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NEW SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE (IPS)
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I. INTERNATIONAL PRESS ROUND-UP

LEFT WING FRENCH SOCIALIST PUSHES POLYCENTRISM

OCT. 8 (IPS)--SPEAKING AT A PARIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON OCT. 6, JEAN-PIERRE CHEVENEMENT, NATIONAL LEADER OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY'S LEFT WING CERES TENDENCY, CLAIMED THAT "THE CHANCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALISM IN EUROPE HAVE NEVER BEEN SO GOOD."

THE CERES LEADER CLARIFIED HIS REMARKS BY ATTRIBUTING THIS DEVELOPMENT TO THE SPREAD OF "POLYCENTRISM" AMONG THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES. THE ONLY "COMMUNIST" PARTIES ACTIVELY PUSHING POLYCENTRISM--THE IDEA OF INDEPENDENT, NATIONAL SECTOR STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALISM--ARE THE CIA-AND NATO-CONTROLLED SPANISH AND ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTIES. CHEVENEMENT'S STATEMENT COINCIDES WITH A CALL FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT BY SPANISH "COMMUNIST" LEADER SANTIAGO CARILLO.

ACCORDING TO SOURCES WITHIN THE FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY, CHEVENEMENT HAS JUST TERMINATED A SEVERAL WEEK VISIT TO THE U.S. IN WHICH ALL HIS EXPENSES WERE PAID BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT.

BRD AUTHORITIES RELEASE TRADE UNIONIST ACCUSED OF BEING DDR SPY

WIESBADEN, BRD, OCT. 8 (IPS)--THE WEST GERMAN FEDERAL COURT HAS ANNOUNCED THE RELEASE ON BAIL OF HEINZ DURRBECK, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE IG METALL TRADE UNION, ACCORDING TO THE WEST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY PAPER UNSERE ZEIT. DURRBECK WAS ARRESTED EARLY LAST MONTH UNDER SUSPICION OF BEING A SPY FOR EAST GERMANY, UNTIL NOW THE GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED TO ENUMERATE ANY SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

SOLDIERS OCCUPY ARTILLERY BASE IN OPORTO DEMANDING REINSTATEMENT OF A LEFT REGIMENT

OCT. 8 (IPS)--A LEFTWING REGIMENT YESTERDAY TOOK OVER THE STRATEGIC ARTILLERY BASE OF SERRA DO PILAR WHICH OVERLOOKS THE NORTHERN PORTUGUESE CITY OF OPORTO, AND TOOK CONTROL OF A LARGE ARSENAL, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S BALTIMORE SUN.

THE REGIMENT WAS REPORTED TO BE PRESSURING THE ANTI-COMMUNIST COMMANDER OF THE NORTHERN MILITARY REGION, GENERAL ANTONIO PIRES VELOSO, TO REINSTATE A PRO-LEFT TRANSPORT REGIMENT THAT HE HAD DISBANDED LAST WEEK. VELOSO HAD TO SEND IN 120 COPCON (SECURITY FORCES) COMMANDOS TO EXPEL THE REGIMENT.

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EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPER ATTACKS KISSINGER SINAI PACT

OCT. 8 (IPS)--THE EGYPTIAN MARXIST REVIEW AL-TALIA THIS WEEK BECAME THE FIRST JOURNAL IN THAT COUNTRY TO ATTACK THE SINAI PACT., NEGOTIATED BY U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER. THE REVIEW, WHOSE EDITORIAL BOARD IS COMPOSED OF SEVERAL PROMINENT EGYPTIAN LEFTIST INTELLECTUALS, CHARGED THAT THE PACT ONLY FEEDS INTO RENEWED ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE AND "DOES NOT FACILITATE THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE, AND THEREFORE DOESN'T BRING A GENERAL SETTLEMENT ANY CLOSER."

THE AL-TALIA ARTICLE WAS PUBLICIZED IN THE OCT. 3 L'HUMANITE, THE ORGAN OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY.

FAZ BLAMES CONGRESS FOR WEAKENING ASSAD AND SADAT

OCT. 8 (IPS)--WEST GERMANY'S FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG NEWSPAPER YESTERDAY LAMBASTED THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR INSISTING ON FULL DISCLOSURE OF THE SECRET ACCORDS OF THE SINAI PACT. THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IS BEING "INDISCREET AT THE WRONG TIME," THE ALLGEMEINE COMPLAINS, SINCE THE BELEAGURED PRO-U.S. REGIMES OF PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD OF SYRIA AND ANWAR SADAT OF EGYPT CAN ONLY BE FURTHER WEAKENED BY EVEN LIMITED REVELATIONS OF HOW ROTTEN THE KISSINGER PACT IS.

THE ALLGEMEINE TEARFULLY REMINDS CONGRESSIONAL CRITICS OF THE VIRTUES OF ASSAD AND SADAT. ASSAD IS "THE MOST MODERATE LEADER THAT SYRIA HAS HAD IN THIRTY YEARS," WHILE SADAT IS A MODERATE MAN WHO IS NOW PAINFULLY LEARNING "HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO BE A FRIEND OF AMERICA."

THE ALLGEMEINE ATTACK ON CONGRESS IS THE FIRST SUCH ATTACK FROM THE WEST GERMAN PRESS AND ONLY UNDERSCORES THE INCREASING HYSTERIA OF THE BOURGEOISIE AT THE VULNERABILITY OF THEIR FAVORITE MIDEAST PUPPETS.

AFRIQUE ASIE BLASTS CHINA'S ANGOLA ROLE

OCT 8 (IPS)--AN EDITORIAL IN THE MOST RECENT ISSUE OF THE PARIS-BASED MAGAZINE AFRIQUE ASIE BLASTS MAOIST CHINA'S ROLE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA. THE TWO ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SUPPORTED BY THE CHINESE, UNITA AND THE FNLA, THE EDITORIAL CHARGES, HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CIA-FUNDED, AND THE MAOISTS KNOW IT.

THE EDITORIAL STATES: "NEVER WILL THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES OF THE THREE CONTINENTS...TOLERATE THE TRADITION CHARACTERIZED BY THE THESIS DEFENDED BY MAO HIMSELF...THE AFRICAN PEOPLE BELIEVE IN THE VIGILANCE OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE AND THE CAPACITY OF THEIR LEADERS TO REVISE THEIR POLITICS."

THE EDITORIAL ALSO BLASTS "NEUTRAL" AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, WHICH, TOGETHER WITH THE MAOISTS, ARE WORKING IN COMPLICITY WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF WASHINGTON.

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FALLING IN BRITAIN

OCT. 8 (IPS)--BRITISH MANUFACTURERS' NEW INVESTMENT IS LIKELY TO FALL BY 11.5 PER CENT IN 1975, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY PUBLISHED IN YESTERDAY'S LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND, ACTING IN CONCERT WITH THE U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE, HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS EXTRAORDINARY COLLAPSE BY MAINTAINING HIGH DOMESTIC INTEREST RATES. LAST WEEK THE BANK RAISED ITS LENDING RATE TO PRIVATE BANKS TO 11 PER CENT, THE HIGHEST IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD.

THIRD WORLD LOVES CREDIT RATINGS

OCT. 8 (IPS)--RIMMER DE VRIES, HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH DEPARTMENT AT MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST, TOLD IPS THIS MORNING THAT A DEFAULT BY A MAJOR THIRD WORLD COUNTRY WOULD HAVE A DISASTROUS EFFECT ON THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM. HOWEVER, DE VRIES STATED, THE SYSTEM WILL "MUDDLE THROUGH" WITHOUT SUCH DEFAULTS. BRIEFED ON THE BUILDING THIRD WORLD OFFENSIVE FOR DEBT MORATORIA, DE VRIES COMMENTED, "NO THIRD WORLD COUNTRY WANTS ITS CREDIT RATING REMOVED."

II. CONTINENTAL DEVELOPMENTS

MEXICAN LEFT WARNS OF FASCIST PROVOCATION AGAINST PORTUGAL

MEXICO CITY, OCT. 8 (IPS)--IN A CALL ISSUED THIS WEEK FOR A DEMONSTRATION TO "REPUDIATE FASCISM IN SPAIN...AND SUPPORT THE MEXICAN INITIATIVES AT THE UNITED NATIONS," A GROUP OF MEXICAN LEFT PARTIES, INCLUDING THE POPULAR SOCIALIST PARTY, WARNED AGAINST FASCIST INTERVENTIONS AGAINST THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION FROM BASES IN SPAIN. SUCH ACTIONS, THE CALL STATED, "WOULD THREATEN WORLD PEACE...BY CREATING A FOCUS OF TENSIONS IN THE IBERIAN PENINSULA WHICH COULD PUSH HUMANITY TO THE FEARED THERMONUCLEAR WAR."

"THE FRANCO REGIME HAS ALLIANCES," THE CALL SAID, "WITH THE FASCISTS OF PORTUGAL, TO WHOM IT HAS ALLOWED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY TRAINING BASES FOR AN EVENTUAL AGGRESSION AGAINST THAT COUNTRY. WITH THESE ACTIONS, ATTEMPTS TO ORCHESTRATE A FULL PROVOCATION TO THREATEN WORLD PEACE" ARE CARRIED OUT.

THE CALL WAS PRINTED IN YESTERDAY'S EXCELSIOR, MEXICO'S LEADING NEWSPAPER.

ADMINISTRATION PROPOSES TO OUST MORE THAN ONE MILLION FROM FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

OCT. 8 (IPS)--THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE A PROPOSAL FOR SO-CALLED REFORM OF THE PRESENT FOOD STAMP PROGRAM WHICH WILL ELIMINATE MORE THAN ONE MILLION RECIPIENTS OF THE AID, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S BALTIMORE SUN.

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CURRENT DEDUCTIONS FOR SUCH ITEMS AS MEDICAL, WORK, CHILD CARE AND EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES WILL BE DROPPED AND REPLACED BY A STANDARD DEDUCTION FOR ALL FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS. SLIDING SCALES, THE COST DEPENDENT UPON FAMILY INCOME AND SIZE, WILL BE REPLACED BY A FLAT INCOME DEDUCTION BELIEVED TO BE 30 PER CENT OF THE RECIPIENT'S NET INCOME.

RUMSFELD AND OTHER "POLITICAL ADVISERS"
BEHIND FORD'S LAST MINUTE TAX CUT PACKAGE

OCT. 8 (IPS)--DONALD H. RUMSFELD, PRESIDENT FORD'S WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF AND SELF-PROCLAIMED OPPONENT OF VICE PRESIDENT NELSON ROCKEFELLER, WAS IDENTIFIED AS "ONE OF (FORD'S) SEVERAL KEY POLITICAL AIDES" INVOLVED IN "INSTIGATING" THE PRESIDENT'S NEW MASSIVE TAX CUT AND SPENDING CEILING PACKAGE, ACCORDING TO THE LEAD ARTICLE OF TODAY'S BALTIMORE SUN.

THE SUN ARTICLE ALSO DESCRIBES HOW THIS PACKAGE WAS PUT TOGETHER IN A "SCRAMBLE OVER THE WEEKEND" WITHOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OR SUPPORT OF FORD'S ECONOMIC AIDES. THE ARTICLE INDICATES THAT AS LATE AS LAST FRIDAY, "MOST POLICY-MAKERS STILL BELIEVED THE PRESIDENT WAS ABOUT TO PROPOSE ONLY A SIMPLE EXTENSION OF THIS YEAR'S CUTS, COMBINED WITH SOME NEW TAXES FOR BUSINESS."

IPS LEARNED YESTERDAY THAT TREASURY SECRETARY WILLIAM SIMON HAD DEMANDED THAT FORD ADD THE SPENDING CEILING AT THE LAST MOMENT, BY THREATENING TO WITHDRAW HIS SUPPORT FOR THE PACKAGE.

REAGAN SAYS HE MAY GO FOR VICE PRESIDENT

OCT. 8 (IPS)--FORMER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN YESTERDAY SAID THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE REPUBLICAN VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION ON A TICKET WITH PRESIDENT GERALD FORD IF HE WERE CONVINCED THAT "HE WOULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTRY" FROM THAT POST.

REAGAN'S STATEMENTS, REPORTED IN TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES, ARE THE FIRST INDICATION THAT HE MIGHT BE WILLING TO REPLACE NELSON ROCKEFELLER ON THE REPUBLICAN TICKET. POLITICAL OBSERVERS VIEW THE GOVERNOR'S STATEMENTS AS BOTH A SIGN OF THE GROWING WEAKNESS OF ROCKEFELLER AND A PROD BY CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN LAYERS OF PRESIDENT FORD TO DUMP HIS CURRENT VICE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON POST URGES IMMEDIATE FEDERAL "GUARANTEE"
TO STALL NEW YORK CITY DEFAULT

OCT. 8 (IPS)--A "SAFETY NET" OF A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT "GUARANTEE" FOR STATE BOND AID TO NEW YORK CITY MUST BE PUT IN PLACE "WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS," A LEAD EDITORIAL IN TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST URGES. WITHOUT THIS SWIFT ACTION, THE POST WARNS, "DEFAULT BY NEW YORK CITY ON ITS DEBTS IS INEVITABLE," RESULTING IN A COLLAPSE OF THE NATION'S BOND MARKETS. THE POST URGES CONGRESS TO TAKE SUCH ACTION, DUE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S CONTINUED UNWILLINGNESS TO ACT IN THE CITY'S CRISIS.

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STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY TO SELF DESTRUCT?

OCT. 8 (IPS)--IN TESTIMONY YESTERDAY BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AGREED WITH SOUTH DAKOTA SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN THAT "WE'RE COMING TO THE END OF THE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS" OF MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY. KISSINGER TIED THIS TO THE EXTREME DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING A NEW ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL FOR A GOLAN HEIGHTS PACT SIMILAR TO THAT ON THE SINAI, REPORTS TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES.

AFTER KISSINGER'S TESTIMONY, THE COMMITTEE VOTED 10-2 TO APPROVE THE SENDING OF 200 AMERICAN TECHNICIANS TO THE SINAI TO MONITOR THE ACCORD. THE COMMITTEE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE TECHNICIANS WAS NOT A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE VARIOUS SECRET ACCORDS WORKED OUT BY KISSINGER DURING HIS MIDEAST SHUTTLEINGS. THESE PROTOCOLS ARE REPORTED TO INCLUDE THE EXTERMINATION OF THE LEBANESE LEFT.

BALTIMORE SUN SUPPORTS EEC DECISION
TO AID SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL

OCT. 8 (IPS)--AN EDITORIAL IN TODAY'S BALTIMORE SUN PRAISED THE DECISION BY THE COMMON MARKET (EEC) MINISTERS LAST WEEK TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC AID TO THE CURRENT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT.

THE SUN DESCRIBES THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER AZEVEDO AND FOREIGN MINISTER AND NATO AGENT MELO ANTUNES AS THE "BEST HOPE" PORTUGAL HAS OF ACHIEVING A TRUE "PLURALIST DEMOCRACY." LUMPING THE COMMUNISTS WITH THE NATO-CONTROLLED "EXTREME LEFTISTS," THE SUN WARNS THAT THEIR MOTION COULD STILL RESULT IN A CIVIL WAR.

TIMES COVERS FOR ROCKY ON DEBT MORATORIUM

OCT. 8 (IPS)--IN AN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO DIFFUSE THE IMPACT OF TREASURY SECRETARY WILLIAM SIMON'S USE OF THE WORLD DEBT MORATORIUM, MONDAY'S NEW YORK TIMES FEATURED AS ITS LEAD ARTICLE NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S "VIEWS" ON THE NEW YORK CITY CRISIS.

USING QUOTES FROM A TWO-WEEK-OLD U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT INTERVIEW AND COMMENTS MADE SOMETIME AFTER THE TIMES PLACED SIMON'S DEBT MORATORIUM CALL ON ITS OCT. 5 FRONT PAGE, TIMES REPORTER PETER KIHSS ATTEMPTED TO REFOCUS DISCUSSION ON WHETHER OR NOT CONGRESS SHOULD "RESCUE" NEW YORK CITY WITH FEDERAL AID AND, IF SO, UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS.

KIHSS REPORTED THAT ROCKEFELLER HAS UNDERGONE A CHANGE OF HEART AND IS NO LONGER UNILATERALLY OPPOSED TO ANY KIND OF FEDERAL AID. SUCH AID COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, THE VICE PRESIDENT ALLEGEDLY TOLD KIHSS, AFTER THE CITY UNDERWENT MASSIVE AUSTERITY MEASURES AND THEN ONLY IF CONGRESS APPROVED.

EARLIER, ROCKEFELLER HAD TOLD U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT THAT HAVING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT "PICK UP THE CHECK...WOULD BE THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF THE SOLVENCY OF THE UNITED STATES."

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NO MENTION WAS MADE OF SIMON'S SUGGESTION OF THE DAY BEFORE
THAT THE BANKS SHOULD DECLARE A MORATORIUM ON NEW YORK CITY DEBT
--AN INDICATION THAT ROCKEFELLER WOULD BEST LIKE THE WORDS DEBT
MORATORIUM OUT OF THE PUBLIC MIND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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