

TASS Carries PRAVDA Review for 9 Dec

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[“PRAVDA Review”—TASS headline]

[Text] Moscow December 9 TASS—Today’s PRAVDA highlights a report by the newspaper’s own correspondents on a meeting of the leaders of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine at Belovezhskaya Pushcha on talks in Minsk between President Boris Yeltsin of the Russian Federation and Stanislav Shushkevich, parliament speaker of the Republic of Belarus, and the signing of a number of documents by them.

“The main political document of the bilateral meeting—a communique on the results of talks between the official delegations of the Republic of Belarus and the Russian

Federation—should be regarded as an attempt to preclude disintegration processes,” PRAVDA sums up.

The destiny of the country's statehood in the light of the continuing disintegration process and a quest for ways out of the socio-economic crisis are discussed in PRAVDA by Professor Viktor Trushkov.

“A conclusion still crystallises from an agglomerate of contradictory trends and facts. The Second Russian Revolution will not possibly be interrupted if it does not fail to meet at least two conditions. Firstly, if it succeeds in urgently stopping the process of the absolute impoverishment of the working people, the process which is developing at an unprecedentedly accelerating pace.

“Secondly, if it ensures to the maximum the operation of the entire spectrum of traditional bourgeois democracy, without exceptions and without any restrictions,” Trushkov believes.

Reporting the third congress of the Democratic Party of Russia, held in Moscow on December 7-8, PRAVDA points out that a report by party Chairman Nikolay Travkin and remarks by delegates and guests of the congress “manifest concern for the loss of statehood, for the Soviet Union's break-up which may prove ruinous to Russia as well”. “The indivisibility of Russia is an axiom to us,” the newspaper quotes Travkin as saying.

“It seems that Russian trade unions are concerned in earnest over the current soaring prices and disregard for the rights of the working people,” PRAVDA writes, maintaining that the editorial board learned about an address by a number of Russia's sectoral trade unions to the Russian leadership.

According to the newspaper, one of the protest petitions concerns the state insurance issue and another one new prices “which are being arbitrarily introduced everywhere”.

“Manfred Woerner: We Enter An Era of Partnership” is the headline under which PRAVDA carries an interview with NATO secretary-general in Brussels. He advocates the building of “a new, integrated and free Europe with the participation of the Soviet Union or those who will become its successor”.

Woerner categorically opposes the proliferation of nuclear weapons to individual republics and emphasises the need to keep the command of the Union's nuclear forces under a single authority.

In its international news section, PRAVDA carries reports from Yugoslavia, and informs readers of “revolts of the hungry” in Albania, the situation in the Middle East and a flare-up of violence in the South African province of Natal.