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Below, some international eavesdropping— transcripts of radio broadcasts, news agency handouts, and newspaper and periodical items culled from daily reports of the U.S. Government's Foreign Broadcast Information Service.

## China: Religious Activities

(Xining Qinghai Provincial Service in Mandarin, Sept. 13) According to Qinghai Ribao, the various prefectures, municipalities and counties in our province have successfully held forums in the past few months to further study and grasp the party's policy on freedom of religion. They discussed the current situation of religious activities and other problems in this regard. They also worked out pledges to be observed....

...Generally speaking, current religious activities in the various localities of our province are healthy. However, since religious activities were virtually forbidden during the past decade, a large number of problems are inevitable when these activities are abruptly restored and reopened. Some cadres and people do not understand the reasons for reopening these mosques and temples and for restoring religious activities. They frown on religious activities and only support religious activities in a lukewarm manner. Some even look on with folded arms. Some religious followers also lack an overall and correct understanding of the party's policy on freedom of religion and do not know how to carry out religious activities in line with the party's policy and legal provisions. This lack of understanding has stimulated a number of harmful trends and major problems. For example, some localities presumptuously divert collective funds and manpower or forcefully direct people to build or repair mosques and temples, causing severe damage to the interests of the collective and the people. Some put aside collective production and arbitrarily organize the masses to engage in religious activities. Some pass themselves off as living Buddhas and mullahs to defraud the masses of their money, grain, livestock, and other belongings. Some seek personal gain, murder people for their money, and rape women. Some openly interfere with the work of education, public health and marriage, scold party and CYL members and cadres at the grassroots levels, and discriminate against nonbelievers, arousing the people's indignation....

## Iran: Vigilance, Patriotism

(Teheran Domestic Service in Persian, Sept. 25) Attention, attention dear listeners. Citizens of Teheran and particularly the residents of areas near Mehrabad Airport. While thanking you for your vigilance, we beg of you to allow an aircraft trying to land at Mehrabad Airport to do so. This aircraft is running out of fuel. Attention, this aircraft is running out of fuel. We beg of you to allow it to land. (1630 GMT)

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We thank you dear brothers who are safeguarding our revolution around Mehrabad Airport. We thank you

for allowing the Islamic Army's aircraft to land safely on the runway. (1747 GMT)

(Teheran Domestic Service in Persian, Sept. 27) In His exalted name. A large number of the Muslim and combatant inhabitants of Teheran, bearing garlands, posies and gifts of sweets, are assembling around Teheran's Mehrabad Airport and, by sacrificing large numbers of sheep, are according a fitting welcome to the heroic and valiant pilots of the Air Force of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran. These self-sacrificing pilots are bravely carrying out their missions over Iraqi territory and are returning home. While extending our sincere appreciation to the Muslim and combatant nation of Iran, particularly Teheran's revolutionary people, the Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran begs them to vacate the area around Mehrabad Airport so that operational flights might not be interfered with. [Signed] The Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

## USSR: Private Sales, Public Markets

(Moscow Sovetskaya Rossiya, Sept. 23) The investigation tours carried out by the editorial boards of the newspaper *Bakinskiy Rabochiy* and *Sovetskaya Rossiya* have confirmed the opinion stated in many readers' letters that there are many loopholes through which the speculator can find his way behind the stalls in the kolkhoz market....

The current high market prices indicate with great eloquence how insignificant is the role of kolkhozes, consumer cooperatives, and the markets themselves in organizing retail trade. But do effective methods exist today for attracting producers to the market?

"They do exist," A.K. Chepurin, chief of the Moscow Markets Administration, told us. "We send our representatives to rayons around Moscow to familiarize kolkhoz members with the rules of retail trade and tell them where they can stay in the city...."

Nonetheless the ranks of kolkhoz members at the stalls are not swelling—on the contrary, they are reducing from year to year. There are several reasons. One of the main ones, the market workers assert, is the lack of motor transportation....

While touring two markets in Stavropol, the upper and lower markets, we found just one small kiosk in an obscure corner. Hanging on it was the carelessly written sign "kucumbers, 10 kop." A woman appeared from the semi-gloom of the kiosk and displayed these same "kucumbers" in front of us. Their size and yellowness were startling....

In Kursk's northern market, as in Stavropol, there are dozens of automobiles with license plates showing that they come from the Caucasian republics, and are guests from Krasnodarskiy Kray and Rostovskaya Oblast. But where are the representatives of the local kolkhozes? They have entered into agreements. But the kolkhozes are not interested in selling farm produce to the markets. The state's purchase prices suit them totally. The fact that their yield is above the plan brings them both money and honor. But trading the surplus produce in the market is...a bother....

**Nicaragua: Fidel on Religion and the Revolution**  
(*Managua Barricada in Spanish, Sept. 23*) Under the title "A Few Minutes With Fidel," the current edition of the magazine *Ya Veremos* No. 3 publishes an interview by Angelita Saballos with Commander Fidel Castro...

...[Question 5]: Can you talk about Christianity and the revolution?

[Answer]: I have discussed that thoroughly. I talked about it when I met with the progressive religious leaders of Chile and Jamaica. I also talked to prominent religious leaders in Nicaragua. I believe that Christians and Marxist-Leninists must be strategic allies. However, certain prominent religious cadres who are very progressive have said that there must be something more than a vanguard. They said that there should be unity between Marxist-Leninists and Christians. I believe that the unity of those forces and their human endeavors would make the revolution invincible in Latin America.

[Commentary continues] He said that this was not the case in Cuba. He explained that in his country the church was different. It focused on large landowners and the wealthy. It was never in touch with peasants and workers. However, the Cuban president says, the Cuban revolution did not attack the church. There was not a single priest killed as there have been in El Salvador and Guatemala.

Regarding this, Commander Castro noted in a meeting with Nicaraguan clergymen that the Cuban process had problems with certain priests who were opposed to the agrarian and educational reforms. This prompted the government to ask them to leave the country. "However, we were always very cautious in our relations with the church," Castro said.

"Not only out of respect for religious beliefs, which we viewed as a sacred prerogative of the individual, but because we did not want our revolution to appear anti-religious to the rest of Latin America because this would diminish the possibility of support by the deeply religious Latin American people for our anti-imperialist revolutionary process," Commander Castro told the Nicaraguan clergymen.

"Perhaps the perfect communist that we want to form is a militant who gives of himself and sacrifices himself for others. He must be both Marxist and Christian."

"The new man we want to have in Cuba is like the thousands of comrades who are teaching or healing people in distant places in Africa, Asia and here in Nicaragua. They are like missionaries and men devoted to their neighbors, as are many priests and monks whom we know," he concluded.

**Voice of Palestine: Terrorism and Temples**

(*[Clandestine] Voice of Palestine in Arabic, Oct. 5*) The Zionist government has recently grown accustomed to attempting to distort the stands of the Palestinian revolution and the PLO. The latest of these attempts was the statement issued by the Zionist cabinet today on the attack which took place on a Jewish synagogue in Paris.

The PLO would like to assert that these allegations

which the terrorist Zionist clique is trying to raise against the PLO are groundless. This is because the PLO cannot resort to such methods. The PLO respects and venerates the places of worship and therefore it also denounces any attack of this sort.

**Argentina: Perez's Peace Prize**

(*Buenos Aires Telam in Spanish, Oct. 15*) The Public Information Secretariat tonight issued a communique to the public with regard to the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Adolfo Maria Perez Esquivel, an Argentine architect. The communique states that since the national reorganization process has worked and fought for peace, freedom and democracy—basic human rights—for all Argentines, the justification given for the award came as a surprise.

Should this award be intended as some sort of condemnation of the national reorganization process, it is necessary to point out that every political or institutional action can only be properly evaluated through an overall understanding of its background, its final objectives, and the path chosen for its implementation....

...At this time, the country is rebuilding its bases of cooperation. Without pressure, by its own decision, since the beginning—since the very moment in which the armed forces assumed political power—the national reorganization process has stated that its ultimate objective was the establishment of a true democratic, republican system within the framework of the unrestricted rule of law.

This transition is difficult, overwhelmed by uncertainty and filled with misunderstandings, because the Argentine society suffered wounds that are slow and difficult in healing....

Had the Argentine reality not been as stated herein, had the national reorganization process not had its ultimate legal objectives, and had we not worked with dedicated efficiency and genuine interest in achieving these objectives, the new Nobel Prize winner:

1. Could not be living the way he has been living in the Argentine Republic, since let us point out that Architect Perez Esquivel is not imprisoned in some isolated place. He has been living in the fashionable San Isidro neighborhood and has been enjoying full freedom of movement and expression...

2. The national press could not have disseminated the news of the award as it did, without limitations....

The actions undertaken by Architect Perez Esquivel in times in which the country's armed struggle against terrorism was at its peak effectively allowed—despite his intentions—members of several terrorist organizations to go unpunished. For this reason, he was detained and placed under the control of the national executive branch in keeping with the state of siege provisions. However, when the intensity of the struggle subsided, the executive branch released him by its own free decision....

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