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TEXT MOSCOW JANUARY 2 TASS -- TODAY'S PRAVDA FRONT PAGES
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-PERVADING 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."

ANATOLY 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 VASILIY.

A REPORT FROM THE SVERDLOVSK REGION TELLS ABOUT AN ENTERPRISE,
WHICH USED TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR FUEL AND IS NOW BEING RETOOFLED 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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