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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]
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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

AT TIME MAGAZINE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Radio City Music Hall

New York City, New York

10:59 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Thank you Walter, Gerry Levin, and all the people at Time. Tonight, Time has paid tribute to the time it not only observed but helped to create -- the stunning years your founder, Henry Luce, so unforgettably called the American Century.

To me, one man above all others is the personification of our American century: Franklin Delano Roosevelt. (Applause.) Now, that choice might have pained Henry Luce, but surely he would not be surprised. The story of this century we're about to leave is really many stories -- of the ascendance of science and technology; the rise of big government and mass media; the movements for equality for women and racial minorities; the dynamic growth and disruptive force of the Industrial Age.

But when our children's children look back, they will see that above all else, the story of the 20th century is the story of the triumph of freedom. Freedom, the victory of democracy over totalitarianism, of free enterprise over state socialism, of tolerance over bigotry and ignorance. The advance of freedom has made this the American century; for in this century, America has made freedom ring. The embodiment of the triumph, the driving force

behind it, was Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Today, with the happy outcome known to all, it is tempting to look back and say the victory was assured, inevitable --but it wasn't. In the face of the 20th century's greatest crisis, decisively, irrevocably, President Roosevelt committed America to freedom's fight. Because of that commitment and its embrace by every American leader since, today we can say, for the very first time in all of human history, a majority of the world's people live under governments of their own choosing in freedom.

Winston Churchill said that Franklin Roosevelt's life was "one of the commanding events in human history." He was born to privilege, but he understood the aspirations of farmers and factory workers and forgotten Americans. My grandfather came from a little town of about 50 people. He had a 4th grade education. He believed Franklin Roosevelt was his friend, a man who cared about him and his family and his child's future. Polio put him in a wheelchair, but he lifted our troubled nation to its feet and he got us moving again.

He was a patrician who happily addressed the Daughters of the American Revolution as, "my fellow immigrants." He was a master politician, a magnificent Commander-in-Chief. Yes, his life had its fair share of disappointments and failures, but they never broke his spirit or his faith in God or his people. Because he always rose to the occasion, so did we. FDR was guided not by the

iron dictates of ideology, but by the pragmatism by what he called bold persistent experimentation. If one thing doesn't work, he said,

try another thing; but above all, try something. It drove his critics crazy, but it worked.

He brought joy and nobility to public service as he completed the mission of his kinsman, Theodore Roosevelt, forging a progressive government for the Industrial Age, taming the savage cycle of boom and bust, giving our citizens the economic security and the skills they needed to build the great American middle class.

In our century's struggle for freedom, President Roosevelt won two great victories.

By confronting the gravest threat capitalism had ever faced -- the Great Depression -- he strengthened economic liberty for all time, teaching us that free markets require effective government, one in which individual initiative and the call of community are not at odds, but instead are woven together in one seamless social fabric.

By confronting and defeating the gravest threat to personal and political liberty the world has ever faced, he forever committed America to the front lines of the struggle for freedom. He taught us that even the expanses of two great oceans could not shield

America from danger or absolve America from responsibility. He taught us that our destiny, forever, is linked to the destiny of the world, that our freedom requires us to support freedom for all others, that humanity's cause must be America's cause.

Now we know what came of Roosevelt and his generation's "rendezvous with destiny." What will come of ours? To this generation of the millennium, in President Roosevelt's words, "much has been given" and "much is asked."

When Roosevelt ran for President in 1932, he said, "new times demand new responses from government." He saved capitalism from its own excesses, so it could again be a force for progress and freedom. Now we work to modernize government, saving it from its excess of debt, so that again it is a force for progress and freedom in a new era.

As Roosevelt gave Americans security in the Industrial Age, now we work to give Americans opportunity in the Information Age. As Roosevelt asked us to meet the crushing burden of the Depression with bold persistent experimentation, now we must bring the same attitude to the challenges and unrivaled opportunities of this era to our schools, our streets, our poorest neighborhoods, to the fight against disease, the exploration of space, the preservation of the environment.

As Roosevelt established that security and opportunity

for ordinary Americans required our leadership and cooperation with like-minded people throughout the world, now we must commit ourselves to the common struggle against new threats to the security and prosperity of ordinary people everywhere. For even more than in President Roosevelt's time, our prospects are bound to the world's progress.

Like FDR, we look around us and see a world that is not yet fully free. The advance of democracy has been steady, but it isn't irreversible.

For our generation, what does freedom mean? Well, at least the long, delayed achievement of President Roosevelt's dream of a Europe undivided, democratic and at peace for the first time in history. What does "freedom from fear" mean? Well, at least, freedom for our children from the worry of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. What does "freedom from fear" or "freedom from want" mean? Well, at least, for the world, a fair chance for people in every land to develop their minds, find reward in honest labor, and raise their children in peace according to the dictates of their conscience.

America must work to secure this kind of freedom with our allies and friends whenever possible, alone if absolutely necessary. We work today through the United Nations, which FDR helped to create and which he named. I salute Secretary General Kofi Annan tonight for what he has done. (Applause). Bearing an

unequivocal message from the international community, backed by the credible threat of force, the Secretary General obtained Iraq's commitment to honor United Nations' resolutions on weapons inspection. Now the Security Council clearly and unanimously has supported the agreement. Iraq must match its words and its deeds, its commitment with compliance.

In the tradition of FDR, America and its partners must make sure that happens. And in the tradition of FDR, America must support the United Nations and other institutions for global security and prosperity, and that means we ought to pay our fair share. (Applause).

In the darkest hours of the Second World War, Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed, "We have faith that future generations will know that here in the middle of the 20th century, there came a time when men of goodwill found a way to unite and produce and fight to destroy the forces of ignorance and intolerance and slavery and war."

More than any other 20th century American, Franklin Roosevelt fulfilled the mandate of America's founders. When everything was on the line, he pledged our lives, our fortunes, our sacred honor to the preservation of liberty, the pursuit of happiness, the creation of a more perfect union.

The next century is now barely 700 days away. It will be many things new: a time of stunning leaps of science; a century

of dizzying technology; a digital century; an era in which the very face of our nation will change.

Yet in all the newness, what is required of us still is to follow President Roosevelt's lead, to strengthen the bonds of our union, widen the circle of opportunity, and deepen the reach of freedom. That is the tribute we ought to pay to him. God willing, we will. And if we do, we will make the 21st century the next American century -- and the happy warrior will be smiling down on us.

Thank you and God Bless you. (Applause.)

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* Help the entrepreneurial space companies! *

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Dear Prospace American,

In 1997, for the first time, world-wide commercial space revenues exceeded government space expenditures. In 1998, U.S.

Department of Transportation projects that commercial space launches will grow by over 50% from the previous year. Since 1992, over \$1 Billion has been invested in commercial remote sensing. FINALLY, there are at least 4 companies investing tens of millions to hundreds of millions of private capital on commercial spaceplane concepts.

ProSpace believes this is wonderful! The world is on the verge of a commercial space revolution. For the first time our nation has a serious chance of achieving "Cheap Access to Space".

Unfortunately, there is a problem. The U.S. government has some bad habits. NASA has budgeted \$760 million in FY 2001-03 to give to an aerospace company to subsidize a commercial launch vehicle. In other words, NASA wants to pick the winners of the coming commercial space revolution -- the Steve Jobs', the Bill Gates', and the Bill Boeing's of the 21st Century. ProSpace believes this wrong.

The government is awful at picking winners (it tends to pick companies which have the best lobbyists and who give the biggest political contributions). In the process, the government will scare away the private investors of all the other commercial spaceplane concepts, and kill the entire industry.

Read the recent congressional testimony of Gary Hudson, Chief Executive Officer of Rotary Rocket Company.

"Now, you are being asked to set aside \$760 million in future budgets so the aerospace prime contractors can continue at the feeding trough ... Why? Because their own shareholders don't believe their engineers have the skills to carry out rocket development on a profitable basis.

I am here to testify that at least four companies do have shareholders who believe in their skills. And these companies have bankers and other investors who are putting hundreds of millions of dollars at risk in the quest for affordable space transportation.

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I'm sure you can guess how all these privately-funded companies feel about reserving three quarters of a billion dollars to continue the aerospace welfare system.

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It's time for NASA to simply put its launch needs up for bid, as the law requires, and let competition decide what companies and technologies are best suited to supply them."

In response, Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), who is Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, Chairman made the following statement:

"So it bothers me when, before we've even flown the X-33, NASA sends a potentially confusing signal to industry and Wall Street about whether it wants commercially developed RLVs or government-funded Shuttle upgrades or replacements. Let me be clear: we can't achieve the scientific and commercial goals we all have in space unless we change the game in space transportation from socialism to capitalism. That means free and honest competition, both in technology demonstrations and development incentives."

For the full congressional statement of Gary Hudson or Chairman Rohrabacher, visit <<http://www.prospace.org>>.

ACTION REQUESTED - Write to your Elected Leaders

The commercial space companies deserve an even chance!! Please write now to your Member of Congress and 2 Senators! This is your opportunity to give them a chance, and support "Cheap Access to Space".

WHAT TO DO:

1) Get the Name and Address of your Senators and Member of Congress by typing in your zip code at <http://www.vote-smart.org/>.

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The Honorable XXXX

ADDRESS

Washington, DC ZZZZZ

Dear Honorable XXXX,

I am a constituent of yours from YYYYYYY, and I am writing to ask for your support for the coming commercial revolution in space.

Our country is on the verge of an historic achievement - Cheap Access to Space.

A growing number of private companies are investing hundreds of millions of dollars in totally reusable spaceplanes. This includes companies like Kistler Aerospace, Rotary Rocket, Lockheed Martin, Kelly Space and Technology and Pioneer Rocketplane.

At the same time, NASA is proposing to give taxpayer funds to companies to build competing launch vehicles. In 1998, NASA is looking at the giving \$30 million in 1998 to one or two companies with the Bantam Low Cost Boost Technology program. More importantly, NASA has budgeted \$760 million in FY 2001-03 to give to a company of their choice to build a semi-commercial launch vehicle.

I believe this is wrong. This will scare away all private investors who are funding the wonderful commercial spaceplane concepts. Why would Wall Street invest in a private company, when NASA is giving the taxpayer's money to one of their competitors?

The commercial space companies need a level playing field. NASA should put its launch needs up for bid, as required by law, and let competition and free enterprise decide which company has the best solution.

Please do something to help.

Sincerely yours,

Signature

FULL NAME

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Racism At Its Precipice

By Joseph Kellard

In his address last July that formally initiated his commission to overcome racism in America, President Clinton announced that he would continue to uphold and defend affirmative action and racial "diversity" policies in education and employment. This confirmed that his commission would perpetuate racism.

In 1996, the enactment of Proposition 209 required three law schools at the University of California to drop affirmative action as part of their admissions process. Thereafter admissions of black applicants plunged at the UCLA law school by 80 percent; at UC-Berkeley by 81 percent; and at UC-Davis by 26 percent; while admissions rose accordingly for white and Asian applicants. Certain affirmative action and diversity proponents, such as President Clinton and Jesse Jackson, have claimed that these measures

indicate

a return to "segregation", a claim that manipulatively ties the forced segregation of students of years past to the abolishment of the forced integration that affirmative action sanctions today. Ward Connerly, however, who led California's campaign to end affirmative action policies, wrote, "This shamefully underscores how much race and race alone has been used instead of merit in our halls of higher education."

"Unfortunately," Mr. Connerly added, "three decades and \$5.4 trillion of Federal Government spending later, Dr.[Martin Luther] King's dream still remains unfulfilled and nearly all of America knows that the Great Society has become an expensive failed tribute to the collective liberal imagination." A testament to its failure is that many Americans are increasingly choosing to live among people of their own race.

Affirmative action and diversity proponents agree that Dr. King's professed dream, where children are judged by the content of their character instead of their race, is still unfulfilled. But, they maintain, that is not because of their policies and actions.

However, to the extent blacks are not improving scholastically and

economically, significant blame rests with the scapegoats created for them by their self-proclaimed spokesman. To justify the perpetual support of their failed policies of reparations, these spokesmen invoke the falsehoods of racial-group victimhood and guilt by resurrecting the past enslavement and maltreatment of blacks; and assert that such maltreatment is still pervasive.

All the while government has instituted their affirmative action, which forcibly discriminates against innocents based on their race, and their anti-discrimination laws, which renders criminal any non-coercive discrimination of blacks, whether irrational or rational, by private property owners.

Thus, their careers have only been nominally devoted to combating racism, since they have refused to identifying/accept racism as essentially the belief that an individual's fundamental or complete identity is determined primarily or exclusively by his race/ethnicity- not by his individual virtues, values and actions. They refused to accept this because it is their fundamental premise.

When their policies have been demonstrated to be race-based, i.e., anti-individualism, and welfare-socialist, and therefore impotent as remedies for racism, they act like children unwilling to admit their guilt and

embarrassment for their lies and failures. Instead, they project such feelings on others and blame anyone and anything but themselves for the plight of many blacks, as they maintain that their policies need *more* time, *more* government money, and need to be run *more* efficiently by bureaucrats to materialize.

They are analogous to the rationalizers who defend socialism in theory but claim its worldwide failure was due to its inefficient practitioners. Affirmative action and welfare-socialist proponents, who are one and the same, refuse to grasp that their ideas failed in practice because they are false in theory. They nevertheless shamelessly scramble for anything to propagate "race-consciousness," and now enshrine racial "diversity" as a standard of value.

But observe how the concept of "diversity" is being manipulated to smuggle into American minds fundamentally corrupt and racist ideas. In his speech, President Clinton emphasized the racial diversity and excellence of America's military; then he concluded, "No one questions that they are the best in the world. So much for the argument that excellence and diversity do not go hand in hand."

Did America's military become the best because "diversity" was its primary purpose? Did basketball's Chicago Bulls win five NBA titles in the past

seven

years because they are a racially "diverse" team? Both the U.S. military and the Chicago Bulls are the best in their professions because ability, competence and achievement, not "diversity", are their standards of value. That both possess racial diversity is a meaningless consequence.

Mr. Clinton attempted to manipulatively mix as equal in standard racial diversity with that which renders it irrelevant: individualism. The diversity proponents now simply have to find any example where racial diversity is a consequence of these individual values, and then claim "diversity," at least in part, begets achievement.

This is another sign that their efforts to inculcate their ideas are becoming more desperate; another sign that they're at their precipice. But as long as their intellectual con games pass unnoticed and are embraced by most Americans, their ultimate fall will only come with America's end.?

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Media analysts in Asia and Europe detected signs of a "rejuvenated" and "reform-minded" China following the nomination of Zhu Rongji and other key members of the leadership hierarchy at the National People's Congress meeting that concluded in Beijing last week. Praise for Mr. Zhu as China's new premier was nearly unanimous, with most commentators describing him as an "energetic reformer" capable of leading the world's most populous nation into the 21st century. That said, few underestimated the magnitude of the problems facing China and the new premier, with most writers outlining projected massive unemployment and the reform of the state-owned enterprises as the primary challenges facing the Chinese leadership. Some pundits saw the selection of Tang Jiaxuan, described as a "recognized Japan expert" as foreign minister, as a sign that China wished to "strengthen further the China-U.S.-Japan tripartite relationship." Commentators also

noted two developments on the human rights front--China's announcement earlier this month that it would sign the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the U.S.' decision not to sponsor a resolution condemning China's human rights record at the UN Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva this month. The majority of available commentary saw the U.S. decision as the "correct" way to influence a "giant" such as China, but London's conservative Daily Telegraph condemned the move, charging that "Western policy on human rights in China...(had been) corrupted by greed (and had) become miserably myopic." Following are highlights from the commentaries:

LEADERSHIP FOR THE NEW MILLENIUM: 'AGE OF THE DRAGON?'--Editorials from all regions agreed with Seoul's moderate Hankook Ilbo assessment that, "by choosing Zhu Rongji as the new premier, China has demonstrated that it is now moving solidly toward economic reform." Writers also saw the selection of Hu Jintao, the youngest vice president in China's modern history, as indicative of "a changing of the guard among the aging Communist Party mandarins." Calcutta's centrist Telegraph observed that, under Mr. Zhu's leadership--and the watchful eye of President Jiang Zemin--China was "on the threshold of superpower status," predicting: "If Mr. Zhu does his job, the new millenium may also mark the beginning of an age of the dragon."

HUMAN RIGHTS: 'COUNTERING CONTAINMENT WITH ENGAGEMENT'--China's official media welcomed the U.S. decision not to sponsor that they called "anti-China bills" at the UN Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva "a wise move" that would "promote the health and stability of the Sino-U.S. relationship." The independent Hong Kong Standard viewed China's vow to sign the covenant on civil and political rights as a "giant step forward"

for China. Germany's centrist Stuttgarter Zeitung judged that "seething unrest" beneath China's "facade" had forced Beijing's leaders to decide to sign the covenant, whereas New Delhi's centrist Hindu saw that same decision as a clever move designed to "effectively neutralize" Western criticism. "Quite simply," that paper stated, "China has countered containment with engagement."

This survey is based on 75 reports from 19 countries, March 6 - 23.

EDITOR: Kathleen J. Brahney

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC

CHINA: "Session Backs Reforms"

Official, English-language China Daily featured this commentary (3/20):

"The message from the concluded conferences is clear: China will continue, at a pace it sets for itself, the bold policies of reform and opening with even greater vigor, determination and confidence. This will undoubtedly be a blessing, not only for China, but for peace and development through the entire world."

"Striding Into The New Century"

This commentary appeared in official China Youth Party China Youth Daily (Zhongguo Qingnianbao, 3/20): "Deputies of the NPC (National People's Congress) and the CPPCC (Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference) held high the banner of Deng Xiaoping's theory...and further

mobilized the Chinese people to carry out the cause of building socialism with Chinese characteristics."

"Efficient Government Leads China Into 21st Century"

Wang Yong wrote in official English-language China Daily (3/19): "With the formation of a younger-than-usual cabinet, China put a group of specialists in the political limelight for the 21st century.... Analysts said the establishment of the new cabinet marks a consolidation of China's third generation of leadership, with President Jiang Zemin at the core."

"Chinese Reform Enters New Stage"

Ji Wen wrote in official Central Legal And Political Commission Legal Daily (Fazhi Ribao) (3/19): "Most in the United States view the Chinese economic situation as annually improving. They believe that, at this crucial moment of reform, the new Chinese leaders are capable of successfully fulfilling the reform task."

"A Wise Decision"

Official Communist Party People's Daily (Renmin Ribao) declared (3/18):

"Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman Zhu Bangzao said it is wise of the United States to discontinue sponsoring anti-China bills at the UN Human Rights Commission conference. That decision will promote the health and stability of the Sino-U.S. relationship."

"A Wise Move"

Dong Zhenbang declared in official Central Legal and Political Commission Legal Daily (Fazhi Ribao, 3/17): "The U.S. government declared on March 14, there will be no more U.S.-sponsored bills at the UN aimed at China Human Rights status. The announcement is a significant and wise move in the U.S.-China policy, as well as a new step in the development of the Sino-U.S. relationship. Additionally, President Clinton has decided to visit China ahead of schedule... The U.S. announcement to give up bills against China's human rights status will definitely promote the development of Sino-U.S. relations."

"Non-State-Owned Enterprises To Play New Role"

Wang Chuandong pointed out in official, English-language China Daily (3/16): "Vice-chairman of the ninth National Committee (of the NPC) Jing Shuping stated that with the stronger financial support promised by the government, prospects for the non-state owned economy are even brighter and will play an important role in the development of the high-tech industry."

"Reform Doubters Out Of Line"

Bian Hongwei opined in official, English-language China Daily (3/13): "The bill on institutional restructuring, one of the most important issues of the ongoing Ninth National People's Congress, stirred nods of approval from almost all delegates on Tuesday. However, some outsiders downplay the significance of the bill.... (Such skeptics) failed to see the underlying

spirit behind China's latest move towards administrative reform. Anyone with a reasonable understanding of China should be able to sense that this time, the Chinese government is determined to cut bureaucracy and red tape.... With the deepening of China's opening-up policy, common people have become more aware of the rule of law in safeguarding their rights. An efficient government with clearly defined functions can act as a bridge between the general public and the law, providing high quality service in accordance with the law."

"People's Congress Deputies Agree On Key Issues"

According to official, English-language China Daily (3/12): "Chinese lawmakers attending the first session of the Ninth National People's Congress, China's top legislature, have shown astonishing unanimity in their view on a series of major issues. Most legislators pointed out that the 'bottlenecks' in China's state enterprise reform at present are the re-employment of laid-off workers and the early establishment of a social security system."

"Bold Reforms Welcomed"

Official, English-language China Daily stressed (3/11): "Unlike the past unsuccessful attempts to restructure government institutions, these reforms focus on solving problems by redefining and redesigning government functions in accordance with the needs of the developing market economy.... This institutional restructuring is truly a 'revolution' and shows China's determination to move forward. The reforms (in both economic

and political structures) aim at establishing the socialist market economy."

"Window Into China"

Jiang Chang pointed out in official Communist Party People's Daily (Renmin Ribao, 3/8): "The National People's Congress and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference have opened a window through which the international community can learn about the new economic reforms of the Chinese government. These include reforming the state-owned enterprises and the move away from macroeconomic policies."

HONG KONG: "Signs Of Weakness In Clinton's Brave Act"

The independent, English-language South China Morning Post (3/20) had this commentary by Simon Beck: "There is no doubt that in finally dropping the hot coal of the Geneva ritual, the administration is pleasing the powerful lobby, dominated by corporate America, which had always advocated a less confrontational approach to the China question.... However, an equally large lobby of China skeptics will argue that the world's only superpower is allowing itself to be manipulated by a weaker opponent; and one does not have to look further than last week's news that China was discussing a further nuclear component deal with Iran--contravening an agreement with the United States that is only four months old--to find ammunition for that view."

"Visit Timed Too Early To Bear Fruit"

The independent, English-language Hong Kong Standard (3/20) had this commentary by Charles Snyder: "Several reports over the past week have indicated that President Bill Clinton might have moved up his state visit to China to late June because of the upcoming Paula Jones sex-scandal trial. Unfortunately, those reports have the ring of truth.

"If so, it would be a pity, because U.S.-China relations are more important than Mr. Clinton's ratings in the polls.... The problem is, the earlier the trip, the less that Mr. Clinton and President Jiang Zemin are likely to be able to accomplish. Summits take a long time to prepare, especially those between two countries whose relationship is so complex and sensitive as China and America.... Nevertheless, when Mr. Clinton steps down at Beijing airport, he will be the first American president to do so since the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown. That will be significant enough--both symbolically and in fact--so that even a less-than-fruitful summit could still be called a major success."

"A Rejuvenated China"

In the view of the independent, English-language South China Morning Post's editorial (3/18): "Only a few years ago it would have been inconceivable for Qian Qichen to declare he was too old to continue as foreign minister. But times have changed in China.... The mainland is moving toward an era where bureaucrats will have to justify their jobs or lose them, as part of Mr. Zhu's ruthless drive toward efficiency. Gone are the days when high-ranking officials could expect to walk into jobs for which they were not qualified.... The rejuvenation of the Chinese leadership is good for

both the nation and the world. It has strengthened international ties, with an improvement in Sino-U.S. relations already visible. And it has produced a leadership more in tune with the entrepreneurial spirit of the Chinese people and the increasingly free-market nature of the nation's economy."

"Chinese Government Recognizes Basic Human Rights"

In the view of the independent Hong Kong Economic Journal (3/16): "China and the United States have plenty of room to cooperate in terms of economy and strategy. 'Human rights' is the stumbling block of the bilateral relationship. People generally believe that after China signs the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, cooperation between the two nations will be smoother. However, the outcome is still uncertain. China's door is more and more open. Thus, it will be easier for the world to learn the truth if China continues to trample on human rights. At such a time, the West would not only accuse China of violating human rights, but would also accuse it of violating its international pledge.... If China is not wholeheartedly trying to improve its human rights situation, it should not sign the covenant."

"Curtain Falls On Sino-U.S. Human Rights War"

Independent Ming Pao Daily News drew these conclusions (3/16): "The U.S. government decided to drop its censure motion in the UN against China's human rights [record]. This indicates that the seven-year-long human rights war between China and the United States will come to an end....

Recently, Western countries, which originally sided with Washington, began to differ. First of all, France revealed...it was unwilling to set itself against Beijing on the human rights issue. The countries of the European Union also reached a consensus this year to give up their stand on denouncing Beijing. Hence, the United States' human rights diplomacy could hardly continue."

"Clinton Most Welcome To Visit"

The independent, English-language Hong Kong Standard held (3/14): "The White House has confirmed that Mr. Clinton's itinerary [when he visits China] is likely to include a stopover in Hong Kong.... His visit would be both a welcome boost to Hong Kong politically and an important endorsement of the implementation of the 'one country, two systems' principle and the Basic Law. It also would underline America's commitment to this part of the world at a time when the region is suffering the effects of financial turmoil.... The average Hong Kong resident would probably catch only a fleeting glimpse of Mr. Clinton. That is the nature of such visits. But let there be no doubt that a presidential visit here in late June would be extremely welcome."

"Are Human Rights Becoming Part Of China's Thinking?"

An editorial in the independent, English-language South China Morning Post said (3/15), "Mr. Qian's announcement [that China would sign the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights] should not be dismissed as a public relations move. Beijing has understood that

promising to abide by international standards is an effective way of winning friends and influencing trading partners--and part of China's growing involvement in world affairs.... This may not mean significant changes in the short term. But it does signal that human rights may be becoming an element in China's political thinking."

"A Big Step Forward On Basic Civil Rights"

The independent, English-language Hong Kong Standard told its readers

(3/13): "Beijing yesterday reiterated that it intended signing the

International Covenant on Civil and Political rights.... While we do not

begrudge critics their right to...skepticism, it is important to remind

ourselves that having given what amounts to a solemn pledge on several occasions it would indeed be difficult for Beijing to go back on it....

What is now being contemplated is a step forward. It might be a small step forward for human rights in general. But it is a giant step for China."

TAIWAN: "Human Rights Missing?"

The centrist, pro-status quo China Times said (3/18): "The U.S. government

has decided not to support a UN committee resolution...condemning

Beijing's violations of human rights. This decision is hardly surprising,

but it came much earlier than expected.... The United States (would) find itself isolated and humiliated if it really did [support the resolution].

More importantly, when U.S. President Bill Clinton announced Washington's engagement policy with Beijing at the end of last year, the underlying logic of its China policy was changed--that is, the containment policy will win no support from U.S. allies or from the Chinese people.... The

resolution condemning China would be, by nature, in conflict with...Washington's current policy, so Washington has had to forsake it anyway. It is noteworthy that Washington-Beijing ties are heating up quickly as Zhu Rongji, widely liked by the Western countries, has become China's new premier. Taiwan sitting...between the relationship [between the United States and China] is sure to experience a more serious impact than that following the meeting between Clinton and Jiang Zemin last year."

"Clinton, Jiang To Have June Wedding?"

In the editorial view of the centrist, pro-status quo China Times (3/13):

"What will Clinton get from this trip (to Beijing)? A big hope is that the relationship between Washington and Beijing will move on steadily without any more complications. It would certainly please Clinton if Communist China could open its immense market for U.S. products, but that will not be easy to turn into a reality. Beijing is eager to join the WTO, and Taiwan's recent conclusion of WTO talks with Washington would bring pressure on Beijing, who may be willing to make greater concessions in its WTO bid. If both sides reach an agreement over the WTO talks, it would be a centerpiece for Clinton's China trip."

JAPAN: "New Leadership Will Take China Into 21st Century"

Top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri concluded (3/20): "Vice Premier Zhu Rongji's election as premier has come as a matter of necessity for China, which needs his proven skills in management of the economy along with his capacity for action. Zhu now faces daunting tasks of achieving 8 percent

economic growth amid the economic crisis in Southeast Asia, while implementing major reforms--streamlining state enterprises, overhauling the financial system and reorganizing the government structure.

"There is a growing need for Japan and China to cooperate in dealing with the Asian financial crisis, the Korean peninsula problem and environmental issues. There is also an obvious need for stable relations among Japan, the United States, China and Russia. It is in Japan's interest that China remain a responsible world power and stable neighbor. Tokyo should be forthright in dealing with Beijing."

"Potential Pitfalls For Zhu Rongji"

Business-oriented Nihon Keizai's editorial indicated (3/19): "Unlike the late Deng Xiaoping, Zhu lacks close or strong ties with the Chinese military leadership. Should his leadership fail, he would invite strong criticism from these adversaries. Zhu cannot make any errors if he wants to make China an economic power in the 21st century."

"Under New Leadership, China To Strengthen Ties With U.S., Japan"

Top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri's former Washington correspondent Sugiyama observed (3/18): "As a senior Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) official put it, the formation of a new Chinese diplomatic lineup of President Jiang Zemin, Zhu and Tang will not only promote ties with Japan in a more business-like manner but also lead to the further strengthening of the tripartite China-U.S.-Japan relationship. Such Chinese diplomacy

would certainly have a favorable effect on the political and economic situation in the Asia-Pacific region.... Sino-Japanese relations should 'function as a starting point' to promote a cooperative U.S.-Japan-China relationship. In reality, however, the two countries continue to have several long-pending issues such as China's concern over the newly-revised U.S.-Japan Defense (Cooperation) Guidelines."

"China Faces Three Major Reforms"

An editorial in top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri observed (3/6): "Li's report stressed the importance of reform in three areas: state-owned enterprises, the financial system and the administrative structure.... But reform is often accompanied by pain. An estimated 5 million people are believed to be jobless, while another 10 million are being laid off. These numbers are likely to grow. The employment issue will be China's biggest challenge this year. If it is not handled properly, the country's stability could be undermined."

"Difficulties Ahead For Chinese Leadership"

Liberal Asahi had these observations (3/6): "It will not be easy for China to implement its goal to reforming state-owned enterprises... Social stability will be indispensable to attain this goal. Political reform and democratization becomes all the more necessary to ensure the people's will is reflected...in politics."

AUSTRALIA: "Enormous Task For China's Zhu"

The liberal Canberra Times held (3/23), "The appointment of Zhu Rongji as prime minister of China marks another step towards economic liberalization in the world's most populous nation. It also gives grounds for optimism that political reform will appear on the national agenda sooner rather than later.... Mr. Zhu apparently recognizes the dimensions of his task. 'What is waiting in front of me may be landmines or an abyss,' he said, 'but I will blaze my trail and I have no hesitation and no misgivings.' The statement, made at an unusually relaxed press conference, also reveals a strength of purpose which will stand him in good stead."

INDONESIA: "Learning From China"

Independent Berita Buana editorialized (3/20): "The replacement of key figures and changes in policies during the People's Congress demonstrated that the Chinese government is trying to gain support from all of its people.... The Chinese parliament appreciated Qian Qichen's courage to resign as foreign minister because of his age. Qian Qichen's ability to evaluate his own capacity is characteristic of wise leaders.... The changes now taking place in China are appropriate examples for other countries, including Indonesia, to follow."

"Serious Preparations For 21st Century"

Leading, independent Kompas commented (3/20): "Recent development in China show how a country can evolve with the times. Such flexibility enables China to survive and manage to cope with each crisis without getting shaken by too many jolts."

"China's New, Young Leadership"

In the editorial view of independent, afternoon Suara Pembaruan (3/19):

"It is interesting to observe that in the world's largest country, with 1.2 billion people and a communist system, pure democracy is still maintained. Zhu was elected in a vote, though there was some engineering.... The rise of Zhu and other younger leaders are results of China's well-organized regeneration program, and consequently has positive effects on Chinese development and national welfare."

"Zhu's Bold Reforms"

The leading, independent Jakarta Post asserted (3/20): "The voting rights granted to National People's Congress members...reflects that gradual political liberation is underway in a country often referred to as the 'Bamboo Curtain.' Many believe that greater political relaxation will be introduced in China in the foreseeable future to boost its ambitious economic reforms. Especially now that Zhu, who proved himself a capable technocrat as mayor of Shanghai due to his broad outlook and deep faith in market operation, said yesterday that he was in favor of democratic elections of leaders in China."

"China Faces Upcoming Era"

Leading, independent Kompas said (3/18): "(China) will be facing very big challenges ahead. Amid the looming economic crisis in Asia, China is aware that it is dealing with a world with more aggressive political and economic competitors. Strong leadership is obviously required to cope with the challenge. Besides reinforcing experienced leadership, the Chinese elite is also filled with those of the younger generation as part of a regeneration process."

"Chinese Reforms"

Independent, afternoon daily Suara Pembaruan held (3/16): "If political reforms face hurdles (in China), economic reforms surely will not succeed."

SINGAPORE: "Give China Due Credit"

The pro-government Straits Times opined (3/21), "As expected, the Western world's human rights do-gooders are whining over the American decision not to seek censure of China at the meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, now underway in Geneva.... Amnesty International scolded the U.S. government for exaggerating the few positive steps China had taken, and said it should insist on concrete improvements that can be accepted universally as real progress.

"These strictures are a mantra but, while a nuisance sometimes, they do act as a brake on the worst instances of rights abuse. That granted, these

pressure groups have not kept up with the altered politics of the human rights crusade if they give insufficient weight to what has been happening (in China.)...

"This week, in an announcement that was clearly timed to coincide with the U.S. plan to abandon backing for the Geneva resolution, China said it would sign the covenant on political and civil rights. This is of great moment, as the covenant goes to the heart of China's attitude towards political dissent.... This is why pressure, though in less objectionable forms, has its uses. Without it, there must be doubt whether China (would) have relaxed its control by this much. In this regard, the country will be on notice to prove its intent in observing the covenant. The rights encoded are guaranteed in China's constitution, but have suffered in the observance. The United States took 15 years between the signing and ratification of the document. For China, the time taken may matter less than the tolerance it shows for dissenting views."

SOUTH KOREA: "Fourth-Generation Leaders Emerge For New Century"

Anti-establishment Hankyoreh Shinmun judged (3/20): "The Ninth National People's Congress has concluded, and it has showed that China is no longer in an 'era of charisma' in which one person makes all the decisions....

The next three years, designated by China as the period of reform for its administrative, state-run business and financial sectors, will be important not only for China, but for the international community."

"China Is Changing"

Independent Dong-A Ilbo noted these developments (3/20): "The (National People's) Congress shows a China very different from that of five years ago. Many reform-minded technocrats were selected as leaders of the country.... That the congress saw a significant number of 'no' votes on some proposals was a sign that the country is going through a significant political transformation."

"China Riding Carriage Toward Reform"

Moderate Hankook Ilbo judged (3/19): "President Jiang's strengthened leadership and the rise of the new premier, Zhu Rongji, were in fact the two greatest achievements of the (National People's) Congress. With these two men out in front, the 'China Reform Boat' now is launched and is expected to pick up speed.... Reformers, however, cannot expect smooth sailing all the time. They face the problems of privatizing state-run businesses and overcoming resistance to reform. In addition, there are the unemployment and the economic crises from which neighboring countries are now suffering. All these issues will be key tests."

"Winds Of Reform In China"

Anti-establishment Hankyoreh Shinmun had this assessment (3/18): "China, which aspires to be a world power like the United States, is headed toward ambitious reforms.... The selection of high-level officials at the National People's Congress and the reform blueprint laid out there are clear indicators of where the country is headed. With Jiang re-elected as

president and Zhu as premier, China's post-Deng-era political system is now in place. Conservative Li Peng is finally resigning his premier post, paving the way for bold reforms by people like President Jiang and Premier Zhu. The selection of Hu Jintao as Vice President drew most attention. The most daunting challenge these reformers face is what to do with China's massive state-run businesses."

"China Under Zhu Rongji"

Moderate Hankook Ilbo judged (3/18): "By choosing Zhu Rongji as the new premier, China has demonstrated that it now is moving solidly toward economic reform, including market liberalization.... The selection of Tang Jiaxuan, a recognized Japan expert, shows that China considers Japan to be a serious partner on regional economic and security issues."

"Hu Jintao Chosen As China's Vice President"

Conservative Chosun Ilbo made these observations (3/17): "The selection of Hu Jintao as China's vice president implies that the country is already beginning to prepare itself for the making of a fourth-generation national leader who will succeed Jiang Zemin. Hu's sudden rise to the vice presidency also indicates that China is fully committed to reforms and ready to speed up the effort."

THAILAND: "Will Zhu Rongji Keep His Word?"

Kavi Chongkittavorn commented in the independent, English-language Nation (3/23), "As far as ASEAN is concerned, the appointment of Tang [Jiaxuan] as foreign minister is a welcome development in the region. He is considered a friend of ASEAN. Tang told the Thai government when he was in Bangkok in January that China would do its utmost to maintain the value of the yuan.... Indeed, Tang...knows that at this juncture, China's prestige in Asia, especially within ASEAN, rests on China's ability to maintain the value of the yuan. Devaluation of the currency would definitely have a devastating effect on the economies of Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and South Korea, which are all being battered by a meltdown in their currencies. Therefore, it is not surprising that China views its current role as pivotal in helping to promote its global image as an unselfish or non-hegemonistic power that pays attention to the well-being of the region."

"Leadership Changes, But China's Ideology Remains The Same"

Elite Siam Rath remarked (3/15): "Despite deep divisions within the Chinese Communist Party concerning the level of adherence to the core communist ideology, party members have learned to bury the hatchet in favor of national interests, thus preventing the Soviet-style disintegration from occurring.... The dreams of those longing to see China turning into a fulldemocracy, including the United States, will remain unfulfilled."

SOUTH ASIA

INDIA: "Riding The Dragon"

Calcutta's centrist Telegraph opined (3/23), "China's long march to becoming the great Asian power is entering a perilous but exciting stage. Politically, Beijing has put together a post-Deng Xiaoping leadership that combines the best of party commitment and economic knowhow. Economically, China is preparing to slay its public sector and civil bureaucracy monsters. Simultaneously, it is making a strong but legitimate bid to be recognized as a regional power on par with, if not replacing Japan.... Mr. Zhu's first and foremost task will be to restructure the galaxy of sickly stars that constitute China's enormous public sector...a job all the harder because Mr. Jiang and other partymen will watch for unacceptable levels of social unrest as Mr. Zhu wields pen and axe. He also needs to reform a nationalized financial sector riddled with bad loans. If he succeeds, Mr. Zhu can rightly claim a place with history's greats, earning a seat next to Mao Zedong and Deng as a maker of modern China....

"Not surprisingly, in the vacuum left by Tokyo, Washington is seeing China as the country with both the will and the ways to be a true global player.

"This is in striking contrast to Japan which seems unable to see beyond its coastline, even though its economy is four times the size of China's. The Western countries are now beginning to admit China will have a key role in ensuring there is no worldwide economic deflation. China is on the threshold of superpower status. If Mr. Zhu does his job, the new millenium may also mark the beginning of an age of the dragon."

"Third Revolution"

An editorial in the nationalist Hindustan Times stressed (3/18): "China's National People's Congress bears more than a passing resemblance to the imperial courts of yore, when emperors used to celebrate the advent of spring with elaborate ceremonial rites to pray for continued stability and prosperity for their cyclopean country.... Perhaps the most important

change of guard amongst the aging Communist Party mandarins has been the bestowal of the premiership on Zhu Rongji.... It (will) be interesting to watch if, and how, Zhu becomes part of this important chapter in the country's history with his brand of economic Chinese checkers."

"Destabilizing Developments"

Pundit K. Subrahmanyam put forth this analysis in the "Global Watch" column in the pro-economic-reforms Economic Times (3/18): "The Washington Times ...published a news report (3/13)...that U.S. officials had uncovered new evidence of China 'trying to sell' nuclear equipment with weapons applications to Pakistan and Iran 'within the past several weeks.'... China has trapped the United States.... China knows that the U.S. president has no option but to certify China's non-proliferation irrespective of the facts on the ground.... If, as is most probable, the U.S. administration looks away as it did earlier on China-Pakistan nuclear and missile relationships, it would be a clear signal to China that the United States is prepared to swallow future Chinese proliferation

activity.... The United States' permissiveness (with) respect (to the) China-Pakistan nuclear and missile relationship...(is) extremely destabilizing in the southern Asian region.... (With) the United States keeping India in the dark, the new government in Delhi will have cause for concern about the U.S. role in this region."

"China Scores Major Diplomatic Victory"

Under the above headline, the centrist Hindu's Tokyo correspondent, F.J. Khergamvala, stressed (3/18): "Beijing's rulers have most effectively neutralized Western opposition to its human rights record and the crowning glory, or glory to crow about, comes this week in Geneva, where the annual session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights has taken China off its agenda.... Quite simply, China has countered containment with engagement."

"Realpolitik Assumes Primacy In Relations With China"

An editorial in the centrist Pioneer concluded (3/18): "In what can only be termed as an extraordinary move, the United States has reportedly expressed an inability to sponsor the routine resolution condemning China for human rights violations.... Does this, then, let China off the hook?... Euphemistically, this is China's Third Revolution, another stage in its permanent, ongoing revolution.... This is clearly not the time to beat China with human rights stick.... Externally, too, the economic crisis that the region experiences will impinge on China. It is left to Zhu Rongji to better manage politics through judicious economics."

PAKISTAN: "New American Charge Against China And Pakistan"

According to an editorial in the second-largest Urdu-language Nawa-e-Waqt (3/15): "The U.S. Under Secretary for Non-proliferation Einhorn, in a written statement before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate, has said that during the last few weeks, China tried to sell nuclear equipment and material used in making nuclear arms to Pakistan and Iran.

"Since becoming the sole superpower, the United States considers China and the Muslim bloc its rivals, is afraid of China's economic progress, and views with great suspicion its progress in the defense field. Similarly, countries of the Muslim world who are important because of economy, defense or regional strategy also become the particular target of the United States.... It is time for Pakistan, among many other countries, to give up a policy of depending solely on the United States and instead strengthen its economic, diplomatic and defense relationships with their Chinese neighbor.... If China and the Muslim bloc join forces to resist such attempts at world domination, there is no reason why the United States and Europe wouldn't change course and thereby eliminate the regional imbalances."

NEPAL: "Wise Selection Of Zhu Rongji As Prime Minister"

According to government-owned Gorkhapatra (3/22): "The appointment of Zhu Rongji as prime minister of China represents a wise selection of a conscientious and result-oriented man for the post.... His promotion to

premiership clearly reflects the Chinese objective to usher itself into the twenty-first century with a high priority on China's economic development.... China seems determined to enhance its international stature gradually, and is desirous of expanding its positive and useful role in the world stage."

EUROPE

BRITAIN: "Greedy And Myopic"

Under the headline above, the conservative Daily Telegraph's editorial commented (3/16): "First the European Union, now the United States, have sold the pass on human rights in China.... At heart, the West is afraid that criticism of China will deprive it of commercial opportunities in a huge and rapidly growing market. That fear is apparent in Bill Clinton's certifying that Beijing is not abetting countries seeking weapons of mass destruction, thus opening the way to American exports to China; and in (British Foreign Secretary) Robin Cook's plumping for the lowest common moral denominator at last month's EU meeting. Mr. Clinton is due to visit Beijing in June; Britain will host an Asia-Europe summit next month. Neither government would like to puncture the conviviality of these occasions by denouncing China.... Nearly nine years after Tiananmen, Western policy on human rights in China, corrupted by greed, has become miserably myopic."

GERMANY: "Reform Vs. Political Change"

Harald Mauss commented on the front page of centrist Stuttgarter Zeitung (3/19): "In the spring of 1989, it had already become clear how great the real dissatisfaction among the Chinese was with their government and the mentality of its members to take care of themselves first. In the beginning, the demonstrators in Tiananmen Square fought less for free elections or freedom of opinion than against growing corruption in the government and the party. Only later did their protests lead to political demands for self-determination and democracy. But Zhu Rongji will by no means grant these demands to his people. The Communist Party's claim to leadership will probably not be touched under Zhu. It is true that Zhu announced his fight against bureaucracy as a fundamental comprehensive reform, but without political change, his chances for success remain uncertain."

"Zhu's Election Elevates China's Credibility"

P. Goetting commented on national radio station Deutschlandfunk of Cologne (3/17): "With his re-election, State President Jiang Zemin can finally leave the shadow of his great mentor Deng Xiaoping.... This means that China's future course is clear, since the economic and social problems have been recognized. China is pinning its hopes on a speeding up of the dynamics of change. But it is an open question whether this will be successful. In any case, the successful model of China will increase in credibility abroad with the election of Zhu Rongji."

"Thankless Task In Beijing"

Centrist Sueddeutsche Zeitung of Munich pointed out (3/18): "Once before, Zhu Rongji achieved a minor economic miracle. That is why he is the ideal man for the job as premier of China. But he is faced with a mountain of new problems.... It is surprising how clearly the leadership in Beijing has recognized the problems and calls them by name, (but) the recipes it is suggesting are raising questions. The model of large-scale conglomerates failed in South Korea; the number of unemployed (in China) is growing faster than the government is willing to admit, and bureaucrats have announced in public they will put up resistance to a restructuring of the state apparatus. China's leadership...knows where the problems are.... But does (Zhu)...know how to solve them?"

"China's Future"

Adrian Zielcke noted in an editorial in centrist Stuttgarter Zeitung (3/17): "The United States and the EU have now for the first time given up plans to condemn China at the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva. For a dissident such as Wang, this is simply a capitulation which means that the West has given up its principles. But what sense would it make if President Clinton and Chancellor Kohl gave up their plans to travel to China? It is very difficult to influence a giant such as China. The more (foreign countries) succeed in integrating the large empire into the international community, the more difficult it will be for China to close its gates to external influence. Beijing has now declared its willingness to sign an international convention on human rights.... Beneath the united facade Beijing is...trying to lead us to believe in, there is seething unrest among the people. During the annual People's Congress, Li Peng, the

one responsible for the massacre on Tiananmen Square nine years ago, got a clear dressing down, while liberal forces were strengthened."

"An Energetic Reformer"

Right-of-center Fraenkischer Tag of Bamberg argued (3/10): "Zhu Rongji...intends to use all means in his power to keep the Asian crisis from China. It may be part of the logic of this 'socialist market economy' that giant, unprofitable state companies will be dissolved, but the price will be high: Several millions of workers are threatened with dismissal, and they will enter a job market that has a surplus of approximately 120 million rural workers already. It is easy to foresee that a storm is brewing."

"Radical Chinese"

Peter Seidlitz observed in centrist General-Anzeiger of Bonn (3/10): "Those familiar with Germany's half-hearted reforms...realize what kind of Herculean task Zhu Rongji has now shouldered and how radical the Chinese really are. The reforms now being implemented cannot be overestimated. They signify a giant step forward in reforming the country. The background of this reform is clear: With a streamlined administration China wants to modernize its system--without changing the power structure, as in the collapsed Soviet Union."

"China's Message"

According to Werner Adam, writing for right-of-center Frankfurter

Allgemeine (3/6): "The greatest challenge for the new premier is what to do with the millions of jobless who are about to develop in the context of the partial privatization of large state companies."

RUSSIA: "China May Change Much In Five Years"

Sergei Guly judged in reformist Noviy Izvestia (3/20): "If reforms are a success, the world will have an entirely different China in five years.

"But judging by Zhu's statements, this may happen even sooner. His predecessors avoided tackling the many problems in the state sector, afraid to touch this time bomb which, if disturbed, could blow the whole country."

BELGIUM: "Challenges For Manager Zhu"

Asian affairs writer Freddy De Pauw observed in independent Catholic De Standaard (3/18): "China's new prime minister, Zhu Rongji...wants to consolidate the results of the recent period of growth with a reduced growth of eight percent. But he is colliding with regional powers: The poor provinces believe that they are entitled to a similar recovery; the wealthy provinces believe that they cannot simply slow down. He must also resist the temptation to devalue the currency.... On the international scene, Zhu may be in a state of grace...in strong contrast with his predecessor, Li (Peng). Consequently, he is in a relatively comfortable position for improving the relationship with the United States, although this chapter may be more in the hands of President and Party leader Jiang

Zemin, the man above him, who seemed to get along well recently with former Prime Minister Li."

"Counting On Zhu"

Conservative Catholic La Libre Belgique had these thoughts (3/18) by Philippe Paquet: "Mr. Zhu's announced appointment finally makes China (more) predictable, which, for an international community increasingly dependent on the behavior of that big power, is at least as important as the economic reform initiated twenty years ago.... By refusing for the first time...to sponsor a resolution condemning human rights violations in China before the ad hoc UN committee in Geneva, the Americans and the Europeans have already rid Mr. Zhu of a preoccupation. It is now up to him to prove that, on that level, he can be the engine of more than symbolic change."

HUNGARY: "Owner Production In China"

Respected senior columnist Endre Aczel wrote in top circulation Nepszabadsag (3/23): "The desire of people to own, in particular societies, seems to be stronger than 'socialism'. Governments, naturally, encouraged the privatization of the real estate markets not for mere ideological reasons. Knowing this, the quite recent decree of the Chinese government, which allows the privatization of estates in the second half of this year, can certainly be called a historic move. The decree illustrates well that in China, while it still calls itself a communist country, the rationalization of the economy does not really respect any previous loan letters. The reformist Chinese leadership believes that a 'socialist market economy' will not suffer any backlashes if social

services get separated from the national economy management and become 'market-based.' I would just silently add that the separation of social services and economic activity is a clever idea in itself, but this kind of fundamental reform is not without risks."

"Beijing Balance"

An op-ed piece by centrist, conservative Magyar Nemzet's foreign editor Lajos Pietsch pointed out (3/19): "The entire world has seen the latest picture of the new Chinese prime minister, who, with hands folded for prayer, is saying thank you for his election. Many understand his gesture as the new face of a Far Eastern country and as a symbol of a tolerance and pragmatism. The two-week assembly of the Chinese parliament has made very important decisions on personal changes that are expected to be a key for a more predictable development of the Chinese economy and politics. But the new image of China might well mean that calls for political reforms become more aggressive and voices demanding more tolerance toward human rights ring louder. The biggest expectations appear, after all, in the sector of economy and those expectations could count as the biggest challenge for the junior prime minister.

"It became already obvious during the past couple of years that the acting prime minister, a pragmatic economic expert otherwise, is not a dedicated follower of a free market economy in its Western sense. He, on the other hand, can be a pragmatist under limits set by a party dictatorship. And this fact is cooling down too-high hopes of reforms a bit."

POLAND: "China's Shift Away From Communism"

Centrist daily Rzeczpospolita carried this analysis (3/20) by Krzysztof Darewicz: "We are witnessing a generational shift...right now in the Chinese leadership. The changes mostly reflect the process the entire society is undergoing--they prefer entrepreneurship to ideology and green banknotes to dark blue uniforms.... A more professional and liberal Chinese government does not necessarily mean an acceleration in the transformation of the political system.... But even if Zhu Rongji focuses only on the economy, China will continue to loosen its ties with Communism.... With the maintenance of reform in this direction, one can hope that the free market will force the democratization of public life in China."

SPAIN: "Something Is Moving In China"

Independent El Mundo noted (3/20): "Yesterday (Zhu Rongji) claimed the need for free elections, although he pointed out China's concept of democracy is different from the occidental one and he 'justified' the Tiananmen repression of 1989.... The unknown will be to see if the ambitious economic reform that Rongji proposes can cope with the extremely conservative position of army leaders, who fear that challenges will end up burying them."

"China Enters 21st Century"

Conservative ABC contended (3/18): "The election of Zhu Rongji as China's

prime minister represents an important turn by the communist regime in Beijing towards entry into the 21st century on the road to reforms and economic opening. [To carry it off], a 'magician' capable of working miracles was required, and in Zhu Rongji they have found...a technocrat who has worked within a communist system without ever having believed in it.... Notwithstanding China's praiseworthy decision to expand its economic opening in the person of Zhu Rongji, however, the regime continues to demonstrate reticence in adopting similar reforms in the political arena."

"Great Leap Forward"

Liberal El Pais opined (3/15): "After having sponsored the emergence of a dynamic private sector during the last few years, the Chinese government has decided to enter into an inevitable stage in its reform process: public sector downsizing, and especially, thinning the ranks of the bureaucracy.... This represents a great leap forward, to use Mao's term, although stiff resistance will have to be overcome and the cooperation of regional and local public-sector employers will be required in order to make it happen."

"China And Zhu Rongji"

Conservative ABC's Dario Valcarcel opined (3/10): "The PRC has entered a period of rapid change, and Zhu is responsible for making change happen, [including] reducing the Soviet-style public sector apparatus and reforming its parastatal corporations...undertaking a multi-billion-dollar infrastructure building program to combat the effects of the Asian currency

crisis...and diminishing the income differences between persons and regions, which are both serious and growing. Corruption has erupted like a plague, and Zhu appears decided to combat it. Whether he will be able to do so remains to be seen."

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CHINA'S NEW LEADERSHIP: 'GREAT LEAP FORWARD' INTO 21ST CENTURY?

Media analysts in Asia and Europe detected signs of a "rejuvenated" and "reform-minded" China following the nomination of Zhu Rongji and other key members of the leadership hierarchy at the National People's Congress meeting that concluded in Beijing last week. Praise for Mr. Zhu as China's new premier was nearly unanimous, with most commentators describing him as an "energetic reformer" capable of leading the world's most populous nation into the 21st century. That said, few underestimated the magnitude of the problems facing China and the new premier, with most writers outlining projected massive unemployment and the reform of the state-owned enterprises as the primary challenges facing the Chinese leadership. Some pundits saw the selection of Tang Jiaxuan, described as a "recognized Japan expert" as foreign minister, as a sign that China wished to "strengthen further the China-U.S.-Japan tripartite relationship." Commentators also noted two developments on the human rights front--China's announcement earlier this month that it would sign the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the U.S.' decision not to sponsor a resolution condemning China's human rights record at the UN Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva this month.

The majority of available commentary saw the U.S. decision as the "correct" way to influence a "giant" such as China, but London's conservative Daily Telegraph condemned the move, charging that "Western policy on human rights in China...(had been) corrupted by greed (and had) become miserably myopic." Following are highlights from the commentaries:

LEADERSHIP FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM: 'AGE OF THE DRAGON?'--Editorials from all regions agreed with Seoul's moderate Hankook Ilbo assessment that, "by choosing Zhu Rongji as the new premier, China has demonstrated that it is now moving solidly toward economic reform." Writers also saw the selection of Hu Jintao, the youngest vice president in China's modern history, as indicative of "a changing of the guard among the aging Communist Party mandarins." Calcutta's centrist Telegraph observed that, under Mr. Zhu's leadership--and the watchful eye of President Jiang Zemin--China was "on the threshold of superpower status," predicting: "If Mr. Zhu does his job, the new millenium may also mark the beginning of an age of the dragon."

HUMAN RIGHTS: 'COUNTERING CONTAINMENT WITH ENGAGEMENT'--China's official media welcomed the U.S. decision not to sponsor that they called "anti-China bills" at the UN Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva "a wise move" that would "promote the health and stability of the Sino-U.S. relationship." The independent Hong Kong Standard viewed China's vow to sign the covenant on civil and political rights as a "giant step forward" for China. Germany's centrist Stuttgarter Zeitung judged that "seething unrest" beneath China's "facade" had forced Beijing's leaders to decide to sign the covenant, whereas New Delhi's centrist Hindu saw that same decision as a clever move designed to "effectively neutralize" Western criticism. "Quite simply," that paper stated, "China has countered containment with engagement."

This survey is based on 75 reports from 19 countries, March 6 - 23.

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EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC

CHINA: "Session Backs Reforms"

Official, English-language China Daily featured this commentary (3/20): "The message from the concluded conferences is clear: China will continue, at a pace it sets for itself, the bold policies of reform and opening with even greater vigor, determination and confidence. This will undoubtedly be a blessing, not only for China, but for peace and development through the entire world."

"Striding Into The New Century"

This commentary appeared in official China Youth Party China Youth Daily (Zhongguo Qingnianbao, 3/20): "Deputies of the NPC (National People's Congress) and the CPPCC (Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference) held high the banner of Deng Xiaoping's theory...and further mobilized the Chinese people to carry out the cause of building socialism with Chinese characteristics."

"Efficient Government Leads China Into 21st Century"

Wang Yong wrote in official English-language China Daily (3/19): "With the formation of a younger-than-usual cabinet, China put a group of specialists in the political limelight for the 21st century.... Analysts said the establishment of the new cabinet marks a consolidation of China's third generation of leadership, with President Jiang Zemin at the core."

"Chinese Reform Enters New Stage"

Ji Wen wrote in official Central Legal And Political Commission Legal Daily (Fazhi Ribao) (3/19): "Most in the United States view the Chinese economic situation as annually improving. They believe that, at this crucial moment of reform, the new Chinese leaders are capable of successfully fulfilling the reform task."

"A Wise Decision"

Official Communist Party People's Daily (Renmin Ribao) declared (3/18): "Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman Zhu Bangzao said it is wise of the United States to discontinue sponsoring anti-China bills at the UN Human Rights Commission conference. That decision will promote the health and stability of the Sino-U.S. relationship."

"A Wise Move"

Dong Zhenbang declared in official Central Legal and Political Commission Legal Daily (Fazhi Ribao, 3/17): "The U.S. government declared on March 14, there will be no more U.S.-sponsored bills at the UN aimed at China Human Rights status. The announcement is a significant and wise move in the U.S.-China policy, as well as a new step in the development of the Sino-U.S. relationship. Additionally, President Clinton has decided to visit China ahead of schedule... The U.S. announcement to give up bills against China's human rights status will definitely promote the development of Sino-U.S. relations."

"Non-State-Owned Enterprises To Play New Role"

Wang Chuandong pointed out in official, English-language China Daily (3/16): "Vice-chairman of the ninth National Committee (of the NPC) Jing Shuping stated that with the stronger financial support promised by the government, prospects for the non-state owned economy are even brighter and will play an important role in the development of the

high-tech industry."

"Reform Doubters Out Of Line"

Bian Hongwei opined in official, English-language China Daily (3/13): "The bill on institutional restructuring, one of the most important issues of the ongoing Ninth National People's Congress, stirred nods of approval from almost all delegates on Tuesday. However, some outsiders downplay the significance of the bill.... (Such skeptics) failed to see the underlying spirit behind China's latest move towards administrative reform. Anyone with a reasonable understanding of China should be able to sense that this time, the Chinese government is determined to cut bureaucracy and red tape.... With the deepening of China's opening-up policy, common people have become more aware of the rule of law in safeguarding their rights. An efficient government with clearly defined functions can act as a bridge between the general public and the law, providing high quality service in accordance with the law."

"People's Congress Deputies Agree On Key Issues"

According to official, English-language China Daily (3/12): "Chinese lawmakers attending the first session of the Ninth National People's Congress, China's top legislature, have shown astonishing unanimity in their view on a series of major issues. Most legislators pointed out that the 'bottlenecks' in China's state enterprise reform at present are the re-employment of laid-off workers and the early establishment of a social security system."

"Bold Reforms Welcomed"

Official, English-language China Daily stressed (3/11): "Unlike the past unsuccessful attempts to restructure government institutions, these reforms focus on solving problems by redefining and redesigning government functions in accordance with the needs of the developing market economy.... This institutional restructuring is truly a 'revolution' and shows China's determination to move forward. The reforms (in both economic and political structures) aim at establishing the socialist market economy."

"Window Into China"

Jiang Chang pointed out in official Communist Party People's Daily (Renmin Ribao, 3/8): "The National People's Congress and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference have opened a window through which the international community can learn about the new economic reforms of the Chinese government. These include reforming the state-owned enterprises and the move away from macroeconomic policies."

HONG KONG: "Signs Of Weakness In Clinton's Brave Act"

The independent, English-language South China Morning Post (3/20) had this commentary by Simon Beck: "There is no doubt that in finally dropping the hot coal of the Geneva ritual, the administration is pleasing the powerful lobby, dominated by corporate America, which had always advocated a less confrontational approach to the China question.... However, an equally large lobby of China skeptics will argue that the world's only superpower is allowing itself to be manipulated by a weaker opponent; and one does not have to look further than last week's news that China was discussing a further nuclear component deal with Iran--contravening an agreement with the United States that is only four months old--to find ammunition for that view."

"Visit Timed Too Early To Bear Fruit"

The independent, English-language Hong Kong Standard (3/20) had this commentary by Charles Snyder: "Several reports over the past week have indicated that President Bill Clinton might have moved up his state visit to China to late

June because of the upcoming Paula Jones sex-scandal trial. Unfortunately, those reports have the ring of truth.

"If so, it would be a pity, because U.S.-China relations are more important than Mr. Clinton's ratings in the polls.... The problem is, the earlier the trip, the less that Mr. Clinton and President Jiang Zemin are likely to be able to accomplish. Summits take a long time to prepare, especially those between two countries whose relationship is so complex and sensitive as China and America.... Nevertheless, when Mr. Clinton steps down at Beijing airport, he will be the first American president to do so since the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown. That will be significant enough--both symbolically and in fact--so that even a less-than-fruitful summit could still be called a major success."

"A Rejuvenated China"

In the view of the independent, English-language South China Morning Post's editorial (3/18): "Only a few years ago it would have been inconceivable for Qian Qichen to declare he was too old to continue as foreign minister. But times have changed in China.... The mainland is moving toward an era where bureaucrats will have to justify their jobs or lose them, as part of Mr. Zhu's ruthless drive toward efficiency. Gone are the days when high-ranking officials could expect to walk into jobs for which they were not qualified.... The rejuvenation of the Chinese leadership is good for both the nation and the world. It has strengthened international ties, with an improvement in Sino-U.S. relations already visible. And it has produced a leadership more in tune with the entrepreneurial spirit of the Chinese people and the increasingly free-market nature of the nation's economy."

"Chinese Government Recognizes Basic Human Rights"

In the view of the independent Hong Kong Economic Journal (3/16): "China and the United States have plenty of room to cooperate in terms of economy and strategy. 'Human rights' is the stumbling block of the bilateral relationship. People generally believe that after China signs the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, cooperation between the two nations will be smoother. However, the outcome is still uncertain. China's door is more and more open. Thus, it will be easier for the world to learn the truth if China continues to trample on human rights. At such a time, the West would not only accuse China of violating human rights, but would also accuse it of violating its international pledge.... If China is not wholeheartedly trying to improve its human rights situation, it should not sign the covenant."

"Curtain Falls On Sino-U.S. Human Rights War"

Independent Ming Pao Daily News drew these conclusions (3/16): "The U.S. government decided to drop its censure motion in the UN against China's human rights [record]. This indicates that the seven-year-long human rights war between China and the United States will come to an end.... Recently, Western countries, which originally sided with Washington, began to differ. First of all, France revealed...it was unwilling to set itself against Beijing on the human rights issue. The countries of the European Union also reached a consensus this year to give up their stand on denouncing Beijing. Hence, the United States' human rights diplomacy could hardly continue."

"Clinton Most Welcome To Visit"

The independent, English-language Hong Kong Standard held (3/14): "The White House has confirmed that Mr. Clinton's itinerary [when he visits China] is likely to include a stopover in Hong Kong.... His visit would be both a welcome boost to Hong Kong politically and an important endorsement of the implementation of the 'one country, two systems' principle and the Basic Law. It also would underline America's commitment to this part of the world at a time when the region is suffering the effects of financial turmoil.... The average Hong Kong resident would probably catch only a fleeting glimpse of Mr. Clinton. That is the nature of such visits. But let there be no doubt that a presidential visit here in late June would be extremely welcome."

"Are Human Rights Becoming Part Of China's Thinking?"

An editorial in the independent, English-language South China Morning Post said (3/15), "Mr. Qian's announcement [that China would sign the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights] should not be dismissed as a public relations move. Beijing has understood that promising to abide by international standards is an effective way of winning friends and influencing trading partners--and part of China's growing involvement in world affairs.... This may not mean significant changes in the short term. But it does signal that human rights may be becoming an element in China's political thinking."

"A Big Step Forward On Basic Civil Rights"

The independent, English-language Hong Kong Standard told its readers (3/13): "Beijing yesterday reiterated that it intended signing the International Covenant on Civil and Political rights.... While we do not begrudge critics their right to...skepticism, it is important to remind ourselves that having given what amounts to a solemn pledge on several occasions it would indeed be difficult for Beijing to go back on it.... What is now being contemplated is a step forward. It might be a small step forward for human rights in general. But it is a giant step for China."

TAIWAN: "Human Rights Missing?"

The centrist, pro-status quo China Times said (3/18): "The U.S. government has decided not to support a UN committee resolution...condemning Beijing's violations of human rights. This decision is hardly surprising, but it came much earlier than expected.... The United States (would) find itself isolated and humiliated if it really did [support the resolution]. More importantly, when U.S. President Bill Clinton announced Washington's engagement policy with Beijing at the end of last year, the underlying logic of its China policy was changed--that is, the containment policy will win no support from U.S. allies or from the Chinese people.... The resolution condemning China would be, by nature, in conflict with...Washington's current policy, so Washington has had to forsake it anyway. It is noteworthy that Washington-Beijing ties are heating up quickly as Zhu Rongji, widely liked by the Western countries, has become China's new premier. Taiwan sitting...between the relationship [between the United States and China] is sure to experience a more serious impact than that following the meeting between Clinton and Jiang Zemin last year."

"Clinton, Jiang To Have June Wedding?"

In the editorial view of the centrist, pro-status quo China Times (3/13): "What will Clinton get from this trip (to Beijing)? A big hope is that the relationship between Washington and Beijing will move on steadily without any more complications. It would certainly please Clinton if Communist China could open its immense market for U.S. products, but that will not be easy to turn into a reality. Beijing is eager to join the WTO, and Taiwan's recent conclusion of WTO talks with Washington would bring pressure on Beijing, who may be willing to make greater concessions in its WTO bid. If both sides reach an agreement over the WTO talks, it would be a centerpiece for Clinton's China trip."

JAPAN: "New Leadership Will Take China Into 21st Century"

Top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri concluded (3/20): "Vice Premier Zhu Rongji's election as premier has come as a matter of necessity for China, which needs his proven skills in management of the economy along with his capacity for action. Zhu now faces daunting tasks of achieving 8 percent economic growth amid the economic crisis in Southeast Asia, while implementing major reforms--streamlining state enterprises, overhauling the financial system and reorganizing the government structure.

"There is a growing need for Japan and China to cooperate in dealing with the Asian financial crisis, the Korean peninsula problem and environmental issues. There is also an obvious need for stable relations among Japan, the United States,

China and Russia. It is in Japan's interest that China remain a responsible world power and stable neighbor. Tokyo should be forthright in dealing with Beijing."

"Potential Pitfalls For Zhu Rongji"

Business-oriented Nihon Keizai's editorial indicated (3/19): "Unlike the late Deng Xiaoping, Zhu lacks close or strong ties with the Chinese military leadership. Should his leadership fail, he would invite strong criticism from these adversaries. Zhu cannot make any errors if he wants to make China an economic power in the 21st century."

"Under New Leadership, China To Strengthen Ties With U.S., Japan"

Top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri's former Washington correspondent Sugiyama observed (3/18): "As a senior Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) official put it, the formation of a new Chinese diplomatic lineup of President Jiang Zemin, Zhu and Tang will not only promote ties with Japan in a more business-like manner but also lead to the further strengthening of the tripartite China-U.S.-Japan relationship. Such Chinese diplomacy would certainly have a favorable effect on the political and economic situation in the Asia-Pacific region.... Sino-Japanese relations should 'function as a starting point' to promote a cooperative U.S.-Japan-China relationship. In reality, however, the two countries continue to have several long-pending issues such as China's concern over the newly-revised U.S.-Japan Defense (Cooperation) Guidelines."

"China Faces Three Major Reforms"

An editorial in top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri observed (3/6): "Li's report stressed the importance of reform in three areas: state-owned enterprises, the financial system and the administrative structure.... But reform is often accompanied by pain. An estimated 5 million people are believed to be jobless, while another 10 million are being laid off. These numbers are likely to grow. The employment issue will be China's biggest challenge this year. If it is not handled properly, the country's stability could be undermined."

"Difficulties Ahead For Chinese Leadership"

Liberal Asahi had these observations (3/6): "It will not be easy for China to implement its goal to reforming state-owned enterprises... Social stability will be indispensable to attain this goal. Political reform and democratization becomes all the more necessary to ensure the people's will is reflected...in politics."

AUSTRALIA: "Enormous Task For China's Zhu"

The liberal Canberra Times held (3/23), "The appointment of Zhu Rongji as prime minister of China marks another step towards economic liberalization in the world's most populous nation. It also gives grounds for optimism that political reform will appear on the national agenda sooner rather than later.... Mr. Zhu apparently recognizes the dimensions of his task. 'What is waiting in front of me may be landmines or an abyss,' he said, 'but I will blaze my trail and I have no hesitation and no misgivings.' The statement, made at an unusually relaxed press conference, also reveals a strength of purpose which will stand him in good stead."

INDONESIA: "Learning From China"

Independent Berita Buana editorialized (3/20): "The replacement of key figures and changes in policies during the People's Congress demonstrated that the Chinese government is trying to gain support from all of its people.... The Chinese parliament appreciated Qian Qichen's courage to resign as foreign minister because of his age. Qian Qichen's ability to evaluate his own capacity is characteristic of wise leaders.... The changes now taking place in China are appropriate examples for other countries, including Indonesia, to follow."

"Serious Preparations For 21st Century"

Leading, independent Kompas commented (3/20): "Recent development in China show how a country can evolve with the times. Such flexibility enables China to survive and manage to cope with each crisis without getting shaken by too many jolts."

"China's New, Young Leadersip"

In the editorial view of independent, afternoon Suara Pembaruan (3/19): "It is interesting to observe that in the world's largest country, with 1.2 billion people and a communist system, pure democracy is still maintained. Zhu was elected in a vote, though there was some engineering.... The rise of Zhu and other younger leaders are results of China's well-organized regeneration program, and consequently has positive effects on Chinese development and national welfare."

"Zhu's Bold Reforms"

The leading, independent Jakarta Post asserted (3/20): "The voting rights granted to National People's Congress members...reflects that gradual political liberation is underway in a country often referred to as the 'Bamboo Curtain.' Many believe that greater political relaxation will be introduced in China in the foreseeable future to boost its ambitious economic reforms. Especially now that Zhu, who proved himself a capable technocrat as mayor of Shanghai due to his broad outlook and deep faith in market operation, said yesterday that he was in favor of democratic elections of leaders in China."

"China Faces Upcoming Era"

Leading, independent Kompas said (3/18): "(China) will be facing very big challenges ahead. Amid the looming economic crisis in Asia, China is aware that it is dealing with a world with more aggressive political and economic competitors. Strong leadership is obviously required to cope with the challenge. Besides reinforcing experienced leadership, the Chinese elite is also filled with those of the younger generation as part of a regeneration process."

"Chinese Reforms"

Independent, afternoon daily Suara Pembaruan held (3/16): "If political reforms face hurdles (in China), economic reforms surely will not succeed."

SINGAPORE: "Give China Due Credit"

The pro-government Straits Times opined (3/21), "As expected, the Western world's human rights do-gooders are whining over the American decision not to seek censure of China at the meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, now underway in Geneva.... Amnesty International scolded the U.S. government for exaggerating the few positive steps China had taken, and said it should insist on concrete improvements that can be accepted universally as real progress."

"These strictures are a mantra but, while a nuisance sometimes, they do act as a brake on the worst instances of rights abuse. That granted, these pressure groups have not kept up with the altered politics of the human rights crusade if they give insufficient weight to what has been happening (in China.)...

"This week, in an announcement that was clearly timed to coincide with the U.S. plan to abandon backing for the Geneva resolution, China said it would sign the covenant on political and civil rights. This is of great moment, as the covenant goes to the heart of China's attitude towards political dissent.... This is why pressure, though in less objectionable forms, has its uses. Without it, there must be doubt whether China (would) have relaxed its control by this much. In this regard, the country will be on notice to prove its intent in observing the covenant. The rights encoded are guaranteed in China's constitution, but have suffered in the observance. The United States took 15 years between the signing and ratification of the document. For China, the time taken may matter less than the tolerance it shows for dissenting views."

SOUTH KOREA: "Fourth-Generation Leaders Emerge For New Century"

Anti-establishment Hankyoreh Shinmun judged (3/20): "The Ninth National People's Congress has concluded, and it has showed that China is no longer in an 'era of charisma' in which one person makes all the decisions.... The next three years, designated by China as the period of reform for its administrative, state-run business and financial sectors, will be important not only for China, but for the international community."

"China Is Changing"

Independent Dong-A Ilbo noted these developments (3/20): "The (National People's) Congress shows a China very different from that of five years ago. Many reform-minded technocrats were selected as leaders of the country.... That the congress saw a significant number of 'no' votes on some proposals was a sign that the country is going through a significant political transformation."

"China Riding Carriage Toward Reform"

Moderate Hankook Ilbo judged (3/19): "President Jiang's strengthened leadership and the rise of the new premier, Zhu Rongji, were in fact the two greatest achievements of the (National People's) Congress. With these two men out in front, the 'China Reform Boat' now is launched and is expected to pick up speed.... Reformers, however, cannot expect smooth sailing all the time. They face the problems of privatizing state-run businesses and overcoming resistance to reform. In addition, there are the unemployment and the economic crises from which neighboring countries are now suffering. All these issues will be key tests."

"Winds Of Reform In China"

Anti-establishment Hankyoreh Shinmun had this assessment (3/18): "China, which aspires to be a world power like the United States, is headed toward ambitious reforms.... The selection of high-level officials at the National People's Congress and the reform blueprint laid out there are clear indicators of where the country is headed. With Jiang re-elected as president and Zhu as premier, China's post-Deng-era political system is now in place. Conservative Li Peng is finally resigning his premier post, paving the way for bold reforms by people like President Jiang and Premier Zhu. The selection of Hu Jintao as Vice President drew most attention. The most daunting challenge these reformers face is what to do with China's massive state-run businesses."

"China Under Zhu Rongji"

Moderate Hankook Ilbo judged (3/18): "By choosing Zhu Rongji as the new premier, China has demonstrated that it now is moving solidly toward economic reform, including market liberalization.... The selection of Tang Jiaxuan, a recognized Japan expert, shows that China considers Japan to be a serious partner on regional economic and security issues."

"Hu Jintao Chosen As China's Vice President"

Conservative Chosun Ilbo made these observations (3/17): "The selection of Hu Jintao as China's vice president implies that the country is already beginning to prepare itself for the making of a fourth-generation national leader who will succeed Jiang Zemin. Hu's sudden rise to the vice presidency also indicates that China is fully committed to reforms and ready to speed up the effort."

THAILAND: "Will Zhu Rongji Keep His Word?"

Kavi Chongkittavorn commented in the independent, English-language Nation (3/23), "As far as ASEAN is concerned, the appointment of Tang [Jiaxuan] as foreign minister is a welcome development in the region. He is considered a friend of ASEAN. Tang told the Thai government when he was in Bangkok in January that China would do its utmost to maintain the value of the yuan.... Indeed, Tang...knows that at this juncture, China's prestige in Asia, especially within ASEAN, rests on China's ability to maintain the value of the yuan. Devaluation of the currency would definitely have a devastating effect on the economies of Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and South Korea, which are all being battered by a meltdown in their currencies. Therefore, it is not surprising that China views its current role as pivotal in helping to promote its global image as an unselfish or non-hegemonistic power that pays attention to the well-being of the region."

"Leadership Changes, But China's Ideology Remains The Same"

Elite Siam Rath remarked (3/15): "Despite deep divisions within the Chinese Communist Party concerning the level of adherence to the core communist ideology, party members have learned to bury the hatchet in favor of national interests, thus preventing the Soviet-style disintegration from occurring.... The dreams of those longing to see China turning into a full democracy, including the United States, will remain unfulfilled."

SOUTH ASIA

INDIA: "Riding The Dragon"

Calcutta's centrist Telegraph opined (3/23), "China's long march to becoming the great Asian power is entering a perilous but exciting stage. Politically, Beijing has put together a post-Deng Xiaoping leadership that combines the best of party commitment and economic knowhow. Economically, China is preparing to slay its public sector and civil bureaucracy monsters. Simultaneously, it is making a strong but legitimate bid to be recognized as a regional power on par with, if not replacing Japan.... Mr. Zhu's first and foremost task will be to restructure the galaxy of sickly stars that constitute China's enormous public sector...a job all the harder because Mr. Jiang and other partymen will watch for unacceptable levels of social unrest as Mr. Zhu wields pen and axe. He also needs to reform a nationalized financial sector riddled with bad loans. If he succeeds, Mr. Zhu can rightly claim a place with history's greats, earning a seat next to Mao Zedong and Deng as a maker of modern China...."

"Not surprisingly, in the vacuum left by Tokyo, Washington is seeing China as the country with both the will and the ways to be a true global player.

"This is in striking contrast to Japan which seems unable to see beyond its coastline, even though its economy is

four times the size of China's. The Western countries are now beginning to admit China will have a key role in ensuring there is no worldwide economic deflation. China is on the threshold of superpower status. If Mr. Zhu does his job, the new millenium may also mark the beginning of an age of the dragon."

"Third Revolution"

An editorial in the nationalist Hindustan Times stressed (3/18): "China's National People's Congress bears more than a passing resemblance to the imperial courts of yore, when emperors used to celebrate the advent of spring with elaborate ceremonial rites to pray for continued stability and prosperity for their cyclopean country.... Perhaps the most important change of guard amongst the aging Communist Party mandarins has been the bestowal of the premiership on Zhu Rongji.... It (will) be interesting to watch if, and how, Zhu becomes part of this important chapter in the country's history with his brand of economic Chinese checkers."

"Destabilizing Developments"

Pundit K. Subrahmanyam put forth this analysis in the "Global Watch" column in the pro-economic-reforms Economic Times (3/18): "The Washington Times...published a news report (3/13)...that U.S. officials had uncovered new evidence of China 'trying to sell' nuclear equipment with weapons applications to Pakistan and Iran 'within the past several weeks.'... China has trapped the United States.... China knows that the U.S. president has no option but to certify China's non-proliferation irrespective of the facts on the ground.... If, as is most probable, the U.S. administration looks away as it did earlier on China-Pakistan nuclear and missile relationships, it would be a clear signal to China that the United States is prepared to swallow future Chinese proliferation activity.... The United States' permissiveness (with) respect (to the) China-Pakistan nuclear and missile relationship...(is) extremely destabilizing in the southern Asian region.... (With) the United States keeping India in the dark, the new government in Delhi will have cause for concern about the U.S. role in this region."

"China Scores Major Diplomatic Victory"

Under the above headline, the centrist Hindu's Tokyo correspondent, F.J. Khergamvala, stressed (3/18): "Beijing's rulers have most effectively neutralized Western opposition to its human rights record and the crowning glory, or glory to crow about, comes this week in Geneva, where the annual session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights has taken China off its agenda.... Quite simply, China has countered containment with engagement."

"Realpolitik Assumes Primacy In Relations With China"

An editorial in the centrist Pioneer concluded (3/18): "In what can only be termed as an extraordinary move, the United States has reportedly expressed an inability to sponsor the routine resolution condemning China for human rights violations.... Does this, then, let China off the hook?... Euphemistically, this is China's Third Revolution, another stage in its permanent, ongoing revolution.... This is clearly not the time to beat China with human rights stick.... Externally, too, the economic crisis that the region experiences will impinge on China. It is left to Zhu Rongji to better manage politics through judicious economics."

PAKISTAN: "New American Charge Against China And Pakistan"

According to an editorial in the second-largest Urdu-language Nawa-e-Waqt (3/15): "The U.S. Under Secretary for Non-proliferation Einhorn, in a written statement before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate, has said that during the last few weeks, China tried to sell nuclear equipment and material used in making nuclear arms to Pakistan and Iran."

"Since becoming the sole superpower, the United States considers China and the Muslim bloc its rivals, is afraid of China's economic progress, and views with great suspicion its progress in the defense field. Similarly, countries of the Muslim world who are important because of economy, defense or regional strategy also become the particular target of the United States.... It is time for Pakistan, among many other countries, to give up a policy of depending solely on the United States and instead strengthen its economic, diplomatic and defense relationships with their Chinese neighbor.... If China and the Muslim bloc join forces to resist such attempts at world domination, there is no reason why the United States and Europe wouldn't change course and thereby eliminate the regional imbalances."

NEPAL: "Wise Selection Of Zhu Rongji As Prime Minister"

According to government-owned Gorkhapatra (3/22): "The appointment of Zhu Rongji as prime minister of China represents a wise selection of a conscientious and result-oriented man for the post.... His promotion to premiership clearly reflects the Chinese objective to usher itself into the twenty-first century with a high priority on China's economic development.... China seems determined to enhance its international stature gradually, and is desirous of expanding its positive and useful role in the world stage."

EUROPE

BRITAIN: "Greedy And Myopic"

Under the headline above, the conservative Daily Telegraph's editorial commented (3/16): "First the European Union, now the United States, have sold the pass on human rights in China.... At heart, the West is afraid that criticism of China will deprive it of commercial opportunities in a huge and rapidly growing market. That fear is apparent in Bill Clinton's certifying that Beijing is not abetting countries seeking weapons of mass destruction, thus opening the way to American exports to China; and in (British Foreign Secretary) Robin Cook's plumping for the lowest common moral denominator at last month's EU meeting. Mr. Clinton is due to visit Beijing in June; Britain will host an Asia-Europe summit next month. Neither government would like to puncture the conviviality of these occasions by denouncing China.... Nearly nine years after Tiananmen, Western policy on human rights in China, corrupted by greed, has become miserably myopic."

GERMANY: "Reform Vs. Political Change"

Harald Mauss commented on the front page of centrist Stuttgarter Zeitung (3/19): "In the spring of 1989, it had already become clear how great the real dissatisfaction among the Chinese was with their government and the mentality of its members to take care of themselves first. In the beginning, the demonstrators in Tiananmen Square fought less for free elections or freedom of opinion than against growing corruption in the government and the party. Only later did their protests lead to political demands for self-determination and democracy. But Zhu Rongji will by no means grant these demands to his people. The Communist Party's claim to leadership will probably not be touched under Zhu. It is true that Zhu announced his fight against bureaucracy as a fundamental comprehensive reform, but without political change, his chances for success remain uncertain."

"Zhu's Election Elevates China's Credibility"

P. Goetting commented on national radio station Deutschlandfunk of Cologne (3/17): "With his re-election, State President Jiang Zemin can finally leave the shadow of his great mentor Deng Xiaoping.... This means that China's future course is clear, since the economic and social problems have been recognized. China is pinning its hopes on a speeding up of the dynamics of change. But it is an open question whether this will be successful. In any case, the successful model of China will increase in credibility abroad with the election of Zhu Rongji."

"Thankless Task In Beijing"

Centrist Sueddeutsche Zeitung of Munich pointed out (3/18): "Once before, Zhu Rongji achieved a minor economic miracle. That is why he is the ideal man for the job as premier of China. But he is faced with a mountain of new problems.... It is surprising how clearly the leadership in Beijing has recognized the problems and calls them by name, (but) the recipes it is suggesting are raising questions. The model of large-scale conglomerates failed in South Korea; the number of unemployed (in China) is growing faster than the government is willing to admit, and bureaucrats have announced in public they will put up resistance to a restructuring of the state apparatus. China's leadership...knows where the problems are.... But does (Zhu)...know how to solve them?"

"China's Future"

Adrian Zielcke noted in an editorial in centrist Stuttgarter Zeitung (3/17): "The United States and the EU have now for the first time given up plans to condemn China at the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva. For a dissident such as Wang, this is simply a capitulation which means that the West has given up its principles. But what sense would it make if President Clinton and Chancellor Kohl gave up their plans to travel to China? It is very difficult to influence a giant such as China. The more (foreign countries) succeed in integrating the large empire into the international community, the more difficult it will be for China to close its gates to external influence. Beijing has now declared its willingness to sign an international convention on human rights.... Beneath the united facade Beijing is...trying to lead us to believe in, there is seething unrest among the people. During the annual People's Congress, Li Peng, the one responsible for the massacre on Tiananmen Square nine years ago, got a clear dressing down, while liberal forces were strengthened."

"An Energetic Reformer"

Right-of-center Fraenkischer Tag of Bamberg argued (3/10): "Zhu Rongji...intends to use all means in his power to keep the Asian crisis from China. It may be part of the logic of this 'socialist market economy' that giant, unprofitable state companies will be dissolved, but the price will be high: Several millions of workers are threatened with dismissal, and they will enter a job market that has a surplus of approximately 120 million rural workers already. It is easy to foresee that a storm is brewing."

"Radical Chinese"

Peter Seidlitz observed in centrist General-Anzeiger of Bonn (3/10): "Those familiar with Germany's half-hearted reforms...realize what kind of Herculean task Zhu Rongji has now shouldered and how radical the Chinese really are. The reforms now being implemented cannot be overestimated. They signify a giant step forward in reforming the country. The background of this reform is clear: With a streamlined administration China wants to modernize its system--without changing the power structure, as in the collapsed Soviet Union."

"China's Message"

According to Werner Adam, writing for right-of-center Frankfurter Allgemeine (3/6): "The greatest challenge for the new premier is what to do with the millions of jobless who are about to develop in the context of the partial privatization of large state companies."

RUSSIA: "China May Change Much In Five Years"

Sergei Guly judged in reformist Noviye Izvestia (3/20): "If reforms are a success, the world will have an entirely different China in five years."

"But judging by Zhu's statements, this may happen even sooner. His predecessors avoided tackling the many problems in the state sector, afraid to touch this time bomb which, if disturbed, could blow the whole country."

BELGIUM: "Challenges For Manager Zhu"

Asian affairs writer Freddy De Pauw observed in independent Catholic De Standaard (3/18): "China's new prime minister, Zhu Rongji...wants to consolidate the results of the recent period of growth with a reduced growth of eight percent. But he is colliding with regional powers: The poor provinces believe that they are entitled to a similar recovery; the wealthy provinces believe that they cannot simply slow down. He must also resist the temptation to devalue the currency.... On the international scene, Zhu may be in a state of grace...in strong contrast with his predecessor, Li (Peng). Consequently, he is in a relatively comfortable position for improving the relationship with the United States, although this chapter may be more in the hands of President and Party leader Jiang Zemin, the man above him, who seemed to get along well recently with former Prime Minister Li."

"Counting On Zhu"

Conservative Catholic La Libre Belgique had these thoughts (3/18) by Philippe Paquet: "Mr. Zhu's announced appointment finally makes China (more) predictable, which, for an international community increasingly dependent on the behavior of that big power, is at least as important as the economic reform initiated twenty years ago.... By refusing for the first time...to sponsor a resolution condemning human rights violations in China before the ad hoc UN committee in Geneva, the Americans and the Europeans have already rid Mr. Zhu of a preoccupation. It is now up to him to prove that, on that level, he can be the engine of more than symbolic change."

HUNGARY: "Owner Production In China"

Respected senior columnist Endre Aczel wrote in top circulation Nepszabadsag (3/23): "The desire of people to own, in particular societies, seems to be stronger than 'socialism'. Governments, naturally, encouraged the privatization of the real estate markets not for mere ideological reasons. Knowing this, the quite recent decree of the Chinese government, which allows the privatization of estates in the second half of this year, can certainly be called a historic move. The decree illustrates well that in China, while it still calls itself a communist country, the rationalization of the economy does not really respect any previous loan letters. The reformist Chinese leadership believes that a 'socialist market economy' will not suffer any backlashes if social services get separated from the national economy management and become 'market-based.' I would just silently add that the separation of social services and economic activity is a clever idea in itself, but this kind of fundamental reform is not without risks."

"Beijing Balance"

An op-ed piece by centrist, conservative Magyar Nemzet's foreign editor Lajos Pietsch pointed out (3/19): "The entire world has seen the latest picture of the new Chinese prime minister, who, with hands folded for prayer, is saying thank you for his election. Many understand his gesture as the new face of a Far Eastern country and as a symbol of a tolerance and pragmatism. The two-week assembly of the Chinese parliament has made very important decisions on personal changes that are expected to be a key for a more predictable development of the Chinese economy and politics. But the new image of China might well mean that calls for political reforms become more aggressive and voices demanding more tolerance toward human rights ring louder. The biggest expectations appear, after all, in the sector of economy and those expectations could count as the biggest challenge for the junior prime minister."

"It became already obvious during the past couple of years that the acting prime minister, a pragmatic economic expert otherwise, is not a dedicated follower of a free market economy in its Western sense. He, on the other hand, can be a

pragmatists under limits set by a party dictatorship. And this fact is cooling down too-high hopes of reforms a bit."

POLAND: "China's Shift Away From Communism"

Centrist daily Rzeczpospolita carried this analysis (3/20) by Krzysztof Darewicz: "We are witnessing a generational shift...right now in the Chinese leadership. The changes mostly reflect the process the entire society is undergoing--they prefer entrepreneurship to ideology and green banknotes to dark blue uniforms.... A more professional and liberal Chinese government does not necessarily mean an acceleration in the transformation of the political system.... But even if Zhu Rongji focuses only on the economy, China will continue to loosen its ties with Communism.... With the maintenance of reform in this direction, one can hope that the free market will force the democratization of public life in China."

SPAIN: "Something Is Moving In China"

Independent El Mundo noted (3/20): "Yesterday (Zhu Rongji) claimed the need for free elections, although he pointed out China's concept of democracy is different from the occidental one and he 'justified' the Tiananmen repression of 1989.... The unknown will be to see if the ambitious economic reform that Rongji proposes can cope with the extremely conservative position of army leaders, who fear that challenges will end up burying them."

"China Enters 21st Century"

Conservative ABC contended (3/18): "The election of Zhu Rongji as China's prime minister represents an important turn by the communist regime in Beijing towards entry into the 21st century on the road to reforms and economic opening. [To carry it off], a 'magician' capable of working miracles was required, and in Zhu Rongji they have found...a technocrat who has worked within a communist system without ever having believed in it.... Notwithstanding China's praiseworthy decision to expand its economic opening in the person of Zhu Rongji, however, the regime continues to demonstrate reticence in adopting similar reforms in the political arena."

"Great Leap Forward"

Liberal El Pais opined (3/15): "After having sponsored the emergence of a dynamic private sector during the last few years, the Chinese government has decided to enter into an inevitable stage in its reform process: public sector downsizing, and especially, thinning the ranks of the bureaucracy.... This represents a great leap forward, to use Mao's term, although stiff resistance will have to be overcome and the cooperation of regional and local public-sector employers will be required in order to make it happen."

"China And Zhu Rongji"

Conservative ABC's Dario Valcarcel opined (3/10): "The PRC has entered a period of rapid change, and Zhu is responsible for making change happen, [including] reducing the Soviet-style public sector apparatus and reforming its parastatal corporations...undertaking a multi-billion-dollar infrastructure building program to combat the effects of the Asian currency crisis...and diminishing the income differences between persons and regions, which are both serious and growing. Corruption has erupted like a plague, and Zhu appears decided to combat it. Whether he will be able to do so remains to be seen."

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The foreign press' collective sigh of relief following the Duma's confirmation Friday of Sergei Kiriyenko as Russia's new prime minister was immediately followed by many cautionary notes indicating that "there is little reason for optimism" about Russia's future. Most observers concluded that the vote--seen as a 'yes' not for Mr. Kiriyenko but for keeping the lower parliament's jobs and special privileges--was no victory for democracy, but another demonstration that, under the constitution, Mr. Yeltsin "is tremendously powerful and that his power has become an obstacle to reform in Russia." Moscow's reformist Izvestia and others predicted that, as a result of the Duma's humiliation at the president's hands, "political instability has come to stay" in Russia. Right-of-center Le Figaro of Paris fretted over the prospects for "a president weakened by illness but paradoxically wielding more and more authority; a weak prime minister and an impotent parliament." Except for a couple of analysts who voiced their confidence in Mr. Kiriyenko's skills, most emphasized with Bonn's centrist General-Anzeiger that there are only two years left in the Yeltsin term to "implement reforms" and that the new prime minister serves at the Kremlin leader's whim. In Seoul, conservative Chosun Ilbo underscored another glaring question mark for Russia's future: "Although Kiriyenko's new role may remain that of Yeltsin's errand boy for a while, it could go well beyond that any time, given Yeltsin's health problems."

MIDEAST PEACE: 'PERPETUAL STALEMATE?'

Editorialists in the Middle East and Europe turned their attention to Assistant Secretary Indyk and special envoy Dennis Ross' latest round of shuttle diplomacy to dislodge the stalemate in the Mideast peace process in advance of talks in London May 4. Analysts saw little hope that the Israeli leader would accept a U.S. proposal for additional Israeli troop withdrawals from the West Bank in time for his and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's London meetings with Secretary Albright. This left Tunis's independent Ash-Shourouq wondering "why the American envoy (had) even come" to the Middle East. And, while an Egyptian commentator stressed that the peace process "would collapse" if the U.S. were to withdraw from the process, Saudi Arabia's pan-Arab Al Hayat expressed amazement that Washington, the "friend and donor of unlimited...aid and support to Israel, is unable to convince the Israeli prime minister...to add two or three percent to the territories he intends to withdraw his troops from? This is nonsense," the paper exclaimed. In Israel, anti-Netanyahu Haaretz judged that the American proposal "is the only alternative to the current stalemate," a view challenged by nationalist Hatzofe, which retorted, "One would have to be a complete moron to give Arafat what he wants.... Our prime minister deserves all the backing he can get from the nationalist camp."

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RUSSIA: "Crisis Over, Confrontation On"

Reformist Izvestia (4/25) front-paged this commentary by Aleksandr Privalov and Sergei Chugayev: "It is a matter of two to three months. Unless they (the new cabinet) bring tangible and clear results, the opponents (of a new government) won't bide their time before they attack and destroy.

Political instability has come to stay. The past four weeks have shown that our political and economic elites are divided, have no common ideas, and are incapable of rising above their personal and corporate (or party) interests. As long as the president was firmly in control, the divisions 'at the top' were not too obvious. With confidence in his ability to control things shaken by now, power struggles may erupt over anything."

"Almost All Are Happy"

Igor Vandenko said on page one of reformist Novye Izvestia (4/25):

"Looking back to what happened on Friday, you see it as a well-staged show. Almost all are happy. The president, remaining adamant, has had his way in the end; the deputies have secured continued deputyship; and the opposition has remained what it really is, opposition in word, not deed."

"Letting Relations With U.S. To Grow Worse Is Fatal"

Daniil Osmolovsky asserted on page one of reformist, business-oriented Kommersant Daily (4/25): "By having had the Duma approve Kiriyenko as prime

minister, Yeltsin has proved that he is still Number One among Russian politicians. Therefore, the main thing now is to make the most constructive use of his colossal constitutional powers. What a new Russian government needs to think of now is how to retain good relations with international financial institutions. Also, failing to bring the Duma to ratify START II would dash all hopes for a kindly disposition from the United States, in general, and the IMF, in particular. To let relations with America grow worse could be fatal, so Yeltsin and Kiriyenko must do what it takes to have START II ratified."

GERMANY: "This Is No Victory For Democracy"

Right-of-center Frankfurter Allgemeine (4/25) said in an editorial by Werner Adam, "This is no victory for democracy: The fact that Russia, after an extended period of haggling, got a new minister president with experience in economics despite his political inexperience, is rather the result of a constitution that concentrates power in the hands of the president.... Faced with the alternative of bowing to Yeltsin's will or (dissolution), the majority of Duma parliamentarians considered it better to base their views less on political convictions but on the maintenance of privileges.... Yeltsin again asserted his will, but the method he employed...does not bode well for the future relationship between government and parliament. And even though we can hardly speak of a democratic balance of forces in Russia, the power of the Duma has always been great enough to slow down necessary reforms."

"Yeltsin Won Risky Poker Game"

Centrist General-Anzeiger of Bonn (4/25) argued: "Yeltsin played a risky poker game and won. But his final battle has just begun: He has only two more years to implement his reform policy definitively."

FRANCE: "Hard Times For Russian Democracy"

Jean-Paul Pierot maintained in communist L'Humanite (4/25): "In Russia, where unbridled capitalism succeeded a watered-down socialism, democracy is having a hard time, fighting as

it must against individual interests of one and all: those supporting Yeltsin as well as those in the opposition.... The Russian people probably would have much to say, if only they had a chance to speak up."

"A Defeat Paved By Successes"

Charles Lambroschini offered this view in right-of-center Le Figaro (4/25):

"Yeltsin's success is giving way to a disturbing political landscape: a president weakened by illness but paradoxically wielding more and more authority; a weak prime minister and an impotent parliament. Mao used to say that, from one defeat to another, he would fly toward victory. What a paradox it would be if Yeltsin did the exact opposite."

BULGARIA: "Duma: More Conflicts Ahead"

Bulgarian Socialist Party Duma (4/25) observed, "If (some of the

Communists) voted for Kiriyenko in order to save the Duma, it does not mean that they will be so collaborative when other important issues are debated.... During the next several months, the Russian Duma will be an arena of conflicts again, something that Yeltsin is not likely to approve."

HUNGARY: "No Time For Illusions"

Influential Magyar Hirlap's op-ed piece by foreign affairs columnist Csaba Szedahelyi commented (4/25), "Yeltsin won battle yesterday. The very last days of the Duma voting were quite exciting, after all.... But nobody can have any illusions. Neither President Yeltsin, nor the newly elected Kiriyenko, nor the Duma members can sit back in their chairs with a feeling of being in heaven already. Could we now believe that Kiriyenko is going to run and administer Russia, a country with problems double its size, according to his own insights? Or will President Yeltsin make each decision by the newly elected? The world can not deceive itself either: Even Kiriyenko is not able to perform miracles."

LATVIA: "How Long Will New Prime Minister Last?"

Aris Jansons of centrist Diena wrote (4/27): "By the third vote, most deputies without a doubt confirmed their fear of the possibility of dissolving the Duma, or at least their (fear) of getting stuck in a new, more dramatic oppositionary adventure.... I cannot agree with the majority of observers that Yeltsin is once again demonstrating his phenomenal talent for making the correct decision to put in place someone who would

fulfill any of (Yeltsin's) assigned tasks.... One must not forget Kiriyenko's sharp mind and mathematical talents. The prime minister still has many opportunities to surprise us."

THE NETHERLANDS: "Little Reason For Optimism"

An editorial in influential, liberal De Volkskrant (4/27) concluded, "A 35-year-old liberal has been appointed prime minister. His orders are to boost the economic reforms. Those who don't know better could almost believe that the appointment of Sergei Kiriyenko is a major turning point.... In fact, there is little reason for optimism. The recent government crisis showed that President Yeltsin is tremendously powerful and that his power has become an obstacle to reform in Russia....

Yeltsin's autocratic style had some important results: He broke the power of the Communist Party and implemented economic liberalization and monetary stabilization. But Russia has become a hopelessly weak country. Chances that this will change are very slim as long as Yeltsin holds so much power."

POLAND: "Risky Business"

Slawomir Popowski noted in centrist Rzeczpospolita (4/25-26), "At the last dealing [of cards],

the state Duma gave in--not only because the deputies feared losing their jobs, official cars and apartments in the capital in the wake of an unavoidable dissolution of the parliament. In practice, Kiriyenko's

success can even prove convenient to the Communist-nationalist opposition. Nobody in Moscow doubts that the new prime minister, who without his own political force is a figure much weaker than his predecessor Victor Chernomyrdin, will be--at least at the outset--the instrument of Yeltsin and the Kremlin clan now in power. This means, however, that the president and his retinue assume for themselves responsibility for the work of the government and attempts to heal Russia's economy. This decision, in light of the nearing parliamentary election and presidential election--the most crucial one--can turn out a very risky business. Both for the 36-year-old Kiriienko...and for Yeltsin himself."

SPAIN: "Yeltsin's Victory"

According to liberal El Pais (4/26): "Yeltsin has won the standoff with the Duma, but by imposing Kiriienko he has contributed to the realization that the constitution, which grants the president exorbitant powers, needs to be amended. The deputies voted not for Kiriienko...rather against the dissolution of parliament.... Yeltsin has gained a temporary respite: No one is stealing his spotlight, he has an apparently docile prime minister, the Duma has been weakened, and the Communist Party is divided. The only thing he lacks is the good health he needs to govern the country until the year 2000."

CHINA: "New Antagonism Inevitable"

Liu Gang said in the official, Communist Party People's Daily (Renmin Ribao, 4/27), "Russian political infighting has been eased for the time being,

but other forms of dispute are inevitable.... If there is no improvement in Russia's political climate in the next two months, political antagonism between the Duma and the cabinet will re-ignite."

SOUTH KOREA: "Yeltsin's Victory"

Conservative Chosun Ilbo (4/25) pointed out, "Although Kiriyeenko's new role may remain that of Yeltsin's errand boy for a while, it could go well beyond that any time, given Yeltsin's health problems."

ISRAEL: "Victory For Russian Reform"

In the opinion of the independent Jerusalem Post's lead editorial (4/26):

"The United States has been quick to welcome the new prime minister.

President Clinton is hoping Kiriyeenko...will move to ratify the START II arms control treaty, which would allow the parties to move ahead to START III. As Russia's nuclear arsenal and the controls over it become older and possibly unstable, formal efforts to make the world a safer place with fewer weapons will become increasingly important.... While everyone wishes him well now, it remains dubious if, in three years' time, anyone will remember the name of Sergei Kiriyeenko."

MIDEAST PEACE: 'PERPETUAL STALEMATE?'

ISRAEL: "The Americans Try Again"

Anti-Netanyahu Haaretz's lead editorial pointed out (4/26): "America's 'package,' which includes a 13.1 percent Israeli withdrawal followed by a third redeployment, is the only alternative to the current stalemate. It reflects a sustained American effort to bridge the parties' positions, which led to Arafat's waiving his demand for a 30 percent Israeli pullback. But the prime minister has greeted this critical week of diplomacy with grating threats and arrogant statements. A senior diplomatic source...took the trouble to clarify that even the prospect of a crisis in Israel's relations with the United States would not move Netanyahu from his position. 'So there will be another headline in the paper about the great crisis,' the source sneered.... This appears to reflect a desire to perpetuate the stalemate rather than move toward a permanent arrangement with the Palestinians."

"Arafat's Old Tricks"

Nationalist Hatzofe told readers in its lead editorial (4/27): "One would have to be a complete moron to give Arafat what he wants. Worse, one would also have to not care a bit about Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria. But our prime minister is made of different stuff...and that's why he deserves all the backing he can get from the nationalist camp.... To that end, his coalition government should be expanded, and the inclusion of the Moledet Party is a step in that direction. Moledet may be a bit different from other coalition partners but it, too, realizes that it is either Netanyahu or a government which would run to Arafat on all fours, bowing to all of his caprices."

EGYPT: "Clinton Administration Less Committed To Peace Process"

Ibrahim Nafie, editor-in-chief of pro-government Al Ahram, opined (4/26):

"The current American administration has not taken a decisive position toward peace. Any comparison between Nixon and Kissinger, Carter and Vance, and Bush and Baker with Clinton and his secretaries Christopher and Albright proves that the current administration has not played a serious role in the process. Will the London meetings be the first serious American step toward saving peace?"

"Peace Process Would Collapse Without U.S."

Ibrahim Nafie, editor-in-chief of pro-government Al Ahram, judged (4/25):

"If the United States were to withdraw from the peace process, the process would totally collapse. The United States should learn from its intervention in the Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement that its intervention

in sponsoring the peace process mainly serves American interests, before any other."

SAUDI ARABIA: "Where Is The U.S.' Clout?"

London-based, pan-Arab Al-Hayat's editorial asked (4/27): "Who could believe that Washington, the close ally, friend and donor of unlimited financial, military and political aid and support to Israel, is unable to convince the Israeli prime minister...to add 2 or 3 percent to the territories he intends to withdraw his troops from? This is nonsense.... Washington is aware of the risk of wasting time. The talks have been completely frozen for a year. Furthermore, Washington is fully aware that the policies of the Likud government are behind this freeze in the talks, but Washington is not prepared to move. More important, Netanyahu has become aware that no one will hold him responsible.... Certainly, the American-British silence on Likud's extremism provides it a sort of international legitimacy."

TUNISIA: "So Why Did He Come?!"

Under the above headline, editor-in-chief Abdelhamid Riahi declared in independent Ash-Shourouq (4/25): "Before the arrival of the American envoy to the Middle East region, Israel renewed its refusal of the American proposal, while the American administration emphasized its pessimism.... So why did the American envoy even come? And what s the use of a new mission that is already failing? The peace process negotiations have

become a farce since the election of Netanyahu.... Now that America has admitted 'its failure and total inability' to change Netanyahu's decisions...the ball is in the Arabs' court.... Arabs should move fast to find a solution and to play on American interests to make Washington put pressure on Israel."

BRITAIN: "Ross Fails To Make Headway On West Bank"

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"U.S. And UN Conspiracy"

A column by editor Mahimnd Mir in the Islamabad-based, Urdu-language Ausaf (4/27) held: "U.S. circles are reviewing a proposal to divide Afghanistan along linguistic lines. A cease-fire line would be drawn between Taliban and Northern Alliance. And eventually this cease-fire line would be made a permanent border."

INDIA: "U.S. Afghan Policy On Test"

Defense correspondent Atul Anejaanalysis commented in the centrist Hindu (4/27): "While the present [ceasefire] violation may not upset the current round of talks, a repeat of such violence may once again revert the antagonists into digging their heels in the battlefield.... Given the high level of interest, U.S. diplomacy over Afghanistan, is likely to be extremely active at least till the year-end.... Not surprisingly, Washington, over the last one month has 'stirred up things' in Afghanistan. Richardson's success in fixing a date for a meeting of the Afghan factions--something which the UN so far had been short of achieving, was

the first clear indication of Washington's revived interest in Afghanistan. It wasn't as if there was no proposal earlier to hold a meeting of the Afghan factions. The U.S. however played a significant role in concretizing this proposal by getting the Taliban on board and fixing the date of the talks.... Despite all its serious intent the U.S. is likely to encounter major hurdles on the way, discouraging a diplomatic breakthrough. Washington, for instance, will have to find a way out to exercise significant control over the ISI, the autonomous center in Pakistan, sponsoring the Taliban operation."

NEPAL: "U.S. Interest In Afghanistan Alarmed Iranian Leadership"

Government-owned Gorkhapatra observed (4/25): "It is feared that the increase of American influence in this west Asian country could serve as an alarm to the orthodox Islamic rulers of Iran.... Iran itself is embroiled in internal conflicts...conflicts between the orthodox and modern thinking in Iran are being reported.... Modern-minded leaders are trying to restore and expand relations with the U.S... The American initiative in Afghanistan at a time when the internal conflicts are reported prevalent inside Iran, is a sign of danger to the orthodox Mullahs."

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SAUDIA ARABIA: "U.S. And Hussein's Special Affinity For Killing Iraqis"

Conservative Al-Riyadh commented (4/27): "It is the right of the Iraqi people to demand the lifting of the economic sanctions against them, and it

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GERMANY: "Vigilance Is Not Superfluous"

Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger commented in right-of-center Frankfurter Allgemeine (4/27): "The critics of the U.S. Iraq policy will now quickly raise accusations that the Clinton administration is pinning its hopes on the military card alone without acknowledging the 'facts.' But the decision to leave the U.S. contingency of 38,000 forces in the Gulf for the foreseeable future is a kind of re-assurance. In the past, this policy showed that the U.S. presence considerably promoted the willingness of the Iraqi regime to cooperate with the United Nations concerning the elimination of weapons of mass destruction. Without the military scenario which the United States and Britain set up in the Gulf, the UN secretary-general would not have been able to settle the latest showdown...with Iraq. The military presence is part of the U.S. strategy to deny Saddam the possession of weapons of mass destruction. As long as

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THAILAND: "Iraq Warns Of Another Crisis"

Largest circulation, moderately conservative, Bangkok Post editorialized (4/27): " It is clear a new Iraq crisis is brewing, and it could climax quickly. Twice in the six months, the United Nations has backed away from military confrontation with Iraq.... So long as it continues to prohibit UN inspection of huge parts of its country, there can be no sympathy for its claim that the UN, or America, is picking on it. Iraq should show the world it has disarmed by opening all sites to the UN inspection teams. The terms of the peace treaty Iraq signed with UN seven years ago are clear enough. Iraq must be clearly disarmed of its weapons of mass destruction, or it must suffer the consequences."

FRANCE: 'CRUCIAL DAYS' IN FIGHT AGAINST ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION

FRANCE: "Paris Fights Against The MAI"

Herve Nathan commented in left-of-center Liberation (4/27): "For those fighting against globalization, today and tomorrow are crucial days. The negotiations under way at the OECD are mobilizing anti-MAI forces in Paris and Luxembourg, where France will try to stop Leon Brittan's trade liberalization project.... Paradoxically, the U.S. is helping MAI opponents: 'We are not ready,' explained Alan Larson.... This is being interpreted by the French Ministry of Commerce as 'the U.S. does not want

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independent AshShourouq wondering "why the Am
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RUSSIA: "Crisis Over, Confrontation On"

Reformist Izvestia (4/25) frontpaged this commentary by Aleksandr Privalov and

Sergei Chugayev: "It is a matter of two to three months. Unless they (the new cabinet) bring tangible and clear results, the opponents (of a new government)

won't bide their time before they attack and destroy.

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as come to stay. The past four weeks have shown

that our political and economic

elites are divided, have no common ideas,

and are incapable of rising above their

personal and corporate (or party)

interests. As long as the president was

firmly in control, the divisions

'at the top' were not too obvious. With confidence

in his ability to

control things shaken by now, power struggles may erupt

over anything."

"Almost All Are Happy"

Igor Vandenko said on page one of reformist Noviy Izvestia (4/25):

"Looking back

to what happened on Friday, you see it as a wellstaged show.

Almost all are

happy. The president, remaining adamant, has had his way in

the end; the deputies

have secured continued deputyship; and the opposition

has remained what it

really is, opposition in word, not deed."

"Letting Relations With U.S. To Grow Worse Is Fatal"

Daniil Osmolovsky asserted on page one of reformist, business-oriented

Kommersa
nt Daily (4/25): "By having had the Duma approve Kiriyenko as
prime minister, Y
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Russian politicians. There
fore, the main thing now is to make the most
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with America grow worse could be fatal, so Yeltsin and Kiriyenko m
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GERMANY: "This Is No Victory For Democracy"

Rightofcenter Frankfurter Allgemeine (4/25) said in an editorial by
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ocratic balance of forces in Russia, the power of the Duma has always
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at enough to slow down necessary reforms."

"Yeltsin Won Risky Poker Game"

Centrist GeneralAnzeiger of Bonn (4/25) argued: "Yeltsin played a risky
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game and won. But his final battle has just begun: He has only two
more year
s to implement his reform policy definitively."

FRANCE: "Hard Times For Russian Democracy"

JeanPaul Pierot maintained in communist L'Humanite (4/25): "In Russia, where unbridled capitalism succeeded a watereddown socialism, democracy is having a hard time, fighting as

it must against individual interests of one and all: those supporting Yeltsin as well as those in the opposition.... The Russian people probably would have much to say, if only they had a chance to speak up."

"A Defeat Paved By Successes"

Charles Lambroschini offered this view in rightofcenter Le Figaro (4/25): "Yeltsin's success is giving way to a disturbing political landscape: a president weakened by illness but paradoxically wielding more and more authority; a weak prime minister and an impotent parliament. Mao used to say that, from one defeat to another, he would fly toward victory. What a paradox it would be if Yeltsin did the exact opposite."

BULGARIA: "Duma: More Conflicts Ahead"

Bulgarian Socialist Party Duma (4/25) observed, "If (some of the Communists) voted for Kiriyenko in order to save the Duma, it does not mean that they will be so collaborative when other important issues are debated.... During the next several months, the Russian Duma will be an arena of conflicts again, something that Yeltsin is not likely to approve."

HUNGARY: "No Time For Illusions"

Influential Magyar Hirlap's oped piece by foreign affairs columnist Csaba Szecshelyi commented (4/25), "Yeltsin won battle yesterday. The very last days of the Duma voting were quite exciting, after all.... But nobody can have any illusions. Neither President Yeltsin, nor the newly elected Kiriyenko, nor the Duma members can sit back in their chairs with a feeling of being in heaven already."

dy. Could we now believe that Kiriyenko is going to run and administer Russia, a country with problems double its size, according to his own insights? Or will President Yeltsin make each decision by the newly elected? The world can not deceive itself either: Even Kiriyenko is not able to perform miracles."

LATVIA: "How Long Will New Prime Minister Last?"

Aris Jansons of centrist Diena wrote (4/27): "By the third vote, most deputies without a doubt confirmed their fear of the possibility of dissolving the Duma, or at least their (fear) of getting stuck in a new, more dramatic oppositionary adventure.... I cannot agree with the majority of observers that Yeltsin is once again demonstrating his phenomenal talent for making the correct decision to put in place someone who would fulfill any of (Yeltsin's) assigned tasks.... One must not forget Kiriyenko's sharp mind and mathematical talents. The prime minister still has many opportunities to surprise us."

THE NETHERLANDS: "Little Reason For Optimism"

An editorial in influential, liberal De Volkskrant (4/27) concluded, "A 35-year old liberal has been appointed prime minister. His orders are to boost the economic reforms. Those who don't know better could almost believe that the appointment of Sergei Kiriyenko is a major turning point.... In fact, there is little reason for optimism. The recent government crisis showed that President Yeltsin is tremendously powerful and that his power has become an obstacle to reform in Russia.... Yeltsin's autocratic style had some important results: He broke the power of the Communist Party and implemented economic liberalization and monetary stabilization. But Russia has become a hopelessly weak country. Chances that this will change are very slim as long as Yeltsin holds so much power."

Poland: "Risky Business"

X' hp x Slawomir Popowski noted in centrist Rzeczpospolita (4/2526), "At the last dealing [of cards],

the state Duma gave in not only because the deputies feared losing their jobs, official cars and apartments in the capital in the wake of an unavoidable dissolution of the parliament. In practice, Kiriyenko's success can even prove convenient to the Communist nationalist opposition. Nobody in Moscow doubts that the new prime minister, who without his own political force is a figure much weaker than his predecessor Victor Chernomyrdin, will beat least at the outset the instrument of Yeltsin and the Kremlin clan now in power. This means, however, that the president and his retinue assume for themselves responsibility for the work of the government and attempts to heal Russia's economy. This decision, in light of the nearing parliamentary election and presidential election the most crucial one can turn out a very risky business. Both for the 36-year-old Kiriyenko...and for Yeltsin himself."

SPAIN: "Yeltsin's Victory"

According to liberal El Pais (4/26): "Yeltsin has won the standoff with the Duma, but by imposing Kiriyenko he has contributed to the realization that the constitution, which grants the president exorbitant powers, needs to be amended. The deputies voted not for Kiriyenko...rather against the dissolution of parliament.... Yeltsin has gained a temporary respite: No one is stealing his spotlight, he has an apparently docile prime minister, the Duma has been weakened, and the Communist Party is divided. The only thing he lacks is the good health he needs to govern the country until the year 2000."

CHINA: "New Antagonism Inevitable"

Liu Gang said in the official, Communist Party People's Daily (Renmin Ribao, 4/27), "Russian political infighting has been eased for the time

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ISRAEL: "Victory For Russian Reform"

In the opinion of the independent Jerusalem Post's lead editorial (4/26): "The United States has been quick to welcome the new prime minister. President Clinton is hoping Kiriienko...will move to ratify the START II arms control treaty, which would allow the parties to move ahead to START III. As Russia's nuclear arsenal and the controls over it become older and possibly unstable, formal efforts to make the world a safer place with fewer weapons will become increasingly important.... While everyone wishes him well now, it remains dubious if, in three years' time, anyone will remember the name of Sergei Kiriienko."

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AntiNetanyahu Haaretz's lead editorial pointed out (4/26): "America's 'package,' which includes a 13.1 percent Israeli withdrawal followed by a third redeployment,"

oyment, is the only alternative to the current stalemate. It reflects a sustained American effort to bridge the parties' positions, which led to Arafat's waiving his demand for a 30 percent Israeli pullback. But the prime minister has greeted this critical week of diplomacy with grating threats and arrogant statements. A senior diplomatic source...took the trouble to clarify that even the prospect of a crisis in Israel's relations with the United States would not move Netanyahu from his position. 'So there will be another headline in the paper about the great crisis,' the source sneered.... This appears to reflect a desire to perpetuate the stalemate rather than move toward a permanent arrangement with the Palestinians."

"Arafat's Old Tricks"

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iance leaders, and have therefore agreed to talk only under
U.S. and UN pressur
e. Such a situation is not likely to inspire much
confidence in this new peace
initiative.... It should by now be crystal
clear to everyone concerned that p
eace can only return to Afghanistan
through a negotiated settlement."

"U.S. And UN Conspiracy"

A column by editor Mahimnd Mir in the Islamabadbased, Urdulanguage Ausaf
(4/27)
held: "U.S. circles are reviewing a proposal to divide Afghanistan
along ling
uistic lines. A ceasefire line would be drawn between Taliban
and Northern All
iance. And eventually this ceasefire line would be made a
permanent border."

INDIA: "U.S. Afghan Policy On Test"

Defense correspondent Atul Anejaanalysis commented in the centrist Hindu
(4/27
): "While the present [ceasefire] violation may not upset the current
round of
talks, a repeat of such violence may once again revert the
antagonists into di

gging their heels in the battlefield.... Given the high level of interest, U.S . diplomacy over Afghanistan, is likely to be extremely active at least till the year end.... Not surprisingly, Washington, over the last one month has 'stirred up things' in Afghanistan. Richardson's success in fixing a date for a meeting of the Afghan factions something which the UN so far had been short of achieving, was the first clear indication of Washington's revived interest in Afghanistan. It wasn't as if there was no proposal earlier to hold a meeting of the Afghan factions. The U.S. however played a significant role in concretizing this proposal by getting the Taliban on board and fixing the date of the talks... . Despite all its serious intent the U.S. is likely to encounter major hurdles on the way, discouraging a diplomatic breakthrough. Washington, for instance, will have to find a way out to exercise significant control over the ISI, the autonomous center in Pakistan, sponsoring the Taliban operation."

NEPAL: "U.S. Interest In Afghanistan Alarmed Iranian Leadership"

Government-owned Gorkhapatra observed (4/25): "It is feared that the increase of American influence in this west Asian country could serve as an alarm to the orthodox Islamic rulers of Iran.... Iran itself is embroiled in internal conflicts... conflicts between the orthodox and modern thinking in Iran are being reported.... Modern-minded leaders are trying to restore and expand relations with the U.S... The American initiative in Afghanistan at a time when the internal conflicts are reported prevalent inside Iran, is a sign of danger to the orthodox Mullahs."

IRAQ: 'VIGILANCE IS NOT SUPERFLUOUS'

SAUDIA ARABIA: "U.S. And Hussein's Special Affinity For Killing Iraqis"

Conservative AlRiyadh commented (4/27): "It is the right of the Iraqi people to demand the lifting of the economic sanctions against them, and it is the duty as well of the Arab nation and the people of the world to

support them, because punishment is no longer a concern for the top man in Baghdad.... But the problem is that truth has been lost between UNSCOM head Richard Butler and Saddam Hussein. The first (Butler) talks about evidence that Iraq still conceals weapons of mass destruction, and that his reports to the UN should be considered as facts, even though his intention is no more than an expression of American ideas, (Americans) who want to take more than a sip from Iraqi blood. This is one of the reasons behind Saddam Hussein's remaining in power and control, despite claims of (mutual) animosity (between both sides), because both sides have a special affinity for killing Iraqis."

GERMANY: "Vigilance Is Not Superfluous"

X` hp x KlausDieter Frankenberger commented in rightofcenter Frankfurter Allgemeine (4/27): "The critics of the U.S. Iraq policy will now quickly raise accusations that the Clinton administration is pinning its hopes on the military card alone without acknowledging the 'facts.' But the decision to leave the U.S. contingency of 38,000 forces in the Gulf for the foreseeable future is a kind of reassurance. In the past, this policy showed that the U.S. presence considerably promoted the willingness of the Iraqi regime to cooperate with the United Nations concerning the elimination of weapons of mass destruction. Without the military scenario which the United States and Britain set up in the Gulf, the UN secretarygeneral would not have been able to settle the latest showdown ...with Iraq. The military presence is part of the U.S. strategy to deny Saddam the possession of weapons of mass destruction. As long as the United Nations does not issue a clean bill of health regarding Iraqi weapons ambitions, vigilance is not superfluous."

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THAILAND: "Iraq Warns Of Another Crisis"

Largest circulation, moderately conservative, Bangkok Post editorialized

(4/27

): " It is clear a new Iraq crisis is brewing, and it could climax quickly.

Twice in the six months, the United Nations has backed away from military conf

rontation with Iraq.... So long as it continues to prohibit UN inspection of

huge parts of its country, there can be no sympathy for its claim that the UN

, or America, is picking on it. Iraq should show the world it has disarmed by

opening all sites to the UN inspection teams.

The terms of the peace treaty

Iraq signed with UN seven years ago are

clear enough. Iraq must be clearly di

sarmed of its weapons of mass

destruction, or it must suffer the consequences.

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X' hp x FRANCE: 'CRUCIAL DAYS' IN FIGHT AGAINST ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION

FRANCE: "Paris Fights Against The MAI"

Herve Nathan commented in leftofcenter Liberation (4/27): "For those fighting

against globalization, today and tomorrow are crucial days. The negotiations

under way at the OECD are mobilizing antiMAI forces in Paris and Luxembourg,

where France will try to stop Leon Brittan's trade liberalization project....

Paradoxically, the U.S. is helping MAI

opponents: 'We are not ready,' explained

Alan Larson.... This is being

interpreted by the French Ministry of Commerce

as 'the U.S. does not want

to dismantle its protectionist legislation.'"

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## WORLD NEWS

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> WASHINGTON, BEIJING TO ESTABLISH 'HOT LINE'

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrived in China on Wednesday to lay

the groundwork for President Clinton's trip to China in June. Albright and Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan signed an agreement to establish a "hot

line" to link Washington and Beijing. The agreement was negotiated during a summit in Washington last October. China is Albright's second stop on a week-long trip to Asia.

-->Albright to pursue Tibet, other sensitive issues

..... <http://cnn.com/WORLD/asiapcf/9804/29/albright.china/index.html>

> CASTRO REBUFFS CHRETIEN'S CALL FOR REFORM

Vowing to defend "our socialism," Cuban President Fidel Castro on Tuesday rebuffed appeals by Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien for political change

and prisoner releases during his visit to the island nation. Immediately after

bidding Chretien farewell at Havana's international airport, Castro said:

"We are not going to change. We are going to continue defending our cause and our socialism." In an impromptu news conference, Castro made it clear he will not bend to pressure for reforms.

-->"Let the blockade cease!"

..... <http://cnn.com/WORLD/americas/9804/28/cuba.chretien/>

> THOUSANDS MOURN SLAIN GUATEMALAN BISHOP

Thousands of candle-bearing Guatemalans marched in their capital on Tuesday night, demanding justice in the grisly slaying of Bishop Juan Jose Gerardi, 75, whose head was crushed by a cement block two days after he presented a study on civil war atrocities. Mourners sang hymns, and priests said Masses over his body. On Friday, the bishop presented a study blaming the army for nearly 80 percent of the 150,000 killings during Guatemala's civil war.

-->Silent procession in protest of the killing

..... <http://cnn.com/WORLD/americas/9804/29/bishop.funeral/index.html>

> LABOR, MANAGEMENT TO MEET ON 3RD DAY OF DENMARK STRIKE

Danish unions and employers agreed to talk Wednesday, the third day of a nationwide general strike. It was unclear if the agreement to meet indicated the sides were moving closer to ending a dispute that has idled an estimated 550,000 workers, or roughly one out of every 10 Danes, over their demand for a sixth week of paid vacation. Joern Neergaard Larsen of the national employers'

confederation said Tuesday only that the meeting was to discuss "issues"

and

declined to elaborate.

-->Flights cancelled, but medicine moves

.... <http://cnn.com/WORLD/europe/9804/29/denmark.strike.talks/index.html>

....More World stories at <http://cnn.com/WORLD>

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U.S. NEWS

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> KACZYNSKI JUST WANTED TO KILL, PROSECUTORS SAY

Federal prosecutors said Tuesday that convicted Unabomber Theodore

Kaczynski

simply wanted to kill people. Government attorneys, in a 30-page sentencing memorandum, quoted extensively from Kaczynski's own writings. "I act merely from my desire for revenge," Kaczynski wrote in April 1971. While a life in prison sentence has already been decided, the sentencing memorandum was prepared and released anyway "so that the public may have a full accounting of Kaczynski and his crimes."

-->Formal sentencing set for Monday

..... <http://cnn.com/US/9804/28/kaczynski.sentencing.ap/>

> APPEALS COURT CONSIDERS MCVEIGH'S BID FOR NEW TRIAL

A federal appeals court panel on Tuesday focused on possible juror misconduct as it heard an appeal for a new trial from attorneys for convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh. The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel questioned why the judge in McVeigh's trial refused to order a hearing after a juror allegedly violated instructions against discussing the case.

-->Did Judge Matsch make an error?

..... <http://cnn.com/US/9804/28/mcveigh.update/>

> TWO TEENS FATALLY SHOT IN CALIFORNIA

Two teen-agers were shot and killed and a third was wounded Tuesday afternoon while playing basketball at an elementary school in Pomona, California, police said. The shooting at Philadelphia Elementary School occurred about 5:20 p.m., said police Cpl. William Tucker. The names and exact ages of the victims were

not immediately available, he said. No other injuries were reported.

Pomona is

about 40 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

> THOUSANDS ATTEND FUNERAL FOR SLAIN TEACHER

Thousands gathered in Edinboro, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday to mourn a popular teacher who was shot to death in front of his students at a school dance.

John

Gillette, a 48-year-old science teacher and former football hero involved in

numerous volunteer, church and business projects, was killed Friday when 14-year-old student Andrew Wurst allegedly opened fire with a .25-caliber semiautomatic pistol. Classes were canceled at schools in the region so students and faculty could attend a Mass for Gillette.

-->"Why did God let that happen?"

..... <http://cn.com/US/9804/28/teacher.funeral/>

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BUSINESS from CNNfn

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> PAC RIM RIDES DOW SLUMP

A holiday for Japan's depressed markets gave the rest of Asia little respite on

Wednesday as an overnight fall in U.S. stocks and continued domestic concerns

pulled most regional markets lower. The blue chip Hang Seng Index closed down

207.46 points at 10,471.15. Korean stocks were buoyant, with the Korea Stock

Exchange composite index surging 14.66 points to end at 417.05.

-->Singapore up, Jakarta down

..... http://cnfn.com/markets/wires/9804/29/asiawrap_wg/

> BOURSES GO SEPARATE WAYS

European bourses and bonds were mixed on Wednesday after the Dow's initial rally on Tuesday turned sour and in the absence of key data to give further clues on the direction of U.S. interest rates. London's FTSE 100 blue chip index was up 10.9 points, 0.2 percent higher at 5,817.5 in thin morning trading. German shares advanced early on Wednesday as strong interest in a handful of blue chips supported an otherwise undecided market.

-->'The bulls are not in control anymore'

..... http://cnfn.com/markets/wires/9804/29/europe_open/

> BMW TO ACQUIRE ROLLS-ROYCE

Britain's Vickers Plc said on Wednesday that it has reached full agreement on the sale of luxury carmaker Rolls-Royce Motor Cars to German car maker BMW AG for 340 million pounds (\$566.2 million) in cash. BMW's bid beats an offer for Rolls-Royce from its German rival Volkswagen AG.

> MICROSOFT AGAINST THE WALL?

The federal government and some states could file coordinated new antitrust charges against software powerhouse Microsoft Corp. as early as next week, sources said Tuesday. Although the charges would be filed separately by the states and the Justice Department, staff attorneys at both levels have been discussing the best way to work together.

-->Justice Department has no comment

..... http://cnfn.com/digitaljam/wires/9804/28/microsoft_wg/

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> BLACKHAWKS FIRE COACH HARTSBURG

The Chicago Blackhawks fired coach Craig Hartsburg on Tuesday after the team

missed the Stanley Cup playoffs for the first time since 1969. Hartsburg,

38,

had two years left on his contract after signing an extension last June.

His

three-year record was 104-102-40. The Blackhawks finished 30-39-13 this

season.

Assistant coaches Lorne Henning and Newell Brown were also fired.

-->Team needs a total overhaul

..... http://cnnsi.com/hockey/nhl/news/1998/04/28/hawks_coach/

> TIMBERWOLVES SHOCK SEATTLE, TAKE 2-1 SERIES LEAD

The seventh-seeded Minnesota Timberwolves stunned the playoff-tested

Seattle

Sonics on Tuesday night with a 21-4 fourth-quarter run on the way to a 98-90

victory and a 2-1 lead in the best-of-5 series. Anthony Peeler, who regained

his shooting touch led the Wolves with a career playoff-best 20 points.

Minnesota, which made its first trip to the Western Conference playoffs last

season and won its first postseason game at second-seeded Seattle on Sunday,

can win its first series Thursday night at home.

-->Is Karl's job in Jeopardy?

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http://cnnsi.com/basketball/nba/events/1998/playoffs/news/1998/04/29/sonics_twelves_update/

> HAWKS AVOID ELIMINATION, LAKERS LOOK TO SWEEP

The Atlanta Hawks, playing with energy and emotion that was missing from their

first two games, avoided elimination in the first round on Tuesday and routed

the Charlotte Hornets 96-64. The Hornets matched the lowest-scoring playoff game in NBA history. Charlotte leads the best-of-5 series 2-1. Game 4 will

be

played on Friday in Atlanta. Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Lakers can sweep

their

best-of-5 series against the Portland Trailblazers on Tuesday with a victory at the Rose Garden.

-->CNNSI's complete playoff coverage

..... <http://cnnsi.com/basketball/nba/events/1998/playoffs/>

> INTERIM NO MORE, PISTONS STICK WITH GENTRY

The Detroit Pistons announced on Tuesday that Alvin Gentry will be the permanent head coach. Gentry, 43, took over the Pistons on an interim basis after Doug Collins was fired on February 2. Detroit went 16-21 under Gentry, including victories over playoff teams Chicago, Indiana, Miami, San Antonio and Atlanta. The Pistons were expected to offer Gentry at least \$1 million a season for two years with an option for a third.

-->Backed by Grant, Dumas

..... http://cnnsi.com/basketball/nba/news/1998/04/28/gentry_pistons/

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> HEARING HIGHLIGHTS STORIES OF ALLEGED IRS ABUSES

A Senate committee will hold a second day of hearings Wednesday on alleged Internal Revenue Service abuses. Lawmakers will hear from a Virginia restaurant owner who is suing for \$20 million over an IRS raid. In the first of four days of testimony from taxpayers and agents on Monday, the Senate Finance Committee heard instances of the IRS stepping over the line, including stories of retaliation against whistleblowers and criminal investigators using excessive force.

-->IRS agent claims questioned

..... <http://allpolitics.com/1998/04/28/irs.hearings/>

> CLINTON RAISES MILLION FOR DEMOCRATIC BIDS

President Bill Clinton made a brief and profitable jaunt to the Big Apple

on

Tuesday night, raising an estimated \$1 million for Democratic Senate candidates. Clinton, speaking at a \$10,000-per-person fund-raiser, urged Democrats to seize the opportunity created by the current economic boom.

"Good

times can be very deceptive," he said. The key issues for Democrats in the fall

midterm elections, Clinton said, are Social Security and Medicare, global warming, teen smoking and affordable health care.

-->Push to raise funds

..... <http://allpolitics.com/1998/04/29/clinton.fundraiser/>

> STARR ARRIVES IN LITTLE ROCK FOR GRAND JURY SESSION

Independent Counsel Ken Starr arrived in Little Rock Tuesday night for consultations in advance of a hastily-arranged "extra" session of the grand jury there Wednesday. The additional two-day grand jury session on Wednesday and Thursday was scheduled after Starr's Whitewater prosecutors arranged a lengthy videotape deposition of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at the White House last Saturday.

> NEW FIGURES PROJECTED FOR SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE

Unless reforms are enacted, Social Security will go bankrupt in 2032,
according
to the latest projections released by the Social Security Trust Fund.
That's
three years later than the 2029 projected date released last year. Medicare
will be broke in 2008, according to the Medicare Trust Fund. That's seven
years
later than the 2001 date projected last year before a bipartisan balanced
budget extended it. President Clinton on Tuesday will use the new numbers
to
call for major long-term reforms in both programs.

-->"Today's report is encouraging"

..... <http://allpolitics.com/1998/04/28/social.security/>

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SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

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> EXERCISE MAY REDUCE ALZHEIMER'S RISK

A study released Tuesday shows that regular exercise may reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. Researchers found that those who exercised regularly throughout life were less likely to have contracted the brain-deteriorating disease than those who were inactive. The study examined the long-term exercise habits of 373 people -- 126 with Alzheimer's and 247 healthy people. It was conducted by neurologists from the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and University Hospitals of Cleveland.

-->Exercise does not guarantee immunity

..... <http://cnn.com/HEALTH/9804/28/alzheimers.exercise/>

> FIRST SATELLITE FROM AN AFRICAN COUNTRY PUT INTO ORBIT

An Ariane rocket carried Egypt's first satellite and a Japanese satellite into

orbit overnight, the 108th successful launch of an Ariane, officials said Wednesday. It was the first satellite from an African country put into orbit.

The Ariane 4 blasted off Tuesday night from Europe's launch site in Kourou, French Guiana.

-->Ariane's 109th mission planned for June

..... <http://cnn.com/TECH/space/9804/29/ariane/index.html>

> SPACE STATION LAUNCH DELAYED UNTIL FALL

The launch of the International Space Station will be delayed several months because of more delays in building a Russian module where astronauts will live, a top Russian Space Agency official said Tuesday. The launch will be delayed from June until autumn. The module was already eight months behind schedule before the latest delays. Russia has been having funding problems, which have affected the \$20 billion project.

-->Launch could be delayed until December

..... http://cnm.com/TECH/space/9804/28/russia_iss.reut/index.html

> SPACECRAFT FINDS SOLAR TORNADOES AS WIDE AS THE EARTH

The European Space Agency's SOHO spacecraft has discovered massive earth-sized tornadoes on the surface of the sun. SOHO detected a dozen tornadoes with wind gusts of up to 300,000 mph. "We see the hot gas in the tornadoes spiraling away from the sun and gathering speed. These spectacular events in the sun's atmosphere must have widespread effects," said British scientist David

Pike.

SOHO, which was launched in December 1995, observes the sun from 900,000 miles out in space.

-->Impact on earth

..... <http://cnn.com/TECH/space/9804/28/tornadoes.sun.reut/index.html>

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## SHOWBIZ

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> CELEBRITIES SING TO SAVE RAIN FORESTS

Sting, Madonna, Billy Joel and Elton John were among the celebrity singers at the ninth annual benefit for the Rainforest Foundation. The Monday night concert at New York City's Carnegie Hall raised money to help indigenous people save the rainforests in which they live. The foundation, co-founded and headed by Sting's wife Trudie Styler, has raised over \$10 million since 1989,

including an estimated \$2 million from Monday's event.

-->Who sang what?

..... <http://cnn.com/SHOWBIZ/9804/28/rainforest/index.html>

> TERI HATCHER CREATES CARD AGAINST CANCER

The recent death of Linda McCartney has put breast cancer awareness in the spotlight. Now actress Teri Hatcher, whose grandmother also died of breast cancer, hopes to urge women to get regular mammograms through her involvement as a Mother's Day Celebrity Card designer. The cards, designed by Hatcher, Cheryl Tiegs and Stephen Baldwin, are available at all Rite-Aid drugstores for \$1.99. Hatcher says her new status as a mother inspired her to get involved.

-->"Anything you can do to help women is good"

..... <http://cnn.com/SHOWBIZ/9804/28/showbuzz/index.html#story1>

> 'MERLIN' HELPS NBC WIN AS MAY RATINGS SWEEPS STARTS

"Merlin" gave NBC its best miniseries ratings since 1984 and helped it win last week's Nielsen ratings at the outset of the May "sweeps" period. NBC won

the

week with a 10.7 rating and 18 share, Nielsen Media Research said Tuesday.

Second-place CBS had a 9.3 rating and 16 share, followed by ABC's 7.5

rating

and 13 share and Fox's 6.6 rating and 11 share. "Merlin" was also the

highest-rated movie on television since "Jurassic Park" in 1995.

> CELEBRITIES FACE OFF FOR FAVORITE CHARITIES

For serious fans of the hit TV game show "Jeopardy," this week is time for

rest

and relaxation. Gone are the tense games between opponents who battle over

mind-bending answers concerning obscure facts, figures and names in

history.

They are replaced by the celebrity names of today, doing battle for their

favorite charities -- and vying for the biggest laughs from the studio

audience. The "Jeopardy Celebrity Invitational" is underway, with host Alex

Trebek seeking responses from such stars as Carol Burnett, Jason Alexander

and

Sinbad.

-->This is jeopardy?

..... <http://cnn.com/SHOWBIZ/9804/28/thisisjeopardy/>

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
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OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much, Director General Ruggiero, Federal Counselor Couchepin, your Excellencies, thank you for the opportunity to address you on this most important occasion.

Near the end of World War II, as leaders and ordinary citizens began to dream of a system that would prevent a return to war, President Franklin Roosevelt asked the people of the United States and the world to look ahead to peace with these words: He said, "A basic essential to permanent peace is a decent standard of living for all individual men and women and children in all nations. Freedom from fear is eternally linked with freedom from want."

It was that understanding that led a farsighted generation of postwar leaders, determined to avoid past errors of protectionism and isolationism, to embrace what was then still a revolutionary idea, that freedom -- freely-elected governments, free markets, the free flow of ideas, the free movement of people -- would be the surest route to the greatest prosperity for the largest number of people.

They were also confident that growing economic interdependence would lead to greater peace among nations. The economic alliances and institutions they created -- the IMF, the World Bank, the GATT -- built a platform for prosperity and peace that has lasted down to the present day.

In the fullness of time, events have confirmed the convictions of the founders of the international system. World trade has increased fifteenfold; average tariffs have declined by , 90 percent; the trading community has grown from 23 nations to 132, with 31 more working to join. Russia and China, where the shackles of state socialism once choked off enterprise, are moving to join the thriving community of free democracies. Trade is creating prosperity among the nations of the Americas and offers hope to the emerging economies of Africa and Asia.

On the edge of a new millennium, our people are creating a new economy, a very different one from that our founders faced 50 years ago. The new one is driven by technology, powered by ingenuity, rewards knowledge and teamwork, flexibility and creativity, and draws us closer across the lines that have divided us for too long.

On any given day, over 3 million people take to the air on commercial flights. Three decades ago, phone lines could only accommodate 80 calls at one time between Europe and the United States. Today, they can handle one million calls at one time. In the United States alone, economic output has tripled while the physical weight of goods produced has barely changed. The world's new wealth largely comes from the power of ideas.

This new global economy of ideas offers the possibility, but not the guarantee, of lifting billions of people into a worldwide middle class and a decent standard of living, the opportunity to give their children a better life. Yet it also contains within it, as we all know, the seeds of new disruptions, new instabilities, new inequalities, new challenges to the balance of work and family, of freedom and security, of equal opportunity and social justice, of economic growth and a sustainable environment.

The challenge of the millennial generation here

gathered is, therefore, to create a world trading system, attuned both to the pace and scope of a new global economy and to the enduring values which give direction and meaning to our lives. We took the first vital step when we created the World Trade Organization in 1995, a goal that had alluded our predecessors for nearly half-century. The Uruguay Round that founded the WTO amounted to the biggest tax cut in history -- \$76 billion a year when fully implemented. Since that event, world trade has increased by 25 percent. Since 1995, we also have begun to build an infrastructure for this new economy, with historic agreements on information technology, telecommunications, and financial services, which together affect trillions of dollars in global commerce every year.

At the G-8 Summit just concluded in Birmingham, the leaders worked on ideas to strengthen the international financial architecture so that private capital markets can spur rapid growth while minimizing the risk of worldwide economic instability. Now, we must build on these achievements with a new vision of trade to construct a modern WTO for the 21st century. I would like to offer you my suggestions.

First, we must pursue an ever more open global trading system. Today let me state unequivocally that America is committed to open trade among all nations. Economic freedom and , open trade have brought unprecedented prosperity in the 20th

century; they will widen the circle of opportunity dramatically in the 21st. One-third of the strong economic growth we have enjoyed in America these past five years was generated by trade. For every country engaged in trade, open markets dramatically widen the base of possible customers for our goods and services. We must press forward.

Redoubling our efforts to tear down barriers to trade will spur growth in all our countries, creating new businesses, better jobs, higher incomes, and advancing the free flow of ideas, information, and people that are the life blood of democracy and prosperity. At the U.S.-EU Summit in London today, we embraced this goal and committed ourselves to reducing barriers and increasing trade in a dozen important areas.

No matter how much some people might wish otherwise, globalization and the technology revolution are not policy choices, they are facts. The choice is whether we shape these forces of a new economy to benefit our people and advance our values, or retreat behind walls of protection to be left behind in the race for the future.

At a moment when, for the first time in all human history a majority of the world's people live under governments of their own choosing; when the argument over which is better -- free enterprise or state socialism -- has been won; when people on every continent seek to join the free market system, those of

us who have benefitted most from this system and led it must not turn our backs. For my part, I am determined to pursue an aggressive market open strategy in every region of the world. And I will continue to work with members of our Congress, in both parties, to secure fast track negotiation authority.

Second, we must recognize that in this new economy, the way we make trade rules and conduct trade affects the lives, daily -- and the livelihoods, and the health, and the safety of ordinary families all over the world. Therefore, our efforts to make the trading system more open must themselves be made more open.

In order to build a trading system for the 21st century that honors our values and expands opportunity, we must do more to ensure that spirited economic competition among nations never becomes a race to the bottom -- in environmental protections, consumer protections, or labor standards. We should be leveling up, not leveling down. Without such a strategy, we cannot build the necessary public support for continued expansion of trade. Working people will only assume the risks of a free international market if they have the confidence that the system will work for them.

The WTO was created to lift the lives of ordinary citizens. It should listen to them. I propose the WTO for the

first time, provide a consultative forum where business, and labor, and environmental, and consumer groups can provide regular and continuous input to help guide further evolution of the WTO. The U.S. and the EU agreed today to provide such a forum as part of our new trade agenda. It is far more important for the WTO to follow suite. When this body convenes again, the world's trade ministers should sit down with representatives of the broader public to begin to do this.

Third, we must actually do more to harmonize our goals of increasing trade and improving the environment and working conditions. Expanded trade can and should enhance the environment. Indeed, the WTO agreement, in its preamble, explicitly adopts sustainable development as an objective of open trade, including a commitment to preserve the environment and to increase the capacity of nations to do so. Therefore, international trade rules must permit sovereign nations to exercise their rights to set protective standards for health and safety, the environment, and biodiversity. Nations have a right to pursue those protections, even when they are stronger than international norms.

I am asking that a high-level meeting be convened to bring together trade and environmental ministers to provide strong direction and new energy to the WTO's environmental efforts in the years to come -- a suggestion that has already been made by Sir Leon Brittan of the European Commission.

Likewise, the WTO and the International Labor Organization should commit to work together to make certain that open trade does lift living standards and respects the core labor standards that are essential not only to worker rights, but to human rights. I ask the two organizations' Secretariats to convene at a high level to discuss these issues.

This weekend, the G-8 leaders voiced support for the ILOs adoption of a new declaration and a meaningful follow-up mechanism on core labor standards when the ILO ministers meet next month here in Geneva. I hope you will add your support. We must work hard to ensure that the ILO is a vibrant institution. Today, I transmitted to our Senate for ratification the ILO convention aimed at eliminating discrimination in the workplace.

Because this new economy is based on ideas, information, and technology, the return on investment in education has never been higher. And the adverse consequences of being without skills has never been greater. These trends cannot be reversed. Our goal, therefore, must be to help more people benefit from the possibilities of the new economy, even as we ensure that the forces of technology and new trade patterns do not aggravate inequality or reinforce poor labor conditions.

Here I must add -- even as we do more to harmonize our goals of more trade and higher incomes for ordinary people,

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each nation must do more to provide universal access to quality education and training. Without that, no trade rules, however wisely conceived or effected, can guarantee individual success to the people we are really trying to reach.

Fourth, we must modernize the WTO by opening its doors to the scrutiny and participation of the public. Through long trial and error, we have learned that governments work best when their operations are open to those affected by their actions. As American Supreme Court Justice Lewis Brandeis said a long time ago, "sunshine is the best of disinfectants."

The WTO should take every feasible step to bring openness and accountability to its operations. Today, when one nation challenges the practices of another, the preceeding takes place behind closed doors. I propose that all hearings by the WTO be open to the public, and all briefs by the parties be made publicly available. To achieve this, of course, would require a change in the rules of this organization. But each of us could do our part now. The United States today formally offers to open up every panel we are a party to, and I challenge every other nation to join us in making this happen.

Today, there is no mechanism for private citizens to provide input in these trade disputes. I propose further that the WTO provide the opportunity for stakeholders to convey their

views, such as the ability to file amicus briefs to help inform the panels in their deliberations. Today, the public must wait weeks to read the reports of these panels. I propose that the decisions of the trade panels be made available to the public as soon as they are issued.

Fifth, we must have a trading system that taps the full potential of the Information Age. This revolution in information technology is the greatest force for prosperity in our lifetimes. The Internet is the fastest growing social and economic community in history, a phenomenon with unimagined revolutionary potential to empower billions around the world. It has been called the "death of distance," making it possible for people to work together across oceans as if they were working together across the hall.

When I became President, there were only 50 sites on the World Wide Web. Four years ago, there were still less than 3 million people with access to the Internet. Today, there are over 100 million people, with the number doubling every year.

Today, there are no customs duties on telephone calls, fax messages, e-mail or computer data links when they cross borders. We have spent 50 years tearing down barriers to trade in goods and services. Let us agree that when it comes to electronic commerce, we will not erect these barriers in the first place. I ask the nations of the world to join the United

States in a standstill on any tariffs on electronic transmissions
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sent across national borders. We cannot allow discriminatory
barriers to stunt the development of the most promising new
economic opportunity in decades.

Earlier today at the Summit of the EU, we agreed to
deepen our collaboration in this area. And last week, the
Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Hashimoto, and I, agreed to move
forward together with a market-oriented, private-sector-led
approach to enhance privacy, protect intellectual property, and
encourage the free flow of information and commerce on the
Internet. I hope we can build a consensus that this is the best
way to harness the remarkable potential of this new means of
communication and commerce.

Sixth, a trading system for the 21st century must be
comprised of governments that are open, honest, and fair in their practices. In an era of global financial markets,
prosperity
depends upon government practices that are based upon the rule of
law rather than beaurocratic caprice, cronyism, or corruption.
Investors demand it. And their loss of confidence can have
sudden, swift, and severe consequences, with ripples throughout
entire regional economies.

With its insistence on rules that are fair and open,
the WTO plays a powerful role toward open and accountable

government. But the WTO must do more. When we meet next year, all members of the WTO should agree that government purchases should be made through open and fair bidding. This single reform can open up \$3 trillion worth of business to open competition around the world. And I ask every nation to adopt the antibribery convention developed by the OECD. Both these steps would promote both investor confidence and stability.

Finally, we must develop an open global trading system that moves as fast as the global marketplace. In an era in which new products lifecycles are measured in months, and information and money move around the globe in seconds, we simply can no longer afford to take seven years to finish a trade round -- as happened during the Uruguay Round -- or to let decade pass between identifying and acting on a trade barrier we all know ought to fall.

In the meantime, new industries arise, new trading blocs take shape, and governments invent new trade barriers every day. We should explore what new type of trade negotiating round or process is best suited to the new economy. There must be a way to tear down barriers without waiting for every issue in every sector to be resolved before any issue in any sector is resolved. There must be a way to do this that is fair and balanced to nations large and small, rich and poor. Surely we can negotiate trade agreements in a way that is faster and better than the way we have followed to date.

For example, agriculture -- which I understand has

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been discussed quite a bit here -- is at the heart of our economy and many of yours. Tearing down barriers to global trade is, I believe, critical to meeting the food needs of a growing world population. Starting next year, we should aggressively begin negotiations to reduce tariffs and subsidies, and other distortions that restrict productivity and the best allocation of food. We must develop rules rooted in science to encourage the full fruits of biotechnology. And I propose that even before negotiations near conclusions, WTO members should pledge to continue making annual tariff and subsidy reductions so that there is no pause in reform.

We have to recognize that the fastest growing area of economic activity in the world is services -- the one least disciplined by WTO rules. So when services negotiations are launched, I think it is essential to engage in wide-ranging discussions to ensure openness for dynamic service sectors, such as express delivery, environmental, energy, audiovisual, and professional services.

We have to continue our strong momentum to dismantle industrial tariffs. A good place to start would be an agreement on the sectors from chemicals to environmental technologies proposed by APEC. And we must move forward in strengthening

intellectual property protection.

These are my proposals for a 21st century trading system -- one that is more open and accountable; one that listens to the voices of citizens; that works to protect the environment, and lift the lives and incomes of ordinary people; one that is in sync with the Information Age; that promotes honest, effective government; and that makes better, faster decisions. In short, a trading system based on the new economy and old, enduring values. To move forward, I am inviting the trade ministers of the world to hold their next meeting in 1999 in the United States.

I ask you to think about the opportunity that has been presented to all of us -- the chance to create a new international economy in which open markets and open economies spark undreamed of innovation and prosperity; in which the skills of ordinary citizens power the prosperity of entire nations; in which the global economy honors those same values that guide families in raising their children and nations in developing good citizens; in which poor people, at last, find opportunity, dignity, and a decent life; in which increasing interdependence among nations enhances peace and security for all.

This will be the world of the 21st century if we have the wisdom and determination, the courage and the clarity of our forebears 50 years ago.

Thank you very much. (Applause.)

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New Bill is Worse " " (Jeffords mentioned)

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