

PRG CALLS FOR U.S. WITHDRAWAL FOLLOWING THIEU RESIGNATION

April 21 (IPS) -- Following the resignation this morning of South Vietnamese President Thieu, the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) of South Vietnam called for the resignation of the rest of the Thieu clique, and the immediate removal of all U.S. military personnel from the country.

INDIA AND BANGLADESH SIGN PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT

April 21 (IPS) -- Today's London Times reports that the governments of India and Bangladesh have signed a provisional agreement sharing the waters of the Ganges River for subcontinental agriculture and water control. The resolution of this technical dispute between the two countries marks the end of an "issue" that has been consistently used by CIA press conduits to fabricate tensions in the region.

THIEU CONFIRMS PRG CHARGES OF ACCORDS VIOLATION

April 22 (IPS) -- In his resignation speech two days ago, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu admitted to charges made by the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG-Vietcong) that he (Thieu) had never intended to abide by the Paris Accords of 1973.

Claiming that he "argued with the Americans," Thieu said: "I rejected the plan. I said we won't go along with it. I don't go along with any agreement with the Communists in any form whatsoever."

Thieu charged that in 1968, apparently following the TET offensive, there was much pressure brought on him to form a coalition government. While Thieu successfully resisted this American pressure in 1968, he candidly revealed how he was forced to sign the 1973 accords against his will: "I was given an alternative (to signing the accords). The alternative solution was that I could take an airplane out of Vietnam on Oct. 26, 1972. I was told I could leave the country."

IMMEDIATE FOOD AID NEEDED FOR VIETNAM

April 22 (IPS) -- A United Nations official in DaNang confirmed that the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) had restored order and services in the occupied territory, but he emphasized that the city was facing a severe food shortage, in a cable published in today's Washington Post.

VIETNAM AID DEBATE USED TO CLOUD REALITY IN CONGRESS

April 22 (IPS) -- Testifying before the House Appropriations Committee yesterday, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and General Frederick Weyand told Congress it was necessary to pass the Indochina military and humanitarian aid requests -- although it will admittedly have no effect militarily in order to boost morale in Vietnam and as a matter of "principle."

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JCP LASHES MITTERRAND, BRANDT, AND (BY IMPLICATION) JSP

April 23 (IPS) -- In a scathing attack not previously seen from such quarters, the April issue of the Japan Communist Party (JCP) "Vanguard" excoriates what it terms "the anti-communist rightwing social democratic gathering, the Second International." The article specifically denounces French Socialist Party (PSF) leader Francois Mitterrand and Second International agent Willy Brandt for allying with the "capitalist, non-communist and conservative force" to sabotage the organizing of the French Communist Party (PCF) and -- as a result -- for being responsible for the attacks on working class living standards and civil liberties currently underway.

VIETNAM WAR PINNED ON TRADITIONAL MILITARY AGAIN

April 24 (IPS) -- In another push to disintegrate and immobilize traditional military layers, Rockefeller trouble-shooter Rep. Paul N. McCloskey attacked two former U.S. Commanders in Vietnam, according to yesterday's New York Post. McCloskey attacked Gen. William C. Westmoreland and Gen. Creighton W. Abrams for actions which "clearly reflect command influence, if not distortion, on the intelligence-reporting function of the CIA."

KIM IL SUNG PUTS PRESSURE ON CHINA

April 24 (IPS) -- In a lead editorial entitled "Kim Il Sung goes to China," the Baltimore Sun warns of pressure on the Chinese government regarding their accommodation with the United States in Asia. On the occasion of Kim's visit to China, the Sun speculates on the existence of North Korean pressure on the Chinese to back an "adventure in South Korea" following the events in Indochina.

CHINA AGREES TO SEND REP TO EEC: FACTION REPORTED AGAINST ACCOMMODATION TO U.S. POLICY

April 24 (IPS) -- China has agreed in principle to send an Ambassador to the EEC, in a continuation of its policy to use closer ties with Europe as a wedge against the Soviet Union.

The Second International Prime Minister of Belgium, Leo Tindermans, suggested this step in his recent talks with the Chinese leadership.

According to the London Times yesterday, Tindermans' reported that the Chinese leaders told him they approved of U.S. Defense Secretary Schlesinger's latest threats of nuclear brinkmanship against the Soviets. There are indications, however, that Rockefeller cabal warmongering against the Soviet Union has caused political turmoil within China.

SENATE VOTES VIETNAM AID

April 25 (IPS) -- House and Senate conferees tentatively agreed yesterday on a 327 million dollar evacuation and "humanitarian" aid bill for South Vietnam which gives President Ford the authority to use US troops to carry out the evacuation under strictly limited conditions.

NORTH VIET INDUSTRIALIZATION PROGRAM A MARKET FOR WESTERN FIRMS

April 25 (IPS) -- North Vietnam's industrialization program is attracting Western firms, especially Japanese, eager for orders in the midst of otherwise collapsing world trade.

PREDICT "SLAUGHTER" IN VIETNAM

April 25 (IPS) -- The Washington Post today carries an Associated Press dispatch quoting Senator Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz) predicting a "slaughter of over a million" in South Vietnam by the Communists. IPS has learned from reliable sources that the Washington Post plans to run a series of articles on conservatives in the U.S. emphasizing their cold-war, anti-detente position.

BUTCHER MARCOS WELCOMES CHINESE ALLIANCE

April 25 (IPS) -- Ferdinand Marcos, the U.S. puppet President of the Philippines, has surfaced as the champion of the Peoples Republic of China. In his keynote address at the recent meeting of the Asian Development Bank, he called upon representatives to purge the bank of "nagging suspicions" that it is a "capitalist institution" by welcoming the membership of China.

INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PLEDGES COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENT

April 25 (IPS) -- Reports released by the Indian left wing daily, the Patriot, April 17, indicate that Foreign Minister Y.B. Chavan made a major foreign policy presentation to the Indian Parliament, reasserting India's role for the fulfillment of the goals of development through non-alignment.

CHINESE PRESSURE JAPAN ON ANTI-SOVIET CLAUSE IN PEACE PACT

April 26 (IPS) -- Chinese Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao Peng is pressuring Japan to "courageously decide" to include the anti-Soviet "anti-hegemony" clause in the Sino-Japanese Treaty now being negotiated. According to this morning's Washington Post he made these comments to the visiting head of Soka Gakkai, Japan's fanatical Buddhist sect.

SIHANOUK CITES U.S. SUBVERSION

April 26 (IPS) -- In an interview published today in the Paris daily Le Monde, Prince Sihanouk accused the United States of using the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as an instrument of destabilization against Cambodia. Sihanouk warned the Khmer Rouge to treat the hurried recognition of their government by the ASEAN group and "reactionary" governments like Japan as "suspicious."

SENATE PASSES VIETNAM AID AUTHORIZATION

April 26 (IPS) -- The Senate has passed the \$327 million Vietnam Aid Authorization Bill, with its provision allowing for the use of US troops in the evacuation. According to the Washington Post accounts, the bill would, in effect, prevent any emergency aid from reaching either Cambodia, North Vietnam or South Vietnam after the present government is replaced.

CYCLONE HITS NORTHERN BANGLADESH CAUSING MASSIVE DESTRUCTIONS

April 27 (IPS) -- A cyclone hit the northern Bangladesh districts of Faridpur and Dinajpur yesterday, killing eight persons and causing massive destruction. Faridpur and Dinajpur are two of the richest rice producing districts of Bangladesh and the spring crop destruction will exacerbate the food shortage in the coming month, making more urgent the U.S. Labor Party emergency development legislation for the Ganges-Brahmaputra region.