

AP News

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DIALOG FILE DATA

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January 2000 to the present (File 258)

July 1984 to December 1999. (File 858)

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SAMPLE RECORD FROM FILE 258

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00000932 (THIS IS THE FULLTEXT)
Britain's Telewest, Flextech, nearing a dlrs 3.2 billion cable TV deal
Associated Press
Friday, December 17, 1999 13:05 EST
JOURNAL CODE: AP LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT
DOCUMENT TYPE: NEWSWIRE
WORD COUNT: 350

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TEXT:
LONDON (AP) - British cable TV operator Telewest Communications
PLC is close to acquiring media company Flextech PLC in an
all-share deal worth about 2.0 billion pounds (dlrs 3.2 billion).
Flextech's directors said Friday that they expected to accept
Telewest's offer of 3.78 of its own shares for every share in
Flextech.

/TX

The deal would combine Telewest's broadband cable TV service
with Flextech's interactive television channels to provide a
``turbocharged" data transmission service for homes and mobile
phones, Telewest spokesman Stephen Powers said.
The two companies announced on Dec. 6 that they were negotiating
a merger, and they detailed the planned deal in a statement on
Friday. They hope to complete the project by the end of next month.
``There are a lot of ends to be tied off, and unfortunately that
can't happen overnight," Powers said. Legal technicalities
pertaining to share ownership were among the details still to be
resolved.
Liberty Media International, owned by AT-and-T Corp., has a 36.6
percent stake in Flextech, and it has agreed in principle to accept
Telewest's offer so long as Telewest makes it by Jan. 31.

Under the deal, Telewest shareholders would own 80 percent of
the combined company, with Flextech owning the remaining 20
percent.

Telewest shareholders still must approve the offer. Microsoft
Corp., MediaOne Group Inc. and Liberty Media, which together hold
51.3 percent of Telewest's shares, are backing the deal.

The offer, which is based on Telewest's closing price on
Thursday of 340 pence (dlrs 5.44) a share, values every Flextech
share at 1,285.2 pence (dlrs 20.56).

Telewest stock closed 1.6 percent lower in trading Friday, at
334.5 pence. Flextech shares dropped 1.6 percent to finish at dlrs
11.95 (dlrs 19.12) per share.

British competitors in the field of interactive TV include a
joint venture between British Telecommunications PLC and Rupert
Murdoch's British Sky Broadcasting Group. Internet service
providers like America Online of the United States are also
expected to enter the market.
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COMPANY NAMES: AMERICA ONLINE INC; BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLC;
MICROSOFT CORP; TELEWEST COMMUNICATIONS PLC; FLEXTECH PLC; UNITED ARTISTS
EUROPEAN HOLDINGS LTD; AT AND T CORP; MEDIAONE INC; US WEST INC; LIBERTY
MEDIA CORP; LIBERTY MEDIA GROUP; BRITISH SKY BROADCASTING GROUP PLC

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GEOGRAPHIC NAMES: UNITED KINGDOM; EUROPEAN UNION; EUROPE; WESTERN EUROPE
INDUSTRY NAMES: BROADCASTING; CABLE SERVICE PROVIDERS; CABLE TV; MERGERS
AND ACQUISITIONS; TV STATIONS; COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES; MEDIA
INDUSTRIES; CORPORATE

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EVENT NAMES: MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS; STOCKS AND SHARES

SAMPLE RECORD FROM FILE 858

DIALOG(R)File 858:AP News Jul
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/TI Bush Watches War Games, Says World Dangers Justify Military Plan
AU= BY: TOM RAUM
DL=,PR= DATELINE: FORT IRWIN, Calif. PRIORITY: URGENT WORD COUNT: 1007
PD=,PY= DATE: February 7, 1990 00:17EST

/LP,TX President Bush told U.S. troops taking part in war games Tuesday that political proposals by Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev are encouraging but that America must not let changes in Eastern Europe "lull us into a sense of complacency."

 The president, getting a first-hand look at U.S. forces in action, declared: "Military challenges to democracy persist in every hemisphere and America must always be prepared to fight for freedom and security."

/TX Critics, especially congressional Democrats, contend that Bush's military budget ignores the dismantling of the Communist empire.

 The president defended his plan to make military cuts in select areas - such as bases - but to spend more on strategic weapons as he began a three-day trip combining visits to defense installations with Republican fund-raising.

 A continent away, the Democratic chairman of the House Armed Services Committee kept up the pressure for changes, saying the administration's \$292.1 billion defense budget, with a continued emphasis on big strategic programs such as long-range missiles, fails "to match the new political realities at home or abroad."

 "This administration's approach reflects old thinking rather than these new realities," Rep. Les Aspin of Wisconsin said at a congressional hearing in Washington.
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² Contains INFOSORT terms (see HELP INFOSORT).

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