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L.I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CPSU CC, President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, received in Kremlin Babrak Karmal, General Secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. Participating in the talks were Members of the Politbureau of the CPSU CC - Chairman of the State Security Committee Andropov, Minister of Foreign Affairs Gromyko, First Vice-Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers Tikhonov, and Alternate Member of the Politbureau of the CPSU CC, Secretary of the CPSU CC Ponomarev and Afghan state figures. In the course of the talks, which were carried out in an atmosphere of cordiality, friendship and mutual understanding, an exchange of opinions took place on key issues of Soviet-Afghan relations. Deep satisfaction was expressed on their successful and fruitful development on the basis of the Treaty About Friendship, Good-neighbourliness and Cooperation signed in 1978.

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In the Grand Kremlin Palace L.I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CPSU and President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, and Babrak Karmal, General Secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, signed a Statement of the Soviet Union and the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. Soviet and Afghan Party and State officials were present at the ceremony of signing. The Soviet-Afghan Statement is an evidence of the further strengthening of friendship between the peoples of the Soviet Union and Afghanistan.

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A meeting of Soviet-Afghan Friendship took place in the Moscow State University. Representatives of the working people, youth and students of Moscow warmly and cordially greeted Babrak Karmal, General Secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. The meeting was attended by Alternate Member of the Politbureau of the CPSU CC, Secretary of the CPSU CC Ponomarev, Vice-President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet Strautmanis, Soviet and Afghan Party and State figures. Secretary of the Moscow City Committee of the Party Makeyev, Chairman of the Soviet Society of Friendship and Cultural Relations with Afghanistan, Minister of the USSR Antonov, Hero of Socialist Labour Surovtsev, student of the Moscow State University Vasilkova spoke of the strengthening of solidarity of Soviet people with the fight of the people of Afghanistan. Babrak Karmal expressed deep gratitude for the all-sided help and support which are being given to Afghanistan by the Soviet Union and assured that the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, the Government of Afghanistan and its people would never forget this support and would put forth all efforts so that friendship between our peoples would be everlasting and insoluble.

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PORT OF NAKHODKA

The Order of the Labour Red Banner Commercial Port of Nakhodka is one of the largest in our country. A complex brigade of dockers led by Communist Vladimir Koval consists of 65 men. Koval began to work here 30 years ago when the first docks were being built and when the name Nakhodka first appeared on the maps of the country. For his high quality work Koval has been awarded Orders of Lenin and the Labour Red Banner. His brigade is considered one of the best in the Ministry of Sea Navigation of the USSR. Dockers of Koval's brigade have taken an obligation to fulfill a three years' plan of the 11th five year period by the 23d of February - the day of the opening of the XXVith CPSU Congress.

MOSCOW CIRCUS IS 100

The Moscow Order of Lenin Circus at the Tavetnoi Boulevard is celebrating its centenary jubilee. A new program "The Moscow Circus is a Hundred" includes performances of masters and young actors, representatives of various circus genres. The Moscow Circus is entering a new hundred years of everlasting youth.

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