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SPEECH BY BABRAK KARMAL.

BABRAK KARMAL DELIVERED A 25 MINUTE SPEECH IN THE COURSE OF
A CELEBRATION OF THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF
THE KHALQ PARTY WHICH WAS CARRIED ON KABUL RADIO AND TV
YESTERDAY AT 2000 HRS. THE AUDIENCE NUMBERED ABOUT ONE
HUNDRED AND MEMBERS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT OCCUPIED THE
FRONT ROW. THE PROCEEDINGS INCLUDED PRAYERS FOR TARA WHOSE
PORTRAIT WAS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AND A MINUTE'S SILENCE
FOR ALL THE VICTIMS OF THE BLOODY TYRANT HAFIZUALLAH AMIN.
THE TV BROADCAST WAS PRECEDED BY A VERY FANCIFUL AND
MELODRAMATIC REPRESENTATION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS BEING
RELEASED WITH AN EMOTIONAL RECITATION PLAYING AMIN OVER A
BACKGROUND OF THE FIRST TWO MOVEMENTS OF BEETHOVIN'S FIFTH
SYMPHONY. (THE SPEECH WAS FOLLOWED BY A RUSSIAN FEATURE
FILM DEALING LARGELY WITH NAZI ATROCITIES DURING THE WAR.
2. THE PRINCIPAL APPLAUSE DURING BABRAK'S SPEECH WAS
RESERVED FOR THE ANNOUNCED FREEING OF POLITICAL PRISONERS
AND FOR THE REFERENCES TO HELP FROM THE SOVIET UNION. ON
THE LATTER POINT HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD ASK FOR
FURTHER HELP IF NECESSARY TO DEFEAT THE AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM
LED BY AMERICA - HELP NOT ONLY FROM THE SOVIET UNION BUT
FROM OTHER FRIENDLY SOCIALIST STATES SUCH AS ANGOLA. THE
MAIN THRUST OF THE SPEECH WAS A CALL FOR UNITY UNDER THE
RED FLAG (PARCHAM) OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE (KHALQ) OF
AFGHANISTAN WITH THE PROMISE OF PERSONAL FREEDOM AND ALL THE

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RIGHT THINGS. THERE WAS NATURALLY A BITTER ATTACK ON HAFIZULLAH AMIN FOR HAVING ESTABLISHED A DICTATORSHIP IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE WHOM HE HAD TYRANNISED MERCILESSLY.

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