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 Importance Of Achieving Genuine Improvement In East-West Ties Stressed

NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING ENDS

PARIS, Dec. 18, (AP) - A NATO ministerial council meeting ended today without any significant progress on a new East-West defense treaty.

The meeting, which began last Wednesday, was attended by representatives of the 15 member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The council discussed the possibility of a new treaty to replace the 1954 Treaty of Brussels, which expired last year.

The council failed to agree on a new treaty because of differences among the member nations on the issue of nuclear disarmament. The United States and Britain favor a treaty that would include disarmament, while France and West Germany oppose it.

Nasser, Chah Review Many Issues About Area

PARIS, Dec. 18, (AP) - Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat and Iran's Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi met here today to discuss a range of issues.

The meeting was held under the aegis of the United Nations, which has been trying to mediate between Iran and Egypt to end their border dispute.

The two leaders discussed the situation in the Middle East, particularly the conflict in the Gulf region.

Rusk Says Johnson Will Keep Up US And USSR Contacts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, (AP) - Secretary of State Dean Rusk said today that President Johnson will continue to maintain close contact with the Soviet Union.

Rusk said the U.S. and the Soviet Union have a common interest in the maintenance of peace and security.

Stricker Says to Ask for Britain's Support in NATO

BRUSSELS, Dec. 18, (AP) - Foreign Minister Edward Stricker of Belgium said today that he would ask for Britain's support in NATO.

Stricker said that Britain should recognize the necessity of closer cooperation between NATO and the European Common Market.

Extensive Plans On Hand To Safeguard Forests In Pakthia, Says Kishtry

KABUL, Dec. 18, (AP) - Plans are underway to safeguard forests in Pakthia, according to a statement by state minister Kishtry.

Kishtry said that the government is taking all necessary measures to protect the forests from fire and other natural disasters.

1st Seminar Of Chambers Of Commerce Opens

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KABUL, Dec. 18, (AP) - The 1st seminar of chambers of commerce opened here today with the participation of businessmen from various countries.

The seminar aims to promote trade and investment between Afghanistan and other countries.

THE WEATHER

KABUL, Dec. 18, (AP) - The weather in Kabul is expected to be cold and dry, with temperatures ranging from 6 to 10 degrees Celsius.

THE OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

KARGIL, Dec. 18, (AP) - The outdoor Christmas pageant was held in Kargil to celebrate the Christmas season.

The pageant was attended by civilians, soldiers, and officers from various units in the area.

THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

KABUL, Dec. 18, (AP) - The Ministry of Agriculture has announced plans to develop a new agricultural technology that will increase crop yields.

The technology involves the use of drought-resistant plants, which will be distributed to farmers in the area.
International Law, Dynamic Instrument For Peaceful Development Of Nations

The President, in a recent interview, emphasized the importance of international law in promoting world peace and development. He stated that international law is a dynamic instrument that can help resolve conflicts and promote cooperation among nations.

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WEST BERLINERS APPLY FOR PERMITS TO SEE RELATIVES IN E. BERLIN

No Need to Rush—More than 300 Berliners who applied for family reunification permits in Berlin West confirmed Thursday that they are not in a hurry to return to the East, which they have left in the past for various reasons.

The applicants said the permits have been a positive step in the reunification of East and West Berlin, and that they are not rushing to go back to the East as soon as they have obtained their permits.

Firmly Support... "Imperialism," Says LI

China's official newspaper, the People's Daily, Wednesday, March 31, continued to attack the U.S. and its allies for what it called their "imperialistic" policies.

The paper said that the U.S. and its allies are using the "imperialistic" policies to justify their actions in the region.

Do You Want A Christmas Card For Your Children? GO TO WORK!

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - A national Christmas card appeal will begin this week, the United States Postal Service said Wednesday.

A national study of 1,000 adults found that 90 percent of them said they would like to receive a Christmas card from a child they do not know.

Official, Personalized... 

Elton John, the British pop singer, Wednesday, March 31, performed in a benefit concert in London to raise money for the aid organization for AIDS research.

The concert was attended by numerous celebrities, including the Rolling Stones, Elton John, and others.

Large Modern Park to Be Constructed Near Center of Kabul City

KABUL, March 31 (AP) - A large modern park to be constructed near the center of Kabul city, the capital of Afghanistan, has been approved by the Kabul city council.

The council, which meets weekly, voted unanimously to approve the project, which is expected to cost about $10 million.

The park, which will be called the "Green Park," will include a children's playground, a sports field, and a landscaped area.

Another report states, that: "Islamic students, who are studying in the U.S., are campaigning for the release of their fellow students from the Iranian prison."