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YOUR TELNO 63: CHANCELLOR KOHL'S VISIT TO LONDON, GERMAN PRESS REACTIONS

1. COVERAGE IN TODAY'S GERMAN PRESS IS FACTUAL AND MAINLY VERY BRIEF, WITH A FEW PICTURES. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG (SZ), WHICH REFERS BRIEFLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THE EC BUDGET, REPORTS ARE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ABOUT INF. SEVERAL PAPERS EMPHASISE THE STATEMENT THAT ZERO IS THE BEST SOLUTION BUT NOT TAKE-IT-OR-LEAVE-IT. DIE WELT REPORTS THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT THAT DEPLOYMENT WILL PROCEED AT END 1983 QUOTE IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT BY THEN ON A ZERO SOLUTION UNQUOTE; BUT OTHER PAPERS SAY SIMPLY QUOTE IN THE ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT UNQUOTE (SZ) OR (GENERAL ANZEIGER, QUOTING KOHL) QUOTE FAILING AN OUTCOME TO THE NEGOTIATIONS UNQUOTE. THERE IS NO (NO) REFERENCE TO BRITISH AND FRENCH SYSTEMS.

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