin America," Cassell says, referring to Rep. Stephen Horn (R-CA), who chairs the House Government Oversight Subcommittee on Management, Information and Technology.

Multinational corporations, Cassell said, are interjecting some project awareness to the local scene, but big pieces of the infrastructure may still be taking the passive approach. Cassell says, for instance, that the federal reserve banks in Mexico and Brazil really haven't started their conversions. A move by the Banco de Mexico to survey its 54-bank system on data interchange standards has produced no response, Cassell says, adding that his suggestion to one Mexican banking official that the institution use its authority to force non-compliant banks to close came as "incredible enlightenment."

So fast tracking trade may be on the President's agenda this week, but with just 70 weekends to go, Cassell says the Y2K status of America's trading partners to the south is "pretty discouraging." "NAFTA doesn't mean squat if the banking system fails," he notes. "Wal-Marts can open in Latin America but if they can't process their bank deposits they won't be in business long."

Still, it's the ability of Latin Americans to cope that might see them through their Year 2000 conversion woes. "With hyperinflation, people have seen prices change every day. To them, this is only a date change. They think its basically the same situation," Cassell says.

Liberty Mutual Puts Y2K to the Test

Year 2000 testing could try the patience of a saint. Liberty Mutual's Mike Turgeon may not be a saint, but as a Y2K project manager in the corporate computer operations and services group, he is patiently working to pull together the resources necessary to conduct century date testing. That's no easy assignment.

With \$8.9 billion in consolidated revenue, Liberty Mutual is the sixth largest property and casualty insurer in the U.S. And like most major corporations, the company has a diverse mix of platforms, systems and applications. With two mainframe, 60 VAX and 100 Unix nodes on the network, recreating the production environment for Y2K test isn't very practical.

For Turgeon, that means the scramble is on(finding the common denominators in a multifaceted processing environment(gaining agreement on the pieces to test(creating a virtual Y2K test lab(defining test cases and test scenarios(agreeing on specific calendar dates to test(and building the master schedule which must choreograph everything from vacation schedules to equipment repairs.

Turgeon says his group will rely on time machine testing using computers that still reside on the company's network. Some boxes sit side by side with production machines; in cases where a logical partition of a mainframe is involved, the same box is used for both production and test. The risk of internetworking, he says, is that some time machine processing could inadvertently cross from test into production environments. The solution is to either shut and lock all system back doors or to make sure that all system personnel understand the potential for problems this kind of Y2K backwash holds for production environments.

Turgeon is one of ten project managers Liberty Mutual has deployed on the Y2K conversion. Each is responsible for various business units and part of the information infrastructure. Turgeon says his piece, mainframe and midrange machines, is on track, with about 10 to 20 percent converted. That percentage is deceiving, he notes, because some "big foot" applications are well under way and, when done, will significantly change the completion percentage.

In the testing realm, Turgeon says much depends on vendors to come forward with Y2K compliant product versions. In the interim, the company is building a certification program to test the ability of products to handle Year 2000 dates. Part of the work requires checking Liberty Mutual's installed base of product versions with Year 2000 compliant versions announced by vendors. And then there's the sticky wicket of doing the testing itself. Sometimes-like an upgrade from COBOL II to COBOL 370--this will involve the active participation of

business unit application owners; other times the testing of software changes will remain in the exclusive domain of the IT practitioners.

Scheduling all of the people, products and platforms necessary for testing is one obvious challenge. Vacations, vendor compliance dates, equipment resources, and competing priorities can combine to play havoc with a master test schedule. Turgeon says the company will perform unit and system testing in a comprehensive manner. Larger scale testing-such as the work required to flow a transaction through the enterprise-will require additional planning and close coordination.

Data aging is also a difficult issue, Turgeon says. This involves taking existing data, such as 1997 data records, and make it relate to a turn of the century test scenario. Turgeon says the data aging strategy for a VAX RDB application may be different from that used for a DB2 application. Tools may or may not exist for data aging on the particular platform. And the business rules for using the data will vary from application to application. As an example, he says, business rules expressing dates as whole years will not accept changes to dates represented as a number of days.

Turgeon also says software licenses are an issue to watch. Setting a system clock forward to test software can trip license expiration dates and shut down systems. In one case, he said, such a "time bomb" set off a confusing series of communications between Liberty Mutual, a U.S. re-marketer and an overseas supplier, taking a solid week to resolve. Turgeon said he would like to see vendors offering non-expiring license

keys along with licenses to use software in both the production and test environments. "The extra license for testing is similar to disaster recovery. Why should Y2K testing be different?"

Closer to Home

IBM S/390 Division, VM and Related Products Development Organization, Endicott, NY, has received ITAA*2000 certification. ITAA*2000 is the industry's century date change certification program. The program examines processes and methods used by companies to perform their Year 2000 software conversions. IBM participated in a rigorous evaluation of its approach to date conversion, with extensive analysis in eleven discrete process areas deemed necessary to a successful Year 2000 conversion. IBM products developed using the certified processes and methods are: VM/ESA, RTM/ESA, HMF, PVM, RSCS, DMS, VMPRF, VM/BATCH, VMPAF, DirMaint and CUF. Certification indicates that this IBM organization has the core capabilities needed to address the Year 2000 challenge.

Business to Business

CACI International Inc., Arlington, VA, has won a one-year, \$4.3 million Y2K conversion contract with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). CACI has also announced a partnership agreement with Computer Associates International, Inc.

Compuware Corporation, Farmington Hills, MI, has entered into a

partnership agreement with Alydaar Software Corporation.

CommUnique Wireless Corp., Alameda, CA, has formed a strategic alliance with Formal Systems, Inc.

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Atlanta, GA

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Washington, D.C.

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Teamster leaders prepared Tuesday to vote on the contract with United Parcel Service as UPS said it would try to win back \$650 million in business lost during the nation's biggest strike in two decades. UPS Chairman James Kelly said the company would be delivering packages by Wednesday, while company officials will try to win back business lost to competitors such as the U.S. Postal Service and Federal Express Corp. The bad news for the union was that UPS said it may cut jobs

because of business lost during the strike. See full story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4523195-942>

UPS labor pact increases full-time jobs, see

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*** Shuttle returns with ozone satellite

The space shuttle Discovery landed Tuesday in Florida with a satellite carrying a bounty of data about the health of Earth's protective ozone layer. The ozone-monitoring satellite held enough atmospheric data to fill a half ton of computer floppy disks. It also provided evidence to support a controversial theory that the Earth is being bombarded daily by thousands of house-sized, water-laden comets. The shuttle entered U.S. air space near Tampa Bay and landed at 7:08 a.m. ET, rocking the central Florida area with double sonic booms. For the full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4519497-768>

*** Taped brutality prompts move of Texas prisoners

Missouri officials were considering legal action Tuesday against the operators of a Texas jail where guards videotaped prisoners being brutalized. The tape showed prisoners being forced to crawl. One was attacked by a dog, and another with an injured ankle was shot in the buttocks with a stun gun. As of Tuesday morning, 200 Missouri convicts had been returned. Officials at the Texas jail said the guards were training on "what not to do" to quell a prison uprising and that the allegations of abuse had been blown out of proportion.

Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4521420-555>

*** Doctors still debate whether implants cause disease

Women suing Dow Chemical Co. say silicone breast implants have made them ill, but scientists studying the safety of silicones say evidence is still scanty and conflicting. A Louisiana jury ruled Monday that Dow Chemical was negligent in testing silicone for use in human implants and intentionally withheld information, but has not decided whether the implants actually cause disease. That case begins Sept. 29. The women who are suing complain of illnesses including rheumatoid arthritis, lupus and scleroderma. For the full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4522424-b9c>

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*** New Jersey mayor commits suicide in office

The mayor of suburban Mahwah Township in New Jersey fatally shot himself in the head while sitting at his desk, police said Tuesday. Mayor David Dwork's body was discovered by a janitor shortly before 11 p.m. ET Monday at the Mahwah Township municipal offices, police said. Dwork, 58, was a former Township council president, became acting mayor in 1991, was elected to his first full term as mayor in 1992 and was re-elected in 1996. The circumstances of his death were under

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*** Texas priest retires after sex abuse case comments

A senior Dallas priest who said parents shared responsibility for the sexual abuse of 11 altar boys by another priest has retired after a public outcry over his comments, officials said Tuesday. Monsignor Robert Rehkemper resigned as pastor of the All Saints Catholic Church on Monday, becoming the first Dallas diocese official to step down after a jury last month ordered the diocese to pay a record \$119.6 million in damages to the abused former altar boys. He also criticized the 11 victims, one of which committed suicide in 1992. See the full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4519755-d59>

*** Drugs, sex and gangs are new math problems in Texas

Six Texas high school teachers tried a different approach to get their students' attention by quizzing them on the mathematical problems inherent in a life of drugs, gangs, violence and sex. The teachers handed out a joke worksheet that included questions such as "Jerome wants to cut his half-pound of heroin to make 20 percent more profit. How many ounces of cut will be needed?" last Thursday when classes resumed following summer vacation. But the experiment sparked a storm of protest, and all six teachers were suspended. See full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4523264-d4c>

*** Dallas convenience store explodes, one killed

Explosions and fire raged through a Dallas convenience store early Tuesday, killing one man and badly burning a teenager who was using a pay phone outside. The Kaybee's Grocery store in east Dallas was apparently rocked by three explosions shortly before 1 a.m. local time. The 16-year-old boy was hospitalized with second and third degree burns over about 85 percent of his body. Fire Capt. Don Benda said fire officials were investigating the blast, but he noted that the store had cooking facilities which used natural gas. See full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4518847-961>

The U.S. Political Scene

*** House committee gets new chief counsel for probe

The House committee investigating campaign fund-raising scandals in the 1996 election Tuesday appointed former Maryland federal prosecutor Richard Bennett as chief counsel. Bennett's appointment to the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee was seen as a signal that the investigation could move into higher gear. Bennett, an unsuccessful Republican candidate for attorney general of Maryland in 1994, replaces John Rowley who quit the committee citing personal conflicts with its chief investigator. For the full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4519931-459>

*** As Mir crew toils, U.S. officials mull next mission

As Mir's crew worked to restore power to the space station Tuesday, U.S. officials were mulling whether to keep sending astronauts to the troubled Russian craft. U.S. astronaut David Wolf is scheduled to blast off Sept. 25 for Mir aboard the space shuttle Atlantis, but whether he will actually embark on the station is still being debated. Three separate U.S. inquiries into safety aboard Mir are proceeding, said NASA spokesman Michael Braukus. Those findings will be taken into account at the final review for the September shuttle mission. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4521633-6d9>

*** U.S. to ease pilgrim travel to Cuba to see Pope

The U.S. government will make it easier for Catholics to travel to Cuba to see Pope John Paul II when he visits the Communist-ruled island in January, a U.S. official said Tuesday. But the official stressed that there would be no change in U.S. restrictions on travel by U.S. citizens to Cuba under the 34-year-old economic embargo against President Fidel Castro's government. He said all requests for travel to Cuba for the pope's visit will be considered on a case-by-case basis in accordance with existing U.S. laws. See full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4521889-ed5>

*** Clinton helped with 'nudge in the right direction'

President Clinton said Tuesday that he hoped a "little nudge in the right direction" from him to representatives of United Parcel Service and the Teamsters union helped them reconcile their differences. As he celebrated his 51st birthday on vacation at Martha's Vineyard, the president took some credit for coaxing the opposing sides into a tentative deal to end the strike. On Sunday, Clinton had summoned a reporter to say he had a "gut feeling" the two sides would settle. About 24 hours later, the two sides reached agreement. Full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4522551-970>

The Courts

*** Tobacco spokesman says cigarette addiction overblown

The tobacco industry's chief spokesman said that anti-smoking and medical claims that cigarettes are addictive were overblown and unfounded, jurors in a landmark secondhand-smoke trial heard Tuesday.

Samuel Chilcote, head of the Tobacco Institute since 1981, also said the links between smoking and diseases such as lung cancer were not yet proven and that secondhand smoke was not a health danger. His organization, funded by U.S. cigarette makers, is a defendant in the secondhand-smoke trial now in its third month in a Miami courtroom. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4520928-aa5>

*** ValuJet accident hearing gets underway

The National Transportation Safety Board met Tuesday about a final report on the crash of ValuJet Flight 592 last year. Preliminary reports show that oxygen-generating canisters that were improperly handled and labeled caused a fire in the cargo hold, which caused the crash. NTSB Chairman James Hall said the accident wouldn't have happened if the board's warnings about the cargo fires had been heeded. Last week ValuJet said evidence suggested that some SabreTech employees deliberately and deceptively mislabeled the canisters. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4519993-a65>

*** Quinn, wife reach divorce settlement

Actor Anthony Quinn and his estranged wife reached a private divorce settlement Tuesday, a day after their son testified that the Hollywood star beat his mother if she mentioned his infidelity. Terms of the settlement were not released, said a spokesman for Iolanda Quinn's attorney, Raoul Felder. Testimony in the case began Monday in a Manhattan courtroom, where the 82-year-old, two-time Academy Award winner and his second wife, Italian-born Iolanda Quinn, 62, were fighting over a reported \$20 million in assets. For the full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4520112-3d5>

*** Dow back above 7,900

An obvious answer from the Federal Reserve sparked a surprising rally in the stock market Tuesday as blue chips and technology shares rallied on word that interest rates remained unchanged. Most Wall Street players anticipated the decision. The Dow finished up 115 to 7918. On the Big Board, New York Stock Exchange advancing issues outnumbered decliners, 20 to 8, as volume topped 548 million shares. Meanwhile, the S&P 500 index climbed 13.5 to 926 and the Nasdaq Composite jumped 31 to 1601. The 30-year Treasury gained 5/32 to yield 6.51 percent.

*** Fed leaves interest rates unchanged

The U.S. Federal Reserve Tuesday left key interest rates unchanged amid evidence the economy is growing at a comfortable speed with low inflation. The announcement by the central bank's policy making Federal Open Market Committee left the key federal funds rate which banks charge each other for overnight loans steady at 5.5 percent, where it has been since March. The next meeting of the FOMC is set for Sept 30. For the second part of the story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4522123-e38>

*** Microsoft subject of Dept. of Justice probe

The U.S. Justice Department's antitrust division is investigating Microsoft Corp.'s recent purchases in the video streaming market and

has served several companies with subpoenas in the past 10 days, the department and persons close to the case said Monday. The antitrust investigation centers on whether Microsoft's recent acquisition and investments in video streaming software companies are anti-competitive. In addition, the Justice Department is looking into the deal announced Aug. 6 in which Microsoft announced it would invest \$150 million in former arch-rival Apple Computer Inc. Full story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4509417-bbf>

*** Investigator: Fire equipment might have saved flight

A National Transportation Safety Board fire safety expert said ValuJet Flight 592 could have been saved if it had fire detection and suppression equipment in its forward cargo hold. The expert told the NTSB Tuesday that if the systems had been in place, the crew would have had time to land the plane safely. The May 11, 1996, crash in the Florida Everglades that killed 110 people has been blamed on oxygen generators stored on the doomed plane. ValuJet and its maintenance contractor SabreTech have pointed the finger of blame at one another over placement of the generators aboard the aircraft. (USA Today)

*** Housing starts unchanged last month

The government reported housing starts were unchanged in July as Federal Reserve policymakers considered whether an interest-rate hike was needed to control inflation. The Commerce Department said new foundations were laid at a 1.45 million seasonally adjusted annual

rate. But it revised June's originally estimated 4.8 percent increase down to just 3.2 percent. Analysts had expected a 1.47 million starts rate, expecting continued job and income growth, sparse inventories of new houses for sale and low mortgage rates to spur a fifth monthly increase this year. The report is the last government economic data to be released before Tuesday's meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee. (USA Today)

World Front Page Stories

*** U.N. hopes 20,000 Cambodians may stay in Thailand

The U.N. refugee agency said on Tuesday it hoped more than 20,000 Cambodian civilians who fled into Thailand overnight to escape fighting would be allowed to stay until the danger of returning home receded. A U.N. official said they would distribute 10-day rations of rice and fish to the refugees Wednesday. The Cambodian civilians poured across the border to escape fighting between royalist troops and troops under Cambodian strongman Hun Sen. Forces loyal to Cambodian premier Prince Norodom Ranariddh have been fighting Hun Sen and his troops since shortly after the prince was ousted on July 6.

Story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4517449-fd0>

Cambodian government says takes last opposition town, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4521639-fc2>

*** Rockets hit Israel, Netanyahu threatens response

Pro-Iranian Hizbollah fighters in Lebanon rained scores of Katyusha rockets on northern Israel on Tuesday, wounding at least one civilian and prompting an Israeli threat to respond. The twin morning barrages followed a day of violence in Lebanon that killed at least 10 civilians. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sounded a warning that he would not tolerate attacks on Israeli civilians. Hizbollah is fighting to oust Israeli troops and their South Lebanon Army militia allies from a nine-mile deep Israeli occupation zone. For the full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4515096-bd2>

*** Mir crew restarts computer a day after it crashed

The crew of Russia's troubled Mir station managed to restart their computer system Tuesday, arresting a 24-hour tumble through space triggered by a technical failure during the docking of a cargo ship. "The work of the computer system is completely restored," a Mission Control official said. It was the third time the station had spun out of control in less than two months and came as a blow to the new Russian crew which arrived on Mir only last week. They had had a relatively trouble-free start to their mission. For the full text story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4521862-46a>
Cash problems blamed for Mir computer crash, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4515117-6fa>

*** Typhoon Winnie kills at least 37 in Taiwan and China

Typhoon Winnie tore across southeastern China Tuesday, killing at least six people, injuring hundreds and toppling thousands of homes, officials said. Casualties were limited, however, because local officials had evacuated nearly one million people from coastal towns and villages in the direct path of the typhoon. It also killed at least 31 people, left 13 missing and injured 48 in Taiwan. Chinese officials said five people were killed when houses collapsed in the town of Jinhua. One person died and 109 were injured in Wenling. Story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4518947-e9a>

*** Volcano quieter as Montserrat awaits evacuation

Britain was hastily drawing up plans Tuesday for a voluntary evacuation of the Caribbean island of Montserrat, whose rumbling volcano could explode in a new eruption at any moment. Officials were meeting to decide detailed arrangements for those islanders who wanted to leave the dependent British territory and when the evacuation could start. The Soufriere Hills volcano began hurling ash and rock into the air in July 1995, ending 400 years of dormancy. Fresh eruptions this June left at least 19 people dead. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4521510-d41>

The World Political Scene

*** OAU to hold all-party talks on Comoros crisis

The Organization of African Unity says all parties to a secessionist crisis on the Comoro Islands have agreed to attend talks. The OAU's Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution committee said Monday it instructed Secretary-General Salim Ahmed Salim to convene the talks. No date or venue for the talks has been set. Anjouan, the second largest island in the Comoros archipelago in the Indian Ocean, broke away in early August after weeks of unrest. The smallest island, Moheli, followed suit. They want to return to French rule. For story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4516746-a57>

*** U.S. demands threaten to soften global landmine ban

U.S. insistence that its own "smart" anti-personnel landmines be exempt from Canada's proposed global ban on the weapons could water down the Canadian initiative, military analysts say. "Clearly it's going to take some real negotiation," Canada's Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy said late Monday after President Clinton announced he had decided to support Canada's landmines initiative. Axworthy is the driving force behind the "Ottawa process" -- a Canadian-led effort to forge a worldwide comprehensive ban on anti-personnel landmines. Full story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4522351-697>

*** Brazil angry, Argentina calmer in U.N. dispute

A long-simmering rivalry between Brazil and Argentina flared up

Tuesday in a clash over who should represent South America on the United Nations Security Council should it one day be expanded. Brazilian Foreign Minister Luiz Felipe Lampreia blasted Argentine President Carlos Menem for criticizing Brasilia's bid for a permanent seat on the council, officials said. On Tuesday, Argentina tried to tone down the controversy, saying it would be "delighted" if Brazil got a seat but would prefer rotating Latin American membership. Full story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4520774-dc9>

*** S. Africa hopes to host Sudanese talks 'very soon'

South African President Nelson Mandela said Tuesday he planned to host peace talks between Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir and the leader of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army "very soon." Mandela, whose peacemaking efforts range from Africa to Northern Ireland and East Timor, made the remark after meeting Thai Foreign Minister Prachuab Chaiyasarn in Cape Town. The war in Sudan, Africa's largest country, has pitted Christian and animist rebels in the south against the Muslim and Arabized north. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4518953-42d>

*** U.N. names envoy on plight of children in war zones

Olara Otunnu, a former Ugandan foreign minister, was appointed Tuesday as the U.N. secretary-general's special representative on the impact of armed conflict on children. The U.N. General Assembly last December recommended establishing the post to raise awareness of the plight of

children in war zones and to help find ways of protecting them.

Otunnu, 46, was appointed for a three-year term. He is currently president of the International Peace Academy, a New York-based think tank that promotes the prevention and settlement of armed conflicts.

Story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4522250-ada>

World Business and Financial News

*** Markets are mixed to lower after Monday's steep drop

Asian-Pacific markets were mixed to lower Tuesday as investors recovered their breath following the previous trading session's steep drop. Tokyo stocks were mixed, with the Nikkei closing below 19,000 for the first time since Aug. 12 as investors took profits on exporters such as Sony, Pioneer and Kyocera. Hong Kong stocks plunged almost 4 percent, spooked by last week's weaknesses on Wall Street and speculative activity in regional currencies, including the Hong Kong dollar. Australian share prices rose marginally after concerns about U.S. financial markets undermined investor confidence through the afternoon session. Share prices on the Korea Stock Exchange fell, hurt by the weaker won. (WSJ)

*** European bourses track U.S. financial markets

Stocks rallied across Europe Tuesday on the back of continued gains on

Wall Street, a stronger dollar and U.S. interest-rate expectations. The Belgian, British, Italian, South African, Swedish and Swiss bourses were boosted by early gains on the Dow Jones Industrial Average and a stronger dollar. Meanwhile, investor expectations that there would be no interest-rate increase in the U.S. lifted share prices in France and the Netherlands. The Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee was meeting Tuesday to set monetary policy. (WSJ)

*** Great-West Lifeco offers \$2.1B for Canadian insurer

Great-West Lifeco Inc. says it is offering to acquire rival Canadian insurer London Insurance Group Inc. for 2.9 billion Canadian dollars, or \$2.1 billion. The offer of 33.50 Canadian dollars a share tops a bid announced in late June by the Royal Bank of Canada. That offer, worth 27.50 Canadian dollars a share, was endorsed by the London Insurance board. Great-West said a combination with London Insurance would create Canada's largest insurer with assets of \$38 billion, revenue of \$8.4 billion and 3,600 sales representatives. (USA Today)

*** Bayer posts 11 percent earnings increase for first half 1997

German chemical giant Bayer AG said its profits for the first half of 1997 rose 11 percent from a year earlier, thanks to sales boosted by favorable exchange rates. Profits for the six months were 1.72 billion marks, or \$940 million, compared to 1.55 billion marks for the same period in 1996. Sales grew 11 percent to 27.4 billion marks from 24.8 billion marks. Bayer posted increased sales in all business segments

-- health care, agriculture, chemicals and polymers -- as well as in its Agfa film group. (USA Today)

***** Thai government approves budget cuts after IMF deal**

Thailand's benchmark stock index dropped below 600 points Tuesday for the first time since the Thai currency was allowed to float July 2, intensifying a financial crisis capped last week by an international bailout. The Stock Exchange of Thailand index fell amid rumors that a dozen finance companies would be shut down in addition to 58 already closed. But no announcement emerged from Tuesday's Cabinet meeting to support the rumors. Finance Minister Thanong Bidaya instead gave details of a letter of intent signed with the IMF to rescue the flagging economy. (USA Today)

Sports

***** Bettman nullifies Hawks trade; Gratton offer valid from Philly**

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman ruled Tuesday that the proposed trade of center Chris Gratton from the Tampa Bay Lightning to the Chicago Blackhawks was not completed prior to the Lightning receiving an offer sheet from the Philadelphia Flyers. Along with terminating the proposed deal, Bettman ruled that the Lightning have until 7:45 p.m. ET Wednesday to match the terms of Philadelphia's five-year, \$16.5

million offer sheet to Gratton. The 22-year-old Gratton led the Lightning in scoring in 1996-97, establishing career highs with 30 goals, 32 assists and 62 points. He also had 201 penalty minutes and was one of only two Tampa Bay players to appear in all 82 games.

*** Yankees lose first-round draft pick Godwin to UNC

Tyrell Godwin went to chemistry class Tuesday morning at the University of North Carolina, much to the dismay of the New York Yankees. Godwin, a first-round draft choice of the Yankees in June, announced late Monday that he would play football and baseball for North Carolina and not sign a baseball contract. By attending a class Tuesday, Godwin is ineligible to play professional baseball for three years. The 24th pick in June's amateur draft, Godwin has maintained that he wants to fulfill his dream of becoming a doctor by going to college, but his speed and ability made him a first-round pick of the Yankees.

*** Report: Opponents say Mets may use cameras to steal signs

The New York Times reported Tuesday that some National League teams have accused the New York Mets of using a camera to steal signs during games at Shea Stadium. The newspaper said the Philadelphia Phillies spoke to the National League office about the matter. NL vice president Katy Feeney said the issue was discussed with the Mets, but would not say if an order was given to forbid the use of the cameras. Mets manager Bobby Valentine denied using cameras. At Shea Stadium,

one camera is positioned behind the plate and one each is positioned at the photographers' boxes. All three of the cameras swivel, and one unidentified player told the New York Times that the cameras would be pointed at the third base coach, the opposing manager and the pitcher. Sign stealing is not prohibited by the rules, but managers normally draw the line at using electronic means.

*** Union mum on Phillips suspension

The Major League Baseball Players Association will not confirm whether it has filed a grievance on behalf of Tony Phillips, the troubled utilityman who was suspended by the Anaheim Angels on Monday. The starting left fielder and leadoff hitter was suspended after refusing to go on the 15-day disabled list and enter a rehabilitation program. Phillips was arrested in an Anaheim hotel on Aug. 10 after allegedly buying a small quantity of cocaine. He was charged with felony possession of cocaine and released after posting bail. He has not played since. Although Players Association spokesman Richard Weiss would not confirm if the union has taken action, union associate counsel Gene Orza said last weekend that team owner Disney was "acting improperly" by not returning Phillips to the field.

*** NFL teams to cut rosters to 60 by Tuesday's deadline

With the start of the regular season just two weeks away, NFL teams have until 4 p.m. ET Tuesday to reduce their rosters to 60. Several teams announced their cuts Monday. The Miami Dolphins released 12

players, including veteran tight end Walter Reeves, who was signed as an unrestricted free agent from San Diego. Miami also placed wide receivers Yatil Green and Kirby Dar Dar and special teams standout Larry Izzo on injured reserve. The Minnesota Vikings released 11, including kicker Scott Sisson, to reduce their roster to 63. The Atlanta Falcons released quarterback Tommy Maddox, who was battling Billy Joe Tolliver for the backup job to Chris Chandler. The San Diego Chargers waived veteran linebacker Chris Singleton, who was signed as a free agent after Junior Seau underwent knee surgery.

*** Sampras, Hingis named top seeds at U.S. Open

Four-time champion Pete Sampras of the U.S. and 16-year-old Martina Hingis of Switzerland, the No. 1 ranked male and female players in the world, Tuesday were named the top seeds for the 1997 U.S. Open Tennis Championships, which begin Monday in New York. Sampras, who will be trying for his third Grand Slam title of the year, is seeded No. 1 at the U.S. Open for the third time in his career. Hingis, who also won the Australian Open and Wimbledon this year, is the youngest top seed in U.S. Open history. She will not turn 17 until Sept. 30. Michael Chang, the runner-up last year, is seeded second. Two-time champion Monica Seles is seeded second among the women. She has lost in the final each of the past two years to five-time champ Steffi Graf, who is sidelined this year after undergoing knee surgery in June.

*** Israeli archaeologists find ancient mass grave

Israeli archaeologists have discovered a mass grave in Galilee dating from an AD 67 Jewish revolt against Rome. "We uncovered in a cistern many, many people, including young children and teenagers about 16 years old," archaeologist Mordechai Aviam said Tuesday. "Those are probably families that died in the siege." Roman forces besieged the city of Yodfat in their march on Jerusalem and captured it after 47 days. The discovery confirms reports of Jewish historian Josephus, who survived the attack by surrendering to the Romans. Full text story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4519699-ec9>

*** Slow progress in lung cancer battle

Some 350,000 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer in the United States and European Union countries this year. Eighty-seven percent are likely to be dead within five years and 95 percent will eventually die of the disease. Progress in the fight against lung cancer, now the biggest cancer killer in the United States and most of Europe, is marked in fractional gains rather than sweeping advances. Despite the grim record, the mood among 2,600 attendees at the eighth world lung cancer conference this month was one of cautious optimism. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4520303-838>

*** Rubella vaccine-arthritis link doubted

Women vaccinated against rubella -- a common precaution against birth defects -- do not appear to run a higher risk of developing arthritis or other joint diseases, researchers said Tuesday. The report was based on a look at more than 4,000 women, some of whom had not been vaccinated against the disease. The researchers said they found no increased risk of arthritis, lupus, chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia and a number of other conditions among those who had been vaccinated. Some previous studies had suggested there might be a link between rubella vaccinations and chronic joint diseases. Full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4522309-b1e>

*** Australian scientists cut solar energy costs

Australian scientists said Tuesday they had developed a new process that could halve the costs of solar energy cells and bring cheap, clean power to the country's interior. Scientist Andrew Blakers said the new cheaper cells could be in production within three years, offering a viable alternative to diesel generators in remote Australian areas and communities in small developing nations. The potential application for the new system was widespread, but remote areas not on the electrical grid were thought to benefit most. Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4518946-8fa>

*** German medical elite did human experiments - book

Hundreds of German doctors who performed cruel medical experiments on

humans during the Nazi era walked unpunished into post-war careers in universities, pharmaceutical firms or surgeries, according to a new book. Ernst Klee, author of the book "Auschwitz: The Nazi Doctors and their Victims," said in an interview Tuesday that others emigrated to the United States for research jobs. Typical experiments included the injection of concentration camp prisoners with the typhoid virus, limb amputations and inducing death by exposure to extreme cold. Full story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4520437-32b>

*** China doctor raises height and hopes

Chinese people who pay a visit to Dr. Xia Hetao may walk away literally feeling a little taller. From his office in southwestern Beijing, Xia runs the Institute of External Skeletal Fixation Technology. In plainer language, he stretches bones. He has used his bone-growing methods, which he learned from Soviet physicians in the 1980s, to help hundreds of people with deformed or abnormally short limbs. He's also helped some vertically challenged Chinese. Full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4519781-e5d>

Technology

*** ZDNet launches Web's largest back-to-school content collection

ZDNet Tuesday launched "Back-to-School '97," the Web's largest

back-to-school content collection focusing on technology's role in education. This ZDNet special report pools together a wealth of content from ZDNet's topic channels. Back-to-School '97, found on ZDNet's At Home Channel (www.zdnet.com/athome/content/btschool/index.htm), was designed to help parents, teachers and students of all ages understand the role technology plays in education today, and learn about the changes and developments coming soon. (PR Newswire) See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4519678-05c>

***** American Express invests in InfoBeat**

American Express Travel Related Services Tuesday announced that it has made a minority investment in InfoBeat, formerly known as Mercury Mail, and the world's largest personalized e-mail publisher. Based in Denver, InfoBeat delivers customized news and information services to approximately 1.5 million subscribers via e-mail. American Express' investment is part of a \$7.5 million total investment InfoBeat has recently secured. Terms were not disclosed. (PR Newswire) See full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4519075-fba>

***** Sun unveils Solaris, NT integration course**

Sun Microsystems Inc. announced Tuesday "Solaris and Windows NT Network Integration" course is being added to the system administration curriculum. This four-day class is the first from Sun to address the integration and interoperability of commonly used applications for Solaris and Windows NT systems. This course covers

interoperability between NT and UNIX in key areas like file sharing, e-mail, print sharing and name services -- areas important to system administrators who manage heterogeneous environments. (PR Newswire) Story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4520061-076>

*** BonusMail hits 100,000 charter members in 6 weeks

Intellipost Corporation, creators of the BonusMail system, announced reaching a milestone of 100,000 membership enrollments Tuesday, just six weeks after launching its service. BonusMail allows consumers to choose the type and volume of e-mail offers they wish to receive and rewards consumers for receiving, reading and responding to these offers. BonusMail is a community of consumers who have elected to receive targeted promotions via e-mail in exchange for credits which may be redeemed for products or services. (PR Newswire) See full story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4515881-da3>

Human Interest

*** NYC carpenter makes 'ergonomic erotica'

No room for a sexual bondage rack in your city apartment? Need to hide the spanking horse when your mother comes to visit? Hope to surprise your girlfriend with a "bend-over" chair? Joe Hurley can meet those needs and more with the erotic furniture he designs and builds,

especially for small spaces, in his New York City studio. He sells the "Kinky Joe" furniture via a mail-order catalog with the words "HAVE MORE SEX" emblazoned on front. The furniture can fit in even the most cramped city apartment, the carpenter says. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4518763-e8a>

*** Danish royal house sees red over nude pictures

Nude vacation pictures of Denmark's Crown Prince Frederik in a Stockholm tabloid have enraged the royal court and revived Danish press attacks against neighboring Sweden. The photos are accompanied by text saying that waiting in the pool below, also naked, is Danish pop singer Maria Montell, 28, whom the media have been romantically linking with the 29-year-old prince. Danish newspapers published more sedate pictures of the couple in swimwear, shot by the same paparazzi. The publication of such pictures is a rarity in Denmark. Full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4519913-bb0>

*** No bikini lines with the tutus

Dancers in a British ballet troop have been told to lose their suntans because their bosses fear they will look more like lobsters than swans for a forthcoming production of "Swan Lake." The order went out as the English National Ballet reassembled after a five-week holiday break sporting sun-kissed bodies ranging from pink to deep brown. Dancers in "Swan Lake" are supposed to be pale and white and even heavy stage make-up cannot disguise a deep tan, a spokesman for the company told

BBC radio Tuesday. "We simply cannot have roasted swans," artistic director Derek Deane told the dancers, asking them to stay indoors or wear hats and sunblock outside.

*** See what the guys on the bench will have

Judges of traditional courts in eastern Nigeria's Abia state have been told to stop drinking beer and palm wine in local bars to preserve an image of sobriety, a newspaper said Tuesday. The Daily Times quoted court president M.N. Mba as telling judges: "Drinking beer and palm wine in bars or parlors with everybody is not in consonance with judiciary ethics on discipline, decency and decorum."

*** Tibet monastery turns to business to feed monks

The Tashilhunpo Monastery in China's Himalayan region of Tibet has opened a handicrafts business, a guesthouse, a store and two farms to support its 800 monks, the Financial News said Tuesday. These businesses, together with donations and ticket sales, had helped the monastery, built in 1447 and once home to more than 4,000 monks, to earn more than \$120,000 a year, it said. The largest business run by the monastery was the handicrafts firm, which contributed \$36,000 to the temple a year, it said. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=4520614-d56>

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ARGENTINA: "Painful Passage In Southern Cone"

Jorge Castro, international analyst and deputy editor-in-chief of business

El

Cronista, wrote (8/24), "The time for high-level politics--power,

security,

system of alliances--in the integration process of the Southern Cone has

come.

But, this time, not in the traditional terms of nation-state rivalry, but

in

the new world power conditions of the '90s.... Political crises are more

revealing than status quo. They show the conflict between nation-states of

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Southern Cone--based on the logic of rivalry and the concept of

threats--and

the demands of a new historical era (globalization of capitalism,

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stability with its center in the United States) where only huge

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economically organized spaces count....

"The Chilean government received three U.S. guarantees after the

announcement

of Argentina's designation as 'major non-NATO' ally. In case of conflict, Washington will not support Argentina; it will not give Argentina advanced arms equipment; lastly, there will not be special loans to purchase arms. When granting these guarantees, the United States announced the lifting of the embargo on sophisticated arms sales to Latin America. The decision will allow Chile, if it wants to...to purchase 20 F-16s and F-18s, which Argentina will not buy....

"Major non-NATO ally is a rare strategic category: It is not directed against

anyone; it is not based on the traditional concept of threat and its strictly

military content does not imply any privilege for the purchase of arms.... In

Chile and Brazil, the armed forces do not rule or share the government but are

key players in the decision-making process. In Argentina, they are out of the

political decision-making system. It is likely that what is happening in the

Southern Cone at this moment is a painful passage from the nation-state, built

against others, to a different political reality, where the confirmation of

national identities is only and exclusively solved within the regional framework."

COSTA RICA: "Latin American Arms Race?"

Top-circulation, conservative La Nacion's lead editorial commented (8/23), "An official American report pointed out that in 1996 the world arms market grew by 5 percent, while U.S. sales grew by about 25 percent. The large increase came from the strategic relationship that the United States has established with many countries of the Middle East and Far East, principally Egypt and Thailand. It's clear that advanced-technology arms are the winning category for the Americans, especially fighter aircraft.

"The recent suspension of restrictions on the sale of such arms to Latin America is a response to the efforts of the current administration, which will make it possible for Chile to acquire F-16 aircraft for \$400 million in the coming months. Similarly, Brazil and Argentina have shown a desire to emulate their neighbor. The arms race that the world is seeing is deplorable, particularly in Latin America. The peace dividend expected at the end of the

Cold War has not come to pass, nor has the relaxing of bipolar tension caused the world to have less conflict. The great international challenge today is to stimulate a race to improve social and economic conditions, instead of the bellicose desires prevailing today."

GERMANY: "Why Clinton Drove Wedge Among Latins"

Joachim Hoenig concluded in an editorial for business Handelsblatt of Duesseldorf (8/26), "With two political decisions, President Clinton has caused considerable unrest.... With his decision, Clinton obviously did not show consideration for the interests of Latin American countries. They do not want an arms race. But we have the impression that Clinton wants to drive a wedge into the group of influential South American countries.... Over the weekend, the South American leaders tried to calm the waters during their summit in Asuncion. But they could not be fully successful, since the past weeks have made clear that the political cohesiveness of the states in South America does not have the quality which Mercosur politicians think. Brazil as the biggest

nation...wants to strengthen its own position of power by setting up a strong South American bloc....

"Argentina tacitly tolerated this Brazilian striving for power as long as its own interests were not suppressed. Over the past few years, this resulted in a growing together of markets and a gradual balancing of political interests.

But this is something the United States does not want, since it runs counter to its interests.... Washington's aim is clear: The long-term goal is the establishment of a free trade zone from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego which is to be safeguarded with a security policy to extend its political dominance in the region and safeguard markets. The Europeans will be left out in the cold....

The EU negotiations about a free trade agreement with Mercosur and Mexico have bogged down."

"How To Start A Regional Arms Race For U.S. Benefit"

Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger noted in an editorial in right-of-center Frankfurter

Allgemeine (8/25): "The United States has now demonstrated in South America in a textbook fashion how to upset up a relatively stable balance and how to set in motion a regional arms race for its own benefit. First, it suspended its self-imposed ban on the export of weapons to the region, and then it announced that it would grant Argentina the status of a 'major non-NATO ally.'... Brazil and Chile are now outraged, although Chile has also shown an interest in the purchase of U.S. F-16 fighter planes.... This is a case for which the term 'security dilemma' was coined: One state is modernizing its arms, while the other follows suit. Both states acquire a new defense capability but their security is not increasing. Only the potential market for arms is getting big--preferably the one for the United States."

BRITAIN: "U.S. Must Take Care Of Avoiding Fuelling Arms Race"

The independent Financial Times' editorial said (8/26): "The United States has managed to annoy all three of the big states in Latin America's Southern Cone.

It has upset Argentina by offering to sell F-16 fighters to Chile; and it has riled Brazil and Chile by singling out Argentina as a major 'non-NATO ally.'

The prickly response of all three governments shows how strong mutual suspicions remain, and how difficult it is for us diplomacy to steer a course between them.

"The United States needs to pick its way through this bramble patch with special care, and above all avoid fuelling a regional arms race, which would be an absurd way for the states of the Southern Cone to spend the proceeds of growing trade. The region's real security problems--correctly identified in last week's Chilean defense white paper as including drug-trafficking, terrorism and threats to the environment--will not be best tackled by spending large sums on advanced fighter aircraft."

FRANCE: "Friction Between Washington And Brasilia"

According to right-of-center Les Echos' editorial (8/26): "President Clinton has, in the last four months, taken several initiatives in Latin America which have alienated Brazil, which feels that the White House is

insensitive

to regional needs.... The main goal of the United States is to create a major

free trade zone with Latin America, which it wants to regulate. With its invitation to Chile to become a member of NAFTA, the United States has already

weakened Mercosur.... Brasilia is also annoyed with the U.S. decision to lift

the arms embargo with Latin America, which it interprets as a wish by the U.S.

defense industry to control the market. Washington's previous decision to grant Argentina, Brazil's long-term rival, the rank of major

'non-NATO ally' has not helped relations.... Brazil's main goal is to strengthen Mercosur.... Hence its opposition to Washington last May in Belo

Horizonte, and last Saturday at the Rio Group summit in Asuncion...where everyone acclaimed France's proposal for a Europe-Latin America summit in 1999."

BELGIUM: "Argentina Spearhead Of New U.S. Strategy In Latin America"

Francis Van Den Berghe filed for independent Catholic De Standaard (8/26) regarding the recent U.S. moves in Latin America, "Argentina is, along with

Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, a member of Mercosur, the southern common market,

of which Chile is an associate member. Brazil sees this regional bloc has an opportunity to strengthen its position in negotiations with the United States.

Washington distrusts such an association over which it does not have much control. It prefers models in which it sets the tone, such as the North American Free Trade Association (NAFTA) with Canada and Mexico or the Free Trade Association of the Americas (FTAA) which will associate the United States and Latin America by 2005.

"Carlos Menem--who since his election in 1989 has always led a pro-U.S. policy--is, according to an academic in Buenos Aires, the last trump card of Washington to paralyze, or even to torpedo, Mercosur.... There is also an increasing European influence in Latin America. Now that the Cold War is over, the old 19th century motto of President Monroe is revived: 'America for Americans.'"

MOROCCO: "Good Example To Arabs"

Omar Saeb observed in opposition, leftist, French-language Liberation (8/26):

"The United States has decided to lift restrictions on the sale of weapons to Latin American countries, which already have many problems, such as

border

disputes and guerrilla movements that could easily become wars.... Latin American countries have issued a common policy stating that they have no intention of launching a new arms race, nor will they buy any military equipment from the United States. This policy should serve as a good example to some Arab states."

ASIAN 'TIGERS' AND CURRENCY WOES: PROPOSALS FOR RECOVERY

THAILAND: "Currency Speculators Need To Be Reined In"

According to the independent, English-language Nation (8/23): "There is no doubt that the tiger economies are facing problems, some more than others. But that does not make the activity of currency speculators any less despicable.

Speculators are not different from hyenas that prey on a wounded tiger, and in

so doing, hasten its demise.... Monetary authorities are now very much at the

mercy of currency speculators. The only way to level the playing field is to

roll back the volume in global foreign exchange. This is, of course, easier

said than done. One solution is to impose a tax on spot transactions in

foreign exchange. First suggested by James Tobin--winner of the 1981

Nobel

Prize for Economics--the tax will not wipe out speculation, but will slow

down speculative capital movements. This was recently echoed by

Malaysian

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed.... But convincing the world of its

merits

will not be easy. The International Monetary Fund--obsessed with knocking

down

all barriers to capital movements--will vigorously oppose such a tax. So

will

the United States, which champions the freedom of financial speculators.

While

the U.S. government might not be willing to condemn the currency

speculators,

it cannot, however, dismiss the moral bankruptcy of an unfettered global

capitalism. Perhaps it should ask the American investors--George Soros

included--and the pension and mutual funds that gave their monies to hedge

funds for currency speculation: Where is the morality in making profits

from

the destruction of growing economies?"

INDONESIA: "George Soros's Role In Free Market Mechanism"

Nationalistic Merdeka ran this op-ed piece by Tribuana Said (8/26): "If financial discipline, economic transparency and consistency of development policy are the requirements of the free market, those principles should be upheld, especially in times when a crisis of trust exists.... When a correction is needed, George Soros's type of business, or portfolio investment, may offer advantages. But, that kind of business only thrives in a market that promises abundant profits in a host country whose problems are not yet deemed serious."

"Toward ASEAN Unity"

The government-oriented English-language Indonesian Observer opined (8/26):

"When Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir openly accused U.S. financier George Soros of being behind the speculative attacks which have brought down Southeast Asian currencies, we stood by (Mr. Mahathir.) As it turned out, our solidarity was not wholly unfounded.... In the hurly-burly of the currency crisis, many overlooked a show of strength by the EU as it dealt with the \$15-billion merger between U.S. aircraft companies Boeing and McDonnell Douglas. Boeing agreed to tone down key elements of its planned merger

in

order to win approval by Brussels.... Airbus Industrie should be very proud

and thankful to the EU for making sure that the European voice has been heard

and the European decision has been respected. It has proved that the EU is a

force to be reckoned with. It is time that ASEAN countries forge similar unity to

help them act against major threats to their collective integrity."

SOUTH KOREA: "Monetary Crisis--An Opportunity For Japan?"

Anti-establishment Hankyoreh Shinmun queried (8/26): "Will the current monetary crises in Southeast Asia raise Japan's status in the region's economy? Japan is leading an international effort to come up with emergency

support funds to help resolve the crisis in Thailand, the source of the region's monetary instability. Analysts are paying attention to this effort by

Japan, wondering if it will lead to what Japan has long aspired: a rise in the

yen's status. Until now, Japan has failed to gain the political and economic

clout the size of its investment should have given it. In the current atmosphere, which is dominated by the United States, Japan's status continues

to decline. Japan is now making an effort in Thailand to reverse the situation. While some say the effort may pay off, others are more skeptical, saying that the strong U.S. economy won't leave much room for Japan to maneuver."

BRIEFS

DEFECTION OF NORTH KOREAN ENVOY TO CAIRO: FAMILY REUNION?

GERMANY: "Defection Movement"

Karl Grobe editorialized on the defection in Cairo of the North Korean ambassador in left-of-center Frankfurter Rundschau (8/26): "North Korea's Ambassador Jang has made a dramatic premiere: He changed sides.... His son did the same thing a year ago in Canada, what the media later calls: 'He chose freedom.' Maybe the family reunion will now take place in the United States.

Obviously, something is eroding.... Pyongyang's embarrassing statement that the defection of party theoretician Hwang Jang-yop in February of this year was an individual case, sounds as hollow as the monuments in North Korea as soon as we knock on them."

U.S.-CHINA: FRICTION OVER TIBET, LI PENG ENDORSES EAEC

CHINA: "Western Scholars Refute Congressman's Remarks"

Official English-language China Daily carried this Xinhua New Agency piece

(8/26): "Leading Western scholars on Tibetan studies expressed their

shock at

U.S. Congressman Frank Wolf's remarks that 'Tibetan language and culture

are

being destroyed' and criticized Congressman Wolf as being 'arrogant and

ignorant.' 'Wolf's remarks are nonsense...absolute nonsense. He must be

blind,' said Professor Colin Mackerras, a professor of Tibetology in

Australia. 'He pretends to know everything, but his remarks obviously

show he

knows nothing of the Tibetan culture nor has he traveled to Tibetan rural

areas,' Mackerras said. 'It would be economically unsound and dangerous

to

split Tibet from China,' said Mackerras, 'and it would devastate the

local

cultural tradition."

AUSTRALIA: "Asian Rights"

The liberal Sydney Morning Herald remarked (8/25): "(Chinese Prime Minister)

Li Peng endorsed not only the call for a review of the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights but also Dr. Mahathir's proposal for an exclusively Asian regional

grouping--a rival to APEC--which would exclude the United States and Australia....the East Asian Economic Caucus (EAEC.)... In Malaysia, Mr. Li

observed: 'Politically speaking, inequality exists. Some countries attempt to

lead the world and some...attempt to bully the weak and the poor.' As the EAEC

emerges...a question that will come sharply into focus for most ASEAN members

will be whether they have more to gain from continuing a steady engagement with

the United States and other countries in APEC or from distancing themselves

from the United States in an exclusivity and regionally assertive EAEC."

THAILAND: "Peaceful Coexistence Then, Economic Cooperation Now"

Kavi Chongkittavorn commented in the independent, English-language Nation (8/25): "China's five-point policy toward Southeast Asia in the 21st century

announced in Kuala Lumpur last Friday during Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng's

official visit was very significant. It demonstrated the confidence and pro-active approach of a post-Hong Kong China in taking a leading role in this

part of the world.... With the new policy, China will work closer with ASEAN

in international and regional forums, such as the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, the Asia-Europe Meeting and ASEAN Regional Forum, in order to 'safeguard shared rights and the interests of developing countries.'...

By

continuing to identify itself as part of the developing world, Beijing seeks to

mitigate fears that would arise from its growing economic and political influence in the future. It recognizes that the trappings of a looming superpower

status must be downplayed to take into consideration regional sensitivities.

In short, China is willing to be humble with ASEAN."

U.S.-PAKISTANI RELATIONS: UPCOMING MEETING AND PERCEIVED SNUB

PAKISTAN: "Clinton-Nawaz Meeting"

The centrist national News editorialized (8/26): "The expected visit of Prime

Minister, Mian Nawaz Sharif, in September 1997, to New York, to address

the UN

General Assembly, has suddenly acquired a much weightier import with the announcement that President Clinton has invited him for talks.... Quite a

few

topics of mutual interest are likely to come under substantial discussion....

It would provide a rare occasion to both to know each other. This perception

is strengthened further by the report that the new U.S. Assistant Secretary of

State for South Asia would be visiting both Islamabad and New Delhi soon to

update the president on the subjects likely to be discussed by him with the

Pakistani and Indian leaders.... From present indications, both Pakistan and

India may find themselves in some difficulty in selling their respective points

of view to the U.S. president on certain areas of contention. India, despite

its claim to being the 'largest democracy of the world' and despite having the

advantage of offering a much bigger market for U.S. entrepreneurs, is not

likely to convince the U.S. president that Kashmir is 'an integral part of

India.' Nor is there much chance of Gujral being able to convince Clinton that

India's refusal to sign the CTBT was justified.... India would try to win U.S.

support on its normalization measures with Pakistan (trade, tourism, etc.) minus Kashmir; and Pakistan will have to explain why it will not work, etc. In

other words, the meeting with Clinton offers an excellent opportunity to clarify our position on a number of vital areas of interest to us, and it should be fully utilized to build better bridges with the United States."

"Embarrassment In Washington"

On the front page of Islamabad's rightist English-language Pakistan Observer

former Ambassador Ghayoor Ahmed commented (8/26): "The difference in the treatment meted out to the two diplomatic missions from the same region who

were celebrating an identical event [50 years of independence] was so conspicuous that it cannot be ignored.... Some Pakistanis...feel that the

low-key participation of the Americans in the Pakistani reception could have

been deliberate to snub Pakistan over its overreaction to the uncharitable remarks about Pakistan attributed to the U.S. Attorney Bob Horan."

DEPARTMENT OF STATE REPORT ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: THE ISLAMIST VIEW

EGYPT: "Washington Deems Itself To Be A Protector Of Religion"

Mohamed Gamal Arafa, columnist for Islamist-leaning opposition Al Shaab wrote

(8/26): "The recent Department of State report on religion stated clearly that

American embassies in the world would question governments on incidents of

religious persecution or ignoring religious rights, especially against Christians.... This means that Washington deems itself to be a protector of

religion. This is dangerous because the Americans seek to launch crusaders

against other countries which allegedly persecute Christians....

Interestingly, President Clinton gave orders to federal employees to respect

the religious rights of others.... Undoubtedly, this domestic move opposes the

new foreign policy which seeks to punish all those who protect their religion--such as the case with Pakistan.... This American move may not be far

from the idea that Islam is the alternate enemy to communism."

SAUDI ARABIA: "Policies Intended To Create Tensions In Islamic World"

London-based, pan-Arab Ash-Sharq Al-Awsat wrote (8/23): "What is new in....U.S.

policy is...the presence of policies intended to create tensions in the
Islamic
world. Not long ago, the U.S. State Department issued a report on human
rights
around the world. The report included very strange and suspicious
information
regarding Christian minorities in the Islamic world, saying that they are
persecuted and that the United States will fight until persecution against
these minorities is eliminated. In reality, these are allegations....

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the purpose of raising this suspicious issue? The purpose is to interfere
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the affairs of the Islamic states under this guise, taking advantage of
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minorities to serve Zionist objectives...and to maintain constant tension
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Jorge Castro, international analyst and deputy editor in chief of business El
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onista, wrote (8/24), "The time for high level politics power, security,
system
of alliances in the integration process of the Southern Cone has
come. But, this
time, not in the traditional terms of nation state rivalry,
but in the new world
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more revealing than st
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of the Southern Cone based
on the logic of rivalry and the concept of
threats and the demands of a new his
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capitalism, hegemonic stability with its center i
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"The Chilean government received three U.S. guarantees after the announcement
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f Argentina's designation as 'major nonNATO' ally. In case of conflict,
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hese guarantees, the United States announced the lifting of
the embargo on soph
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allow Chile, if it wan
ts to...to purchase 20 F16s and F18s, which Argentina
will not buy....

"Major nonNATO ally is a rare strategic category: It is not directed
against a
nyone; it is not based on the traditional concept of threat and its

strictly military content does not imply any privilege for the purchase of arms.... In Chile and Brazil, the armed forces do not rule or share the government but are key players in the decisionmaking process. In Argentina, they are out of the political decisionmaking system. It is likely that what is happening in the Southern Cone at this moment is a painful passage from the nationstate, built against others, to a different political reality, where the confirmation of national identities is only and exclusively solved within the regional framework."

COSTA RICA: "Latin American Arms Race?"

Top circulation, conservative La Nacion's lead editorial commented (8/23), "An official American report pointed out that in 1996 the world arms market grew by 5 percent, while U.S. sales grew by about 25 percent. The large increase came from the strategic relationship that the United States has established with many countries of the Middle East and Far East, principally Egypt and Thailand. It's clear that advanced technology arms are the winning category for the Americans, especially fighter aircraft.

"The recent suspension of restrictions on the sale of such arms to Latin America is a response to the efforts of the current administration, which will make it possible for Chile to acquire F16 aircraft for \$400 million in the coming months. Similarly, Brazil and Argentina have shown a desire to emulate their neighbor. The arms race that the world is seeing is deplorable, particularly in Latin America. The peace dividend expected at the end of the Cold War has not come to pass, nor has the relaxing of bipolar tension caused the world to have less conflict. The great international challenge today is to stimulate a race to improve social and economic conditions, instead of the bellicose desires prevailing today."

GERMANY: "Why Clinton Drove Wedge Among Latins"

Joachim Hoenig concluded in an editorial for business Handelsblatt of
Duesseld
orf (8/26), "With two political decisions, President Clinton has
caused considerable unrest.... With his decision, Clinton obviously did not
show consideration for the interests of Latin American countries. They do
not want an arms race. But we have the impression that Clinton wants to
drive a wedge into the group of influential South American countries.... Over the weekend, the
South American leaders tried to calm the waters during their summit in
Asuncion.

But they could not be fully successful, since the past weeks have
made clear that the political cohesiveness of the states in South America
does not have the quality which Mercosur politicians think. Brazil as the
biggest nation...wants to strengthen its own position of power by setting up
a strong South American bloc....

"Argentina tacitly tolerated this Brazilian striving for power as long as its
own interests were not suppressed. Over the past few years, this resulted in
a growing together of markets and a gradual balancing of political interests.
But this is something the United States does not want, since it runs counter
to its interests.... Washington's aim is clear: The longterm goal is the
establishment of a free trade zone from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego which is
to be safeguarded with a security policy to extend its political dominance in
the region and safeguard markets. The Europeans will be left out in the
cold.... The EU negotiations about a free trade agreement with Mercosur and
Mexico have bogged down."

"How To Start A Regional Arms Race For U.S. Benefit"

KlausDieter Frankenberger noted in an editorial in rightofcenter
Frankfurter Allgemeine (8/25): "The United States has now demonstrated in
South America in a textbook fashion how to upset up a relatively stable
balance and how to set in motion a regional arms race for its own benefit.
First, it suspended its sel

imposed ban on the export of weapons to the region, and then it announced that it would grant Argentina the status of a 'major nonNATYO ally.'... Brazil and Chile are now outraged, although Chile has also shown an interest in the purchase of U.S. F16 fighter planes.... This is a case for which the term 'security dilemma' was coined: One state is modernizing its arms, while the other follows suit. Both states acquire a new defense capability but their security is not increasing. Only the potential market for arms is getting biggerpreferably the one for the United States."

BRITAIN: "U.S. Must Take Care Of Avoiding Fuelling Arms Race"

The independent Financial Times' editorial said (8/26): "The United States has managed to annoy all three of the big states in Latin America's Southern Cone.

It has upset Argentina by offering to sell F16 fighters to Chile; and it has riled Brazil and Chile by singling out Argentina as a major 'nonNATO ally.' The prickly response of all three governments shows how strong mutual suspicions remain, and how difficult it is for us diplomacy to steer a course between them

"The United States needs to pick its way through this bramble patch with special care, and above all avoid fuelling a regional arms race, which would be an absurd way for the states of the Southern Cone to spend the proceeds of growing trade. The region's real security problemscorrectly identified in last week's Chilean defense white paper as including drugtrafficking, terrorism and threats to the environmentwill not be best tackled by spending large sums on advanced fighter aircraft."

FRANCE: "Friction Between Washington And Brasilia"

According to rightofcenter Les Echos' editorial (8/26): "President Clinton has, in the last four months, taken several initiatives in Latin America which have alienated Brazil, which feels that the White House is insensitive

to regional needs.... The main goal of the United States is to create a major free trade zone with Latin America, which it wants to regulate. With its invitation to Chile to become a member of NAFTA, the United States has already weakened Mercosur.... Brasilia is also annoyed with the U.S. decision to lift the arms embargo with Latin America, which it interprets as a wish by the U.S. defense industry to control the market. Washington's previous decision to grant Argentina, Brazil's longterm rival, the rank of major

'nonNATO ally' has not helped relations.... Brazil's main goal is to strengthen Mercosur.... Hence its opposition to Washington last May in Belo Horizonte, and last Saturday at the Rio Group summit in Asuncion...where everyone acclaimed France's proposal for a EuropeLatin America summit in 1999."

BELGIUM: "Argentina Spearhead Of New U.S. Strategy In Latin America"

Francis Van Den Berghe filed for independent Catholic De Standaard (8/26) regarding the recent U.S. moves in Latin America, "Argentina is, along with Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, a member of Mercosur, the southern common market, of which Chile is an associate member. Brazil sees this regional bloc has an opportunity to strengthen its position in negotiations with the United States. Washington distrusts such an association over which it does not have much control. It prefers models in which it sets the tone, such as the North American Free Trade Association (NAFTA) with Canada and Mexico or the Free Trade Association of the Americas (FTAA) which will associate the United States and Latin America by 2005.

"Carlos Menem who since his election in 1989 has always led a proU.S. policy is, according to an academic in Buenos Aires, the last trump card of Washington to paralyze, or even to torpedo, Mercosur.... There is also an increasing European influence in Latin America. Now that the Cold War is

over, the old 19th century motto of President Monroe is revived: 'America for Americans.'

MOROCCO: "Good Example To Arabs"

Omar Saeb observed in opposition, leftist, Frenchlanguage Liberation (8/26):

"The United States has decided to lift restrictions on the sale of weapons to Latin American countries, which already have many problems, such as border disputes and guerrilla movements that could easily become wars.... Latin American countries have issued a common policy stating that they have no intention of launching a new arms race, nor will they buy any military equipment from the United States. This policy should serve as a good example to some Arab states."

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ASIAN 'TIGERS' AND CURRENCY WOES: PROPOSALS FOR RECOVERY

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THAILAND: "Currency Speculators Need To Be Reined In"

According to the independent, Englishlanguage Nation (8/23): "There is no doubt that the tiger economies are facing problems, some more than others. But that does not make the activity of currency speculators any less despicable. Speculators are not different from hyenas that prey on a wounded tiger, and in so doing, hasten its demise.... Monetary authorities are now very much at the mercy of currency speculators. The only way to level the playing field is to roll back the volume in global foreign exchange. This is, of course, easier said than done. One solution is to impose a tax on spot transactions in foreign exchange. First suggested by James Tobin, winner of the 1981 Nobel Prize for Economics, the tax will not wipe out speculation, but will slow down speculative capital movements. This was recently echoed by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed.... But convincing the world of its merits will not be easy. The International Monetary Fund, obsessed with knocking down all barriers to capital movements, will vigorously oppose such a tax. So will the United States, which ch

champions the freedom of financial speculators. While the U.S. government might not be willing to condemn the currency speculators, it cannot, however, dismiss the moral bankruptcy of an unfettered global capitalism. Perhaps it should ask the American investors George Soros included and the pension and mutual funds that gave their monies to hedge funds for currency speculation: Where is the morality in making profits from the destruction of growing economies?"

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INDONESIA: "George Soros's Role In Free Market Mechanism"

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"If financial discipline, economic transparency and consistency of development

policy are the requirements of the free market, those principles should be up

held, especially in times when a crisis of trust exists.... When a correction

is needed, George Soros's type of business, or portfolio investment, may offer

advantages. But, that kind of business only thrives in a market that promises

abundant profits in a host country whose problems are not yet deemed serious

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"Toward ASEAN Unity"

The government-oriented English-language Indonesian Observer opined (8/26):

"When

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir openly accused U.S. financier George Soros

of being behind the speculative attacks which have brought down Southeast Asia

and currencies, we stood by (Mr. Mahathir.) As it turned out, our solidarity was

not wholly unfounded.... In the hurlyburly of the currency crisis, many over

looked for a show of strength by the EU as it dealt

with the \$15 billion merger bet

between U.S. aircraft companies Boeing and

McDonnell Douglas. Boeing agreed to take

one down key elements of its planned

merger in order to win approval by Brussels.... Airbus Industrie should be

very proud and thankful to the EU for making

sure that the European voice has been heard and the European decision has been respected. It has proved that the EU is a force to be reckoned with. It is time that ASEAN countries forge similar unity to help them act against major threats to their collective integrity."

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Antiestablishment Hankyoreh Shinmun queried (8/26): "Will the current monetary crises in Southeast Asia raise Japan's status in the region's economy? Japan is leading an international effort to come up with emergency support funds to help resolve the crisis in Thailand, the source of the region's monetary instability. Analysts are paying attention to this effort by Japan, wondering if it will lead to what Japan has long aspired: a rise in the yen's status. Until now, Japan has failed to gain the political and economic clout the size of its investment should have given it. In the current atmosphere, which is dominated by the United States, Japan's status continues to decline. Japan is now making an effort in Thailand to reverse the situation. While some say the effort may pay off, others are more skeptical, saying that the strong U.S. economy won't leave much room for Japan to maneuver."

BRIEFS

DEFECTION OF NORTH KOREAN ENVOY TO CAIRO: FAMILY REUNION?

GERMANY: "Defection Movement"

Karl Grobe editorialized on the defection in Cairo of the North Korean ambassador in leftofcenter Frankfurter Rundschau (8/26): "North Korea's Ambassador Jaeng has made a dramatic premiere: He changed sides.... His son did the same thing a year ago in Canada, what the media later calls: 'He chose freedom.' Maybe the family reunion will now take place in the United States. Obviously, something is eroding.... Pyongyang's embarrassing statement that the defection of p

arty theoretician Hwang Jangyop in February of this year was an individual case, sounds as hollow as the monuments in North Korea as soon as we knock on them."

U.S.CHINA: FRICTION OVER TIBET, LI PENG ENDORSES EAEC

CHINA: "Western Scholars Refute Congressman's Remarks"

Official Englishlanguage China Daily carried this Xinhua New Agency piece (8/2

6): "Leading Western scholars on Tibetan studies expressed their shock at U.S.

Congressman Frank Wolf's remarks that 'Tibetan language and culture are being destroyed' and criticized Congressman Wolf as being 'arrogant and ignorant.' "

Wolf's remarks are nonsense...absolute nonsense. He must be blind,' said Profe

ssor Colin Mackerras, a professor of Tibetology in Australia. 'He pretends to

know everything, but his remarks obviously show he knows nothing of the Tibeta

n culture nor has he traveled to Tibetan rural areas,' Mackerras said. 'It wou

ld be economically unsound and dangerous to split Tibet from China,' said Mack

erras, 'and it would devastate the local cultural tradition."

AUSTRALIA: "Asian Rights"

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The liberal Sydney Morning Herald remarked (8/25): "(Chinese Prime Minister) Li Peng endorsed not only the call for a review of the U.N. Declaration of Huma

n Rights but also Dr. Mahathir's proposal for an exclusively Asian regional gro

upinga rival to APECwhich would exclude the United States and Australia....the

East Asian Economic Caucus (EAEC.)... In Malaysia, Mr. Li observed: 'Politic

ally speaking, inequality exists. Some countries attempt to lead the world and

some...attempt to bully the weak and the poor.' As the EAEC emerges...a quest

ion that will come sharply into focus for most ASEAN members will be whether t

hey have more to gain from continuing a steady engagement with the United States and other countries in APEC or from distancing themselves from the United States in an exclusivity and regionally assertive EAEC."

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THAILAND: "Peaceful Coexistence Then, Economic Cooperation Now"

Kavi Chongkittavorn commented in the independent, Englishlanguage Nation (8/25)

: "China's fivepoint policy toward Southeast Asia in the 21st century announced in Kuala Lumpur last Friday during Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng's official

visit was very significant. It demonstrated the confidence and proactive approach of a postHong Kong China in taking a leading role in this part of the world.... With the new policy, China will work closer with ASEAN in international and regional forums, such as the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, the AsiaEurope Meeting and ASEAN Regional Forum, in order to 'safeguard shared rights and the interests of developing countries.'... By continuing to identify itself as part of the developing world, Beijing seeks to mitigate fears that would arise from its growing economic and political influence in the future. It recognizes that the trappings of a looming superpower status must be downplayed to take into consideration regional sensitivities. In short, China is willing to be humble with ASEAN."

U.S.PAKISTANI RELATIONS: UPCOMING MEETING AND PERCEIVED SNUB

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The centrist national News editorialized (8/26): "The expected visit of Prime Minister, Mian Nawaz Sharif, in September 1997, to New York, to address the UN

General Assembly, has suddenly acquired a much weightier import with the announcement that President Clinton has invited him for talks.... Quite

a few topics of mutual interest are likely to come under substantial discussion.... It would

provide a rare occasion to both to know each other. This perception is strengthened further by the report that the new U.S.

Assistant Secretary of State
for South Asia would be visiting both Islamabad
and New Delhi soon to update the
president on the subjects likely to be
discussed by him with the Pakistani and
Indian leaders.... From present
indications, both Pakistan and India may find
themselves in some difficulty
in selling their respective points

of view to the U.S. president on certain areas of contention. India, despite
its claim to being the 'largest democracy of the world' and despite having
the advantage of offering a much bigger market for U.S. entrepreneurs, is not
likely
to convince the U.S. president that Kashmir is 'an integral part of
India.' Nor
is there much chance of Gujral being able to convince Clinton
that India's refusal
to sign the CTBT was justified.... India would try to
win U.S. support
on its normalization measures with Pakistan (trade, tourism,
etc.) minus Kashmir;
and Pakistan will have to explain why it will not work,
etc. In other words
, the meeting with Clinton offers an excellent
opportunity to clarify our position
on a number of vital areas of interest to
us, and it should be fully utilized
to build better bridges with the United
States."

"Embarrassment In Washington"

On the front page of Islamabad's rightist Englishlanguage Pakistan Observer
former Ambassador Ghayoor Ahmed commented (8/26): "The difference in the
treatment
meted out to the two diplomatic missions from the same region who
were celebrating
an identical event [50 years of independence] was so
conspicuous that it
cannot be ignored.... Some Pakistanis...feel that the
lowkey participation
of the Americans in the Pakistani reception could have
been deliberate to snub
Pakistan over its overreaction to the uncharitable
remarks about Pakistan attributed
to the U.S. Attorney Bob Horan."

DEPARTMENT OF STATE REPORT ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: THE ISLAMIST VIEW

EGYPT: "Washington Deems Itself To Be A Protector Of Religion"

Mohamed Gamal Arafa, columnist for Islamleaning opposition Al Shaab wrote (8/26): "The recent Department of State report on religion stated clearly that American embassies in the world would question governments on incidents of religious persecution or ignoring religious rights, especially against Christians... This means that Washington deems itself to be a protector of religion. This is dangerous because the Americans seek to launch crusaders against other countries which allegedly persecute Christians.... Interestingly, President Clinton gave orders to federal employees to respect the religious rights of others.. Undoubtedly, this domestic move opposes the new foreign policy which seeks to punish all those who protect their religions such as the case with Pakistan... This American move may not be far from the idea that Islam is the alternate enemy to communism."

SAUDI ARABIA: "Policies Intended To Create Tensions In Islamic World"

Londonbased, panArab AshSharq AlAwsat wrote (8/23): "What is new in....U.S. policy is...the presence of policies intended to create tensions in the Islamic world. Not long ago, the U.S. State Department issued a report on human rights around the world. The report included very strange and suspicious information regarding Christian minorities in the Islamic world, saying that they are persecuted and that the United States will fight until persecution against these minorities is eliminated. In reality, these are allegations.... What is the purpose of raising this suspicious issue? The purpose is to interfere in the affairs of the Islamic states under this guise, taking advantage of these minorities to serve Zionist objectives...and to maintain constant tension to serve the Zionist movement's interests, not America's interests."

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- *** Lott says Senate vote this year on campaign reform

Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott surprised Democrats Friday with an announcement that he will call for a vote before the end of the year on campaign finance reform. His decision left Minority Leader Tom Daschle fuming that it was a political stunt. Daschle said he had seen the Lott's request only 30 seconds before Lott made the announcement. Meanwhile, the Republican-controlled Senate Governmental Affairs Committee shelved its seven-week investigation into alleged wrongdoing in fund raising for the 1996 presidential campaign. This leaves unfinished testimony from numerous witnesses.

Full story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5028614-e6c>

*** U.N. rights envoy to investigate U.S. executions

A United Nations human rights envoy travels to the United States this weekend to investigate capital punishment and possible deaths due to use of excessive force by law enforcement authorities, officials said Friday. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, a Senegalese lawyer who serves as the U.N. special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, is to meet with federal and state authorities in Washington, D.C.; New York; Florida; Texas and California. The United States, which resumed executions in 1976, had executed 391 prisoners by last June. See full story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5025458-c38>

*** Air Force sets training stand-down for Sept. 26

The Air Force said Friday it will halt all training flights for 24 hours on Sept. 26 on orders from Defense Secretary William Cohen for service branches to study safety after five recent military air crashes. All routine Air Force training, exercise and demonstration flight activities will be canceled next Friday "to allow every unit to focus on ways to identify, assess and offset the inherent risks of aviation," the Air Force said in a statement. For the second part, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5026847-56b>

*** Clintons help Chelsea move to campus dorm room

In a bittersweet errand of parenthood, President Clinton and his wife Hillary helped their daughter Chelsea, 17, move into her Stanford college dormitory room Friday and begin a life away from them. There were no U-Haul trucks; instead, a presidential motorcade carried the Clintons onto the campus. People walking and jogging stopped what they were doing to watch the procession. Chelsea's move to college put her parents in the same position as thousands of others across the country who find it hard to believe that their little ones have grown up. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5027086-637>

Crime and Catastrophe

*** Illinois boy forced to roll naked in poison ivy

Two 17-year-old boys in Illinois have been charged with felony crimes after allegedly bullying another boy into stripping naked and forcing him to roll in poison ivy, prosecutors said Friday. "They took him from his home, threatened to beat him up, and just harassed him -- made him roll around in poison ivy. (They were) just being mean," said Susan Jensen, a Madison County assistant prosecutor, of Monday's incident. The two were charged with intimidation and unlawful restraint. Each was being held on \$75,000 bond. Full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5027459-073>

*** 'Flu' ship heads to New York

It was no pleasure cruise for some 75 passengers aboard the Westerdam luxury liner who came down with a virulent strain of the flu. The cruise ship left Boston Harbor heading for New York Thursday with officials from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Canadian national health service joining the 1,400 passengers and 600 crew aboard. When the vessel pulled into Boston Harbor early Thursday, teams of the city's medical personnel were sent out. There was fear that the type A influenza could spread to land. When the ship reaches New York, it will be disinfected before it sails again.

See story at

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The U.S. Political Scene

*** Deal on Helms-Burton dispute distant - Europe

Talks between the European Union and the United States on a dispute over the Helms-Burton law on Cuban investment have been disappointing and a deal remains distant, the European Commission said Friday. The two sides managed to defuse a spat over the U.S. law, which seeks to punish companies investing in confiscated Cuban properties, by agreeing to reach an accord by Oct. 15. The EU wanted to ensure that any accord on confiscated property applied only to future

investments, but the United States "has some problems with that," an official said. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5026018-9c6>

*** Albright presses U.N. on U.S. deal

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Friday urged members of the United Nations to take the reform and arrears package offered by Washington or risk losing a bargain. "If the United Nations waits for a better proposal with more money from the U.S. Congress, it is likely to get a proposal with more requirements and less money," she said. She spoke hours after media mogul Ted Turner announced he was donating \$1 billion in stocks over the next 10 years, in part because Washington has not paid the \$1.5 billion owed. For the full story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5027849-89d>

*** Clinton team revs up for entitlement reform

President Clinton's economic team has stepped up efforts to develop a strategy for reforming Social Security and Medicare, administration officials said Friday. Among the issues being discussed at this early stage are which entitlement to tackle first, whether to recommend specific legislation or broad principles, and whether to act before or after 1998 Congressional elections, officials said. No timetable has been laid down for the decisions but the effort gathered steam after Clinton signed the balanced budget agreement in August. Full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5028512-021>

***** Japan, U.S. to boost security cooperation - Pentagon**

Japan has agreed in principle to give key military support, including access to bases, to U.S. forces in times of crises while maintaining its ban on the use of offensive military might, the Pentagon said Friday. Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary Kurt Campbell said new U.S.-Japan security guidelines to be issued in New York Tuesday would pave the way for emergency U.S. use of more Japanese bases as well as Japanese minesweeping of sea lanes and joint evacuation of civilians in a war or other crisis. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5026587-e51>

***** Argentina to ask Clinton to intervene on Falklands**

Argentina will ask President Clinton when he visits next month to pressure Britain to negotiate over the future of the Falkland Islands, Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella told a newspaper Friday. Di Tella said President Carlos Menem will bring up the matter with Clinton, who will make an official visit in mid-October. "He isn't going to ask him to mediate, but for him to renew the commitment that the United States assumed when it voted in favor of U.N. resolutions calling for Argentina and Great Britain to return to negotiations," Di Tella said. Story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5025760-d92>

The Courts

*** Judge rules against NY mayoral runoff

The Rev. Al Sharpton lost a key court round Friday when a federal judge refused to order a runoff election for the Democratic mayoral nomination between the activist minister and winner Ruth Messinger. U.S. District Judge Denny Chin said that Sharpton's lawyers had not provided any evidence that irregularities in the Sept. 9 primary election were intentional acts aimed at depriving minorities of their right to vote. Sharpton sued the city's Board of Election after it declared Messinger the Democratic nominee who will challenge incumbent Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5028507-17b>

*** Smoke trial to resume before legal disputes decided

The Florida judge in a \$5 billion secondhand-smoke trial ordered tobacco companies to start presenting their case Monday without deciding key legal challenges from cigarette makers, an official said Friday. Judge Robert Kaye said he was delaying a decision on cigarette makers' requests for verdicts by the judge on certain claims because he was worried about the effect on jurors of a two-week break in testimony. Jurors had complained about the extended trial and the frequent interruptions to allow lawyers to resolve

differences. See story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5026818-3c1>

U.S. Business and Financial News

*** Westinghouse closes \$1.6B deal

CBS owner Westinghouse, already the nation's largest radio company, plans to buy the fifth-largest, American Radio Systems, for \$1.6 billion in cash and debt. The deal comes just days after Westinghouse sold its Thermo-King refrigeration business in part to free up more cash for takeovers. (USA Today)

*** Blue chips drag along

Wall Street acted like a confused bridegroom Friday, swaying indecisively in late-session trading. The Dow closed at 7917, down five points, on volume of 635 million shares. Decliners led advancers 14 to 13. The S&P 500 was up three points to 950. The Nasdaq closed up 10 points to 1680. The 30-year bond was up 13/32 to yield 6.37 percent.

*** Intel, Compaq in tech alliance

Intel Corp. and Compaq Corp. will work together to develop technology

linking together business computers, posing a fresh threat to rival makers of networking equipment. The No. 1 maker of computer chips and the biggest maker of PCs plan to cooperate on licensing, design and product development, with the goal of reducing the cost of networking equipment and improving how it works. Compaq's ties with retailers could help sell products resulting from the alliance. (USA Today)

*** Nike warns of revenues growth

Nike Inc. reported a 12 percent rise in quarterly profits, but warned revenue growth for the third quarter would fall short of its long-term goal. Nike earned \$0.85 per share in the first quarter compared to \$0.76 per share in last year's first quarter and a First Call consensus estimate of \$0.84 a share. (Reuters)

*** Union Carbide forecasts weak third quarter earnings

Union Carbide said it expects its third quarter earnings to come in below estimates, but somewhat above the prior year's fully diluted earnings per share of \$1.08 per share. The consensus estimate for third quarter EPS is \$1.34, according to First Call. Chairman and CEO William Joyce said that the company has experienced higher-than-forecasted raw material costs and weak prices for polyethylene and polypropylene resins. (Reuters)

*** Food Lion announces closings, layoffs

Food Lion Inc. said it will close 61 grocery stores in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas and lay off 3,100 employees in a reversal of its much second-guessed decision to expand from its Southeast base into the Southwest. The supermarket chain is also closing a Texas distribution center as part of the cutbacks, which will reduce its overall work force by a little over 4 percent. (USA Today)

World Front Page Stories

*** U.N. greets Turner's \$1 billion offer with joy

The United Nations Friday called media mogul Ted Turner's offer to donate \$1 billion to the world body a moral boost that exceeded its financial value. "It is a wonderful gesture and I hope it is a sign of things to come," said U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. "It shows his belief in the organization and international cooperation and I hope it will inspire the governments to pay what they owe." Seeking to shame the United States by example, Turner announced late Thursday he was donating \$1 billion in stocks over the next 10 years, in part because Washington has not paid the \$1.5 billion it owes. For the full story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5026730-5c1>

*** Six killed in London rail crash

Six passengers were killed and as many as 170 injured Friday, 13 seriously, when a packed express train plowed into a freight train near London, police said. Firemen took more than two hours to cut 16 passengers free from the tangled cars, which were tossed across the track like toys by the force of the impact at Southall, west of London. The train caught fire but fire services said they extinguished the blaze quickly. Helicopter ambulances brought in doctors and ferried the worst injured to four nearby hospitals. Full story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5028021-24f>

*** Diana bodyguard remembers nothing of crash - source

The lone survivor of Princess Diana's fatal car crash in Paris told an investigating judge Friday that he remembers nothing of the accident, a source close to the investigation said. Bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones could remember nothing after he entered the Mercedes-Benz, the source said, dashing Judge Herve Stephan's hopes that he would be able clear up the mystery surrounding the causes of the crash and Diana's final moments. The source also said Rees-Jones, 29, had no recollection of whether a second car was involved, as some witnesses have suggested. Story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5027074-866>

Charles thanks public for response to Diana death, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5025507-7a8>

*** Bonn warns tourists against parts of Egypt

The German foreign ministry warned Germans on Friday to avoid traveling to high-risk areas of Egypt a day after a machinegun and petrol bomb attack on tourist buses in central Cairo killed 10 people. "The Egyptian government is making great efforts to inform tourists and other foreigners there of the safety risks and to protect them from terrorist attacks," the ministry said. Nine Germans from a group of 33 tourists were killed in a bus in front of the Egyptian Museum in central Cairo's busiest square Thursday. Story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5024471-9ff>
Hardy tourists see tombs, mummies after Egypt attack, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5022421-df5>

*** Good weather helps search for U.S.-German planes

Good weather on Friday aided a six-day-old search for wreckage and bodies from the presumed mid-air collision of a German Tupolev and an American C-141 off the Namibian coast last Saturday. "The sea is very calm, visibility is good and there is no mist whatsoever," Colonel Stony Steenkamp of the South African air force said. Bad weather had been hampering the search for remains of the two military aircraft and for clues as to what may have caused an accident in which all 33 people on board the planes are believed to have perished. For the full story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5021084-eae>

*** Mir back on track, Russians play down U.S. doubts

The crew on Russia's Mir space station finally fixed its latest problem Friday as Mission Control dismissed U.S. criticism of the craft's safety record, saying cooperation with NASA was right on track. Deputy flight director Viktor Blagov said the crew -- two Russians and NASA physicist Michael Foale -- restored equipment which automatically keeps Mir and its solar panels facing the sun. The problem stemmed from a computer failure last weekend. U.S. legislators grilled space experts Thursday, arguing NASA should not send a replacement astronaut to the 11-year-old station next week. Story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5026102-3f7>

The World Political Scene

*** Japan may go against U.S. over landmines

In a potential major policy shift that could anger the United States, Japanese Foreign Minister Keizo Obuchi dropped a strong hint Friday that Japan would sign a global landmine ban treaty spurned by Washington. "It would be contradictory for Japan ... to not accept the treaty ...," Obuchi said. Previously, Japan had thrown its support behind Washington, which wants to use antipersonnel mines on the tension-filled Korean Peninsula, the last Cold War frontier, for nine more years because of the uncertain situation there. For the full text story,

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5025663-336>

Canada's Axworthy targets horrors of landmines, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5025644-164>

***** Four-nation Korea talks resume in New York**

Four-nation talks to prepare for Korean peace negotiations resumed Friday with the United States and South Korea hoping to persuade North Korea to drop its main demands. The two-day meeting adjourned abruptly Thursday without any apparent progress. A diplomatic source close to the talks said the communist Pyongyang government was still insisting on the withdrawal of 37,000 U.S. troops from South Korea and that Washington sign a separate peace treaty with North Korea. Both demands are unacceptable to Washington. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5025870-aeb>

***** Mandela urges S. African model for Mideast peace**

President Nelson Mandela on Friday urged parties in the Middle East to shun war and follow South Africa's example of reconciliation and peace. Receiving an honorary doctorate in Cape Town from Israel's Ben Gurion University, Mandela, who launched the black guerrilla war against white rule in 1961, praised civilians trying to bridge the conflict between Arabs and Jews. "Today, we cannot but share the anxiety of all those who are concerned for peace at the loss of momentum, at the erosion of trust ...," said Mandela. For the full story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5022725-5b3>

*** Angered Slovaks cancel meeting with Hungary

Slovakia, upset at Hungarian media coverage of its policy toward ethnic minorities, Friday officially canceled a meeting designed to improve ties between the two neighbors. The cancellation follows Slovakia's protest to Hungary Wednesday over what it called a concerted campaign to discredit Slovakia after a political rally at which Slovak Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar said he had proposed to the Hungarians a repatriation of ethnic minorities from each side. The two countries were due to have met in Budapest Saturday. For the story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5023121-807>

*** Croatia slams U.N. over E. Slavonia

Croatia reacted angrily Friday to a U.N. Security Council warning that it may face a delay in assuming total control of its last Serb-populated enclave unless it fulfills promises toward Serbs in the region. The Council Thursday expressed "deep concern at the lack of substantial progress" by Croatia in fulfilling its obligations in Eastern Slavonia which is administrated by the United Nations. Croatia has to remove all administrative and legal obstacles for the refugee return, ensure social and economic opportunities and property rights. Story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5023824-504>

*** Stocks end mixed as investors focus on currency markets

Asian-Pacific markets were mixed Friday, as investors focused on the movements of the region's foreign-currency markets. Stocks in Hong Kong slumped amid uncertainty in the continuing Southeast-Asia economic crisis. The Tokyo market closed mixed, although gains in the Nikkei were limited by investors' anxiety ahead of the upcoming Group of Seven industrialized nations meeting this weekend. Australian shares rose after gains for banking stocks offset a plunge in the share price of Broken Hill Proprietary. Philippine shares surged following Sunday's political rally against constitutional changes. And South Korean shares retreated as the won and the yen declined against the dollar. (WSJ)

*** Stocks weak as investors focus on profits, expirations

Share prices ended mostly lower across Europe Friday, as investors focused on corporate earnings and trading associated with the expiration of futures and options. Strong earnings in select blue-chips nudged Belgian shares higher, but Swiss stocks fell on profit-taking. Swedish shares lost ground despite gains in the forestry sector, while Spanish stocks were mixed amid selling in shares of Telefonica. French stocks lost some ground, while British shares followed Wall Street, which posted losses during European trading hours. Meanwhile, options-related trading pressured Dutch

shares, but boosted stocks in Italy.

*** LVMH chair wants 3-way merger in Guinness deal

Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton (LVMH) Chairman Bernard Arnault will present new proposals for his place in the merger of Guinness PLC and Grand Metropolitan PLC. LVMH, the French luxury goods firm known for Dom Perignon and Moët & Chandon champagnes among other things, has opposed the \$38 billion merger of Guinness and GrandMet. GrandMet's holdings include J&B whisky and Smirnoff vodka, while Guinness owns Johnnie Walker whisky and Gordon's gin. LVMH's Arnault has stated that a merger combining the drinks operations of all three companies would be a better deal for shareholders and has opposed the proposed GMG deal, announced May 12. Arnault is a major shareholder in both companies and said he wants a 35 percent stake in a three-way merger to be known as DrinksCo.

*** Luxottica in deal with Bulgari

Bulgari SpA, an Italian luxury jewelry, watch and perfume company, has signed a licensing deal with the Italian eyewear maker Luxottica Group. Under the deal, Luxottica will produce a brand of eyewear designed and promoted by the jewelry company. Bulgari says the move is part of the company's plan to expand its product line. Other new Bulgari products in the pipeline will include leatherware and silk.

(USA Today)

*** German insurer does brisk business

Europe's largest insurance group, Allianz AG, says its insurance premium income rose more than 12 percent in the first half of 1997 and it expects double-digit profit growth for the year. Allianz says it expects to have a profit this year in its underwriting business for the first time since 1990, barring any major claims by year's end. Its premium income rose to 44.5 billion marks, or \$25.3 billion, in the first half. (USA Today)

Sports

*** Dodgers, Giants continue pennant chase Friday night

Six teams have either officially qualified or are close to securing berths in postseason play as baseball enters its penultimate weekend, leaving two pennant races -- one classic and another between mediocre teams. The San Francisco Giants and Los Angeles Dodgers share first place in the National League West with identical 84-69 records with nine games remaining. The Giants drew even by sweeping a two-game series from the Dodgers at 3-Com Park. It is the first time since 1971 that the long-time rivals met in September with both teams in playoff contention. The Dodgers host the Colorado Rockies while the Giants open a four-game series in San Diego Friday. In the NL Central, the Houston Astros hold a 3 1/2-game lead over the

Pittsburgh Pirates. The Astros (77-75) begin a series in Cincinnati while Pittsburgh (74-79) hosts St. Louis.

*** Florida-Tennessee highlights great weekend in college football

When all is said and done Saturday night, college football's top five will have a distinctly different look. Florida (2-0) will either have a stranglehold on its No. 1 ranking or will be in jeopardy of failing to defend its national title after it hosts fourth-ranked Tennessee (2-0) in Gainesville. A Tennessee victory could vault the Volunteers into the top spot, but No. 2 Penn State (2-0), at Louisville, or third-ranked Washington (2-0), which hosts No. 6 Nebraska (2-0), could become the top-ranked team when the updated poll is released Sunday morning. Florida has won four straight and nine of the last 11 meetings with Tennessee. Last year, Florida built a 35-0 advantage in the first 20 minutes and held off Peyton Manning and Company, 35-29.

*** Yankees' Cone to start Saturday against Toronto

New York Yankees right-hander David Cone, sidelined since Aug. 17 with tendinitis in his right shoulder, will return Saturday when the Yankees host the Toronto Blue Jays. Manager Joe Torre made his decision Thursday, one day after Cone threw 76 pitches in a simulated game. Cone, originally scheduled to start Monday, would be on pace to make two regular season starts and then be on the mound when the Yankees begin postseason play on Sept. 30. The 34-year-old Cone is 12-6 with a 2.82 ERA in 26 starts. Last season, Cone made a

successful return following surgery to remove an aneurysm in his right arm. He went 3-1 with a 3.94 ERA in September and helped the Yankees win the World Series. In his 12th year, Cone has a lifetime record of 148-86 in 325 games with Kansas City, the New York Mets, Toronto and the Yankees. He won the 1994 AL Cy Young Award while with Kansas City.

*** Padres' Gwynn battling blood clot in leg

Seven-time batting champion Tony Gwynn of the San Diego Padres revealed Thursday that he has been battling a blood clot in his leg since the discovery of a lump on Sept. 5. Gwynn, in a radio interview, said he is taking anti-inflammatory medication for the clot. "I'm really struggling," Gwynn said. "Not offensively, but I'm struggling just being healthy enough to go out and play. My knee probably needs to be cleaned out at the end of the season. Then, I've got a blood clot in my right leg that I'm still dealing with. It's kind of in a superficial area where it's not a major concern." The 37-year-old Gwynn is hitting .365 with a major-league best 206 hits. Gwynn is enjoying the best year of his career. He has established new career highs with 17 homers, 113 RBI, 45 doubles and 306 total bases, and is within reach of a personal-best 218 hits, set in 1987. Colorado's Larry Walker leads the National League with a .372 batting average.

*** Report: Gretzky, Rangers working on contract extension

The New York Rangers are reportedly working on a new deal that would keep superstar Wayne Gretzky with the team through the end of the century. The 36-year-old Gretzky is entering the second-year of a two-year, \$11 million contract with the Rangers and is eligible for unrestricted free agency after the season. After losing Mark Messier, who signed a three-year, \$20 million deal with Vancouver as an unrestricted free agent, the Rangers are apparently taking no chances with Gretzky. In his first year with the Rangers, Gretzky led the team with 97 points on 25 goals and 72 assists. According to reports, Gretzky's agent Mike Barnett was in New York this week and confirmed that he and Rangers general manager Neil Smith opened contract discussions.

Science and Medicine

*** New drugs improve outlook for Alzheimer's patients

The outlook for victims of Alzheimer's disease has improved dramatically over the past year because of new drugs that help relieve the mentally crippling condition, a leading health expert said Friday. Two drugs are now being used to suppress symptoms such as memory loss and at least 10 more are expected to go on sale within the next two years, said Dr. Luigi Amaducci, chairman of discussions on dementia at the World Neurology Congress. Alzheimer's affects 5 percent of the population over 65 years old and up to 40 percent of

people over 80. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5026368-547>

*** Diabetes in children linked to environment

Environmental factors before or shortly after birth could be responsible for the dramatic increase in childhood diabetes in Europe and other parts of the world, doctors said Friday. During the past 20-30 years the number of children under the age of five needing insulin to control their diabetes has risen sharply. A change in the population gene pool due to the improved survival of people with the disease could be one reason, but doctors think a change in environment is more likely. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5010745-5d9>

*** AMA cites fallout from Sunbeam deal

Top staff members of the American Medical Association acted contrary to the group's policy when they made a product endorsement deal with Sunbeam Corp., the group's board of trustees said. "Individuals throughout the AMA, including top staff members, are responsible in varying degrees for this breakdown (of AMA's internal systems). Appropriate personnel actions are being taken," the board said in a statement released after Thursday's all-day meeting reviewing the Sunbeam deal. The AMA backed out of the deal after an outcry from members that commercialism was overwhelming the group's purpose. See story at <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5027538-933>

*** Doctors warn of danger of visiting hairdresser

British doctors warned Friday about a little-known danger of visiting the hairdresser after a woman suffered a stroke while having her hair washed. The condition, known as "beauty-parlor syndrome," occurred when the woman stretched her head backwards over the sink and damaged the carotid artery in her neck. One doctor recommended that hairdressers should be instructed not to over-extend customers' necks. Doctors who examined the woman found that the lining of one of the arteries had torn away and was blocking passage of blood to her brain. See

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5021132-a29>

*** Software program tapped for Alzheimer's research

A new software program that analyzes the brain and computes the user's I.Q. may have an important role to play in the study and detection of Alzheimer's disease. Cognitive Diagnostics Inc. said Friday a Southern California medical center has recently incorporated the Cognitive Diagnostics software in clinical trials to determine its usefulness in measuring the efficacy of several new Alzheimer's drugs. The study will also yield data on the software's ability to detect the incipient stages of Alzheimer's and other forms of cognitive deterioration. (PR Newswire) For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5025189-0b2>

*** Tight-fitting briefs squeeze male fertility - study

Men may think they look sexy in tight-fitting underpants but they overheat their testicles and damage fertility, a British health clinic warned. The clinic's medical director, Dr. Richard Petty, said tight briefs made of manmade fibers and worn under tight jeans compounded the problem. Cotton or silk boxer shorts would be ideal, he said. The clinic, which gave no detailed breakdown of its latest findings, specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of male health disorders ranging from obesity to prostate problems. For the full text story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5027098-380>

Technology

*** EDI unveils new memory cards

Electronic Designs Inc. (EDI) announced Friday a new generation of Linear Flash PC (PCMCIA) Cards. EDI's new product series combines the multiple-bit-per-cell Flash memory technology, StrataFlash from Intel, and a new addressing method developed by EDI. Previous Linear Flash cards have been limited to 64 megabytes (MB) due to the number of addressing lines available in the PCMCIA interface. EDI's new high density Linear Flash PC-Card products are available in densities from 16MB to 80MB. EDI's 80MB product is the highest linear flash card

available in the industry, the company said. (PR Newswire) Full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5026638-cd6>

*** VivoActive Producer 2.0 picked by PC Magazine

VivoActive Producer 2.0 has been named PC Magazine's "Editors' Choice" for streaming video. In its Oct. 7 review of streaming video products, PC Magazine called VivoActive Producer a "high-quality, serverless technology that emphasizes ease of use and simplicity over a mass of features." VivoActive 2.0 offers Web developers a fast way to create Web video content that can be streamed from a wide array of servers and viewed over Internet and intranet network connections.

VivoActive Producer streamlines the task of preparing video and audio clips for on-demand delivery over the Web. (PR Newswire) For the full story, see

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5024962-c17>

Human Interest

*** Italian saint's dried blood liquefies in 'miracle'

The powdery substance many Neapolitans believe is the dried blood of their patron saint liquefied right on schedule Friday in a twice-yearly "miracle." The blood of the fourth century St. Gennaro,

kept in a glass vial in Naples cathedral, liquefied after about an hour of prayers. The miracle has been recorded on set dates twice a year almost without fail for the past 600 years -- Sept. 19, the saint's feast day, and the first Saturday in May. Calamity has struck on at least five occasions when the blood has failed to liquefy. Full story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5021965-87e>

*** Florida lottery winner was Haitian coup figure

A Haitian who won a \$3.2 million jackpot in the Florida lottery this summer was a key figure in the coup that toppled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in 1991, officials say. The tale of Carl Dorelien's lottery jackpot on June 28 was heartwarming -- the immigrant was so poor, lottery officials said, he had to borrow bus fare for the trip to Tallahassee to claim his prize. But officials investigating the coup say Dorelien was in charge of an armored division that played a major role in ousting the nation's first freely elected president.

See story at

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5026732-246>

*** Turin cathedral reopening on track for shroud

The Renaissance cathedral housing the Shroud of Turin will reopen in November after being damaged in a fire last April. Giuseppe Forlani, head of a government commission overseeing reconstruction, said Friday the main part of the church would be ready to receive the public late November. But it was still unclear whether the baroque

Guarini Chapel, which housed the Shroud and was gutted in the blaze April 12, would be rebuilt in time for a scheduled public exhibition of the world-famous but controversial relic next year. Full story, <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5026231-148>

*** Goethe foundation snubs 'gay' biography in Germany

Bookshops at museums across Germany are refusing to sell a controversial new biography of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe which contends that the nationally revered poet was gay, the book's author said Friday. The book, "The Tender Caress of the Tiger," has sent shock waves through Goethe academia and sparked a row among literary scholars. Author Karl Hugo Pruys, 59, a writer and journalist, said the Weimar Classics Foundation had initially agreed to sell the book but got cold feet at the last minute. For the full text story, see <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=5026431-45d>

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