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LECTURE ON SE ASIAN AFFAIRS

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1. IN MARCH 29 ZNANIE LECTURE ON "GUARANTEEING COLLECTIVE
SECURITY IN ASIA: A PROBLEM WHOSE TIME HAS COME", DR.
OF HISTORICAL SCIENCES G.M. REUTOV BRANDED CAMBODIA AS
THE AGGRESSOR AGAINST VIET NAM AND ATTEMPTED TO MAKE IT
CLEAR THAT CHINA IS BEHIND IT ALL. HE NOTED THAT
PROVOCATIONS ARE STILL GOING ON, THAT CAMBODIA HAS RE-
JECTED ALL VIET NAMESE PROPOSALS FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT,
AND THAT VIET NAM HAS APPROACHED PROBLEM CIRCUMSPECTLY
DESPITE ITS ABILITY, AS A "POWER", TO PROVE THEIR RIGHT
BY MILITARY MEANS. CHINA'S ROLE IN A STRUGGLE WHICH IS
GOING ON INDIRECTLY THROUGH CAMBODIA WAS EVIDENCED BY
LONG STAY OF RED KHMER LEADERS IN PEKING BEFORE 1975. HE
POINTEDLY OMITTED TO CHARACTERIZE CAMBODIA AS "SOCIALIST"
IN CONJUNCTION WITH "SOCIALIST VIET NAM", DESPITE
CAMBODIA'S "SOCIAL AND OTHER REFORMS". SPEAKER NOTED
THAT USSR IS PROVIDING VIET NAM POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
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AID. OTHER COUNTRIES TOO ARE AIDING RECONSTRUCTION
EXCEPT THE USA WHICH HAS NOT YET HONORED ITS PROMISES.

2. IN ADDITION REUTOV:

--DEFENDED THE RIGHT OF THE SOVIET UNION TO BE CONSIDERED
AN ASIAN AND PACIFIC POWER WITH LEGITIMATE INTERESTS

THERE AND DENIED SOVIET INTENTION TO HAVE BASES OUTSIDE ITS TERRITORY. HE ALSO AVOWED USSR HAS NO INTENTION TO ACCEDE TO CHINESE DEMAND TO PULL BACK TROOPS FROM SO-CALLED DISPUTED AREAS, BUT HELD OUT POSSIBILITY OF MAKING BORDER MORE PRECISE. HE STATED USSR DOES NOT ACKNOWLEDGE "DISPUTED AREAS".

--CONDEMNED CHINA'S EFFORTS TO CREATE SECOND ANTI-SOVIET FRONT IN EAST ANMSTO PRESSURE JAPAN TO ACCEPT HEGEMONY CLAUSE WHICH IS ALLEGEDLY DIRECTED AGAINST USSR. IN ADDITION CHINESE LEADERSHIP WAS ACCUSED OF TAKING HARDER ANTI-SOVIET POSITION LATELY AS EVIDENCED BY ELEVATION OF TENG HSIAO PENG AS HUA KUO FENG'S DEPUTY; (TENG'S ANTI-SOVIET CREDENTIALS WERE PROVEN BY HIS OPINION OF INEVITABILITY OF WAR WITH USSR.) A RECENT SPEECH BY HUA BLAMING USSR FOR POOR RELATIONS; AND CHINESE WEAPONS PROGRAM INCLUDING PURCHASE OF LICENSED PRODUCTION RIGHTS FROM BRITAIN. SPEAKER EMPHASIZED THAT USSR HAS NO GENERAL TREATY WITH CHINA. HE ALSO ATTACKED THE MANEUVERS OF CHINA AND THE PRO-CHINA GROUP IN THE US, BUT HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT SETTLEMENT OF TAIWAN ISSUE IS NOT IMMINENT. PRC WAS ALSO TAKEN TO TASK FOR BORDER ENCROACHMENTS ON INDIA AND BURMA.

--BROUGHT JAPAN TO TASK FOR PRESSING CLAIMS TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES, CLAIMS WHICH HE HINTED HAD TROUBLED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE RECENT VISIT OF THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER TO MOSCOW. HE ALSO CHARACTERIZED JAPAN AN IMPERIALIST POWER WITH A HISTORY OF THREATENING SECURITY IN SE ASIA, WITH SECRET CLAUSES IN ITS DEFENSE TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND WITH A "SELF-DEFENSE FORCE" ACTUALLY CAPABLE OF OPERATING OUTSIDE ITS TERRITORY AND WITH AT LEAST THE POTENTIAL OF DEPLOYING NUCLEAR ROCKET FORCES.

--CRITICIZED PENTAGON FOR SETTING UP DIEGO GARCIA BASE AGAINST "MYTHICAL" PRESENCE OF SOVIET NAVAL FORCE IN INDIAN OCEAN AND ASSERTING OFFICIAL SOVIET RIGHT TO FREE PASSAGE OF HIGH SEAS. BUCHANAN

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