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"PRAVDA -- REVIEW" -- TASS HEADLINE

TEXT MOSCOW JANUARY 2 TASS -- TODAY'S PRAVDA FRONTPAGES
 PRESIDENT MIKHAIL GORBACHEV'S NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO THE AMERICAN
 PEOPLE. "MOST OF THE HOPE-RAISING EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE
 WORLD OVER RECENT YEARS AND IN THE LAST YEAR ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE
 IMPROVEMENT OF SOVIET-U.S. RELATIONS," GORBACHEV STRESSES.

THE MESSAGE POINTS OUT THAT "PROGRESS AND SECURITY FOR ALL CAN BE
 ACHIEVED ONLY BY JOINT EFFORTS, ONLY THROUGH COOPERATION AND
 MINDFULNESS OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF INTERESTS."

PRAVDA REPORTS ABOUT THE TELEPHONE TALK BETWEEN SOVIET AND U.S.
 PRESIDENTS. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW YEAR, BUSH CALLED GORBACHEV
 BY TELEPHONE. AFTER EXCHANGING NEW YEAR GREETINGS, THE PRESIDENTS
 TALKED ABOUT MATTERS TO BE HANDLED SOON AND IN THE LONGER TERM.

"TOWARDS COMMUNISM...ABOARD AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT" IS THE
 TITLE OF AN ARTICLE BY NATALYA MOROZOVA, IN WHICH SHE TRIES TO PROVE
 THAT COMMUNISM COULD NOT "COLLAPSE" BECAUSE IT NEVER EXISTED. THERE
 WAS, INSTEAD, AN ENDLESS, GRANDIOSE AND ALL-PERVAIDING TALK ABOUT
 COMMUNISM.

THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE WRITES THAT "ACTUALLY, THE PARTY
 LEADERSHIP CARRIED ON THE STALINIST TRADITION UP TO THE YEAR 1985:
 BY EXPLOITING POPULAR ENTHUSIASM, IT COVERED UP ITS INCOMPETENCE IN
 GOVERNING THE COUNTRY. NO END QUOTATION MARKS AS RECEIVED SHE
 EMPHASISES THAT "THOSE WHO ACTED AS TRUE ANTI-COMMUNISTS WERE OUR
 IDEOLOGISTS."

ANATOLIY KOMIN, FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR STATE COMMITTEE
 ON PRICES, ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM PRAVDA'S CORRESPONDENT ABOUT THE
 PROPOSED "SIGNIFICANT RISE IN PRICES ON MOST OF THE CONSUMER GOODS
 AND FOOD" IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1991. KOMIN EMPHASISED THAT
 "TARDINESS IN CARRYING THROUGH THE REFORM OF RETAIL PRICES IS
 DANGEROUS TO PERESTROYKA."

PRAVDA ACQUAINTS READERS WITH THE CHILDHOOD AND TEENAGE YEARS OF
 ARTYOM SERGEYEV, A PROFESSIONAL REVOLUTIONARY WHO DIED IN 1921. AS
 A BOY, SERGEYEV WAS TAKEN BY STALIN TO THE LATTER'S HOME WHERE HE
 SHARED A ROOM WITH STALIN'S SON VASILYIY.

A REPORT FROM THE SVERDLOVSK REGION TELLS ABOUT AN ENTERPRISE,
 WHICH USED TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR FUEL AND IS NOW BEING RETOOLED TO
 MANUFACTURE WOMEN'S DECORATIONS MADE OF EMERALD.

VALENTIN SHAROV ANALYSES CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN EASTERN
 EUROPE OVER RECENT YEARS. SPEAKING ABOUT THE "COLLAPSE OF THE
 AUTHORITARIAN, COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATIVE STALINIST MODEL OF
 SOCIALISM" IN EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, THE AUTHOR EMPHASIZES THAT
 "THE CLEANSING AVALANCHE OF REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES IN EASTERN EUROPE
 WAS HISTORICALLY NECESSARY AND LEGITIMATE."

PRAVDA PRINTS THE TEXTS OF NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO THE SOVIET
 PEOPLE FROM CHINESE PRESIDENT YANG SHANGKUN AND U.S. PRESIDENT
 GEORGE BUSH.

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PRAVDA'S CORRESPONDENT IN BONN MET A PERSON WHO RESEMBLES VERY MUCH THE SOVIET PRESIDENT. HE TOLD THE CORRESPONDENT THAT GORBACHEV ENJOYED RESPECT AND POPULARITY IN THE WEST AND, AS HIS DOUBLE, HE ALSO ENJOYED A GREAT SUCCESS.

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