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**NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF**

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**1. SPAIN-AFRICA: THE 15 DEC DECISIONS ON LOCAL AUTONOMY IN SPAIN AND AFRICA WILL PROVIDE NO MORE THAN A BEGINNING STEP TOWARD AUTONOMY FOR FERRANCO FOR AND ERO HUNI. IT MAY BE SET OFF AT-TACKS IN THE UP ON BRITAIN'S COLONIAL POLICY, BUT THE ASSURANCE OF LEGAL PROVISIONS FOR REAL POLITICAL AUTONOMY COULD FOSTER AGITATION BY NATIVE NATIONALIST ELEMENTS WHO HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE SINCE LAST SUMMER. SEVERAL HUNDRED WHO WERE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM EXILES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOPE OF ASSUMING POSITIONS OF INFLUENCE UNDER THE PROMISED AUTONOMY.**

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**2. NATO: //BRITAIN'S POSITION AT THE 20 DEC MEETING OF THE NATO ECONOMIC ADVISERS APPARENTLY KILLS ANY PROSPECT THAT AGREEMENT ON A COMMON CREDIT POLICY TOWARD THE COMINT BLOC CAN BE ACHIEVED AT THE**

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AS DEC INTO MINISTERIAL MATTERS. THE DE REPOSED TO BECOME EVEN TO AN INTERIM PROPOSAL THAT PRIOR TO REFORMATION BE GIVEN TO ALSO BE FOR CREDIT GUARANTEES BURNED FOR THE YEAR 1980-1981 WAS GRANTED.//

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THE REE HAS CHOSEN FORMER VICE PREMIER HANDELICHIAS AS ITS NEW LEADER, BUT WITH THE PARTY IN OPPOSITION AND WITH HIS FOUNDER OUT OF THE COUNTRY, IT MAY EVENTUALLY FRAGMENT. (CONF)

4. MIDDLE EAST OIL: //THE REASON BEHIND THE CREATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES (OPEC) AND THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES HAS COMPLETED.

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//LAST WEEK OPEC TURNED DOWN AN OFFER BY THE COMPANIES TO GO PART WAY TOWARD MEETING OPEC DEMANDS FOR HIGHER ROYALTIES. THE WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY GIVEN THIS ACTION HAS MADE COMPROMISE FAR MORE DIFFICULT THAN IT HAD BEEN. ~~IRAN, WHICH DESIRES A MODERATE LINE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS,~~ IRAN, WHICH DESIRES A MODERATE LINE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, IS INCREASINGLY RELUCTANT TO DISSOCIATE ITSELF FROM THE LESS FLEXIBLE POSITION OF THE OTHER OPEC MEMBERS.//

//OPEC IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN IN RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA, ON 24 DEC. THE MEETING IS LIKELY TO PRODUCE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNITED ACTION BY OPEC MEMBER COUNTRIES AGAINST THE COMPANIES.// (CONF)

5. TURKEY-USSR: CONSTRUCTION OF A SOVIET PROPOSED DAM ON THE TURKISH-SOVIET BORDER HAS BEEN DELAYED PENDING AERIAL SURVEY. THE TURKS INSIST AERIAL SURVEY IS NECESSARY FOR THE PREPARATION OF NEW MAPS TO BE USED IN PLANNING FOR THE DAM AND THE RELATED IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

TURKISH OFFICIALS CLAIM NEW DAM WILL SUPPLY IRRIGATION WATERS TO THE IGDIR PLAIN IN NORTHWEST TURKEY AND WILL FURNISH ELECTRICITY TO PREVIOUSLY UNDERDEVELOPED AND ~~REMOTE~~ AREA. IN WINNING TURKISH APPROVAL

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THE SOVIET TECHNICAL TEAM APPARENTLY SCORED IN THEIR COMPARISON OF "SERIET" SOVIET AND "DARE" BRIDGE BORDER VILLAGES.

THE PROJECT, TO BE BUILT JOINTLY UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 1927 TURCO-SOVIET WATER AGREEMENT, WAS FIRST SUGGESTED BY THE SOVIETS IN EARLY 1961. FOLLOWING TECHNICAL STUDIES, TURKEY INCLUDED THE BORDER DAM IN ITS CURRENT FIVE YEAR PLAN AND LEASED A TEAM OF SOVIET TECHNICIANS TO COME TO TURKEY TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE JOINT EFFORT. EXCEPT FOR AERIAL SURVEY, AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON ALL MAJOR POINTS; DESPITE DELAY, CONSTRUCTION OF DAM WILL BE PROMPTLY BEGIN IN THE SPRING.

TURKISH-SOVIET COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC MATTERS IN THE BORDER AREA WAS RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED IN THE JOINT CONSTRUCTION OF A BORDER BRIDGE THAT HAD BEEN DESTROYED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THE NEW BRIDGE IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO TURKS EXPORTING LIVESTOCK TO THE SOVIET UNION. (CONT)

S. ILL. // INTENDS TO OBJECT THE 11 INC SOVIET... REGARDING THE RECENT INCIDENT IN WHICH A PRIVATE IRANIAN... ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACT HAS BEEN DENIED BY SOVIET SIGNS OVER IRANIAN TERRITORY.

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WILL REFLECT ITS CONVICTION THAT THE PLANE DID NOT STRAY OVER THE BORDER, AS MOSCOW CLAIMS, AND WILL ASSERT THAT THE SOVIETS SHOULD THEREFORE PAY FULL DAMAGES RATHER THAN THE 50 PERCENT OFFERED. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED 20 NOV DURING STATE VISIT OF SOVIET PRESIDENT BREZHNEV. // (CONT)

7. ARAB STATES - ISRAEL: //NASIR CLAIMS THERE IS NO CHANCE OF A UNIFIED ARAB PLAN TO COUNTER ISRAEL'S PROGRAM FOR DIVERTING THE JORDAN RIVER WATERS EARLY NEXT YEAR. ARAB MILITARY CHIEFS HAVE BEEN MEETING IN CAIRO FOR THIS PURPOSE, BUT THERE ARE NO REPORTS THAT THEY HAVE REACHED ANY AGREEMENT. ON 3 DEC NASIR SAID HE WAS WORRIED THAT SYRIA MIGHT ACT UNILATERALLY AND PRESENT THE OTHER ARAB STATES WITH A DILEMMA. // (CONT)

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