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I. WESTERN EUROPE

GAULLISTS SPLIT OVER NEW FRENCH CABINET

PARIS, JAN. 17 (IPS) — A SPLIT HAS OPENED IN FRANCE'S GAULLIST UDR PARTY OVER PRO-ROCKEFELLER ATLANTICIST PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING'S CABINET RE-SHUFFLE JAN. 12. GISCARD PROMOTED TWO LEADING ATLANTICISTS, RAYMOND BARRE, (A FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COMMON MARKET) AND JEAN-FRANCOIS PONCET TO THE POSTS OF FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER AND STATE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESPECTIVELY.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UDR VOWED THE PARTY'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR PRIME MINISTER JACQUES CIRAC AND THE NEW CABINET. IT BRUSHED ASIDE RUMORS THAT BARRE AND PONCET WOULD PUSH FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AS "EXAGGERATED," DESPITE THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY STATE MINISTER JEAN LECANUET THAT BOTH NOMINATIONS CORRESPOND TO "HAVING THE EUROPEAN UNION PROGRESS."

IN EXPLICIT OPPOSITION OF THE UDR LEADERSHIP'S POSITION, THE UDR LOT-ET-GARONNE FEDERATION HAS STRONGLY PROTESTED PONCET'S APPOINTMENT ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE IS A STAUNCH PROPONENT OF AN ATLANTICIST EUROPE.

ATLANTICISTS TOPPLE SPD STATE GOVERNMENT IN WEST GERMANY

JAN. 17, (IPS) — THE RULING WEST GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SPD) LOST ITS CONTROL OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF LOWER SAXONY JAN. 15 WHEN ONE SPD STATE PARLIAMENTARIAN VOTED AGAINST HIS OWN PARTY, AND THREE OTHER SPD PARLIAMENTARIANS ABSTAINED FROM VOTING DURING BALLOTING FOR A NEW LOWER SAXONY MINISTER-PRESIDENT. AS A RESULT OF THESE DEFECTIONS IN THE SPD RANKS, AN OPPOSITION CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (CDU) PARLIAMENTARIAN, ALBRECHT, WAS ELECTED MINISTER-PRESIDENT OVER THE SPD CANDIDATE KASIMIER. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN THE 30-YEAR HISTORY OF LOWER SAXONY THAT IT HAS NOT HAD AN SPD GOVERNMENT.

THE VOTE WAS PROMPTED BY THE EXPECTED RETIREMENT OF FORMER SPD MINISTER-PRESIDENT KUBEL.

THE IMMEDIATE RESULT OF THIS CHANGE IS THAT THE SPD WILL

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LOSE A SEAT ON THE FEDERAL INTERPARLIAMENTARY MEDIATION COMMITTEE TO THE CDU, GIVING THE CDU A ONE-VOTE MAJORITY ON THAT BODY. SINCE THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE VOTES ON ALL LEGISLATION IN THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT, A CDU GOVERNMENT IN LOWER SAXONY CAN PARALYZE THE FEDERAL SPD-FREE DEMOCRAT (FDP) COALITION FROM PASSING ANY LEGISLATION.

YESTERDAY'S FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU QUOTED AN SPD'ER WHO FLATLY CHARGED THAT ATLANTICIST SPD AGENT PETER VON OERTZEN, LOWER SAXONY EDUCATION MINISTER, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TOPPLING OF THE SPD GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE HE REFUSED TO ENCOURAGE KUBEL TO STAY ON AT LEAST UNTIL ELECTIONS, WHICH WOULD HAVE AVOIDED THE JAN. 15 PARLIAMENTARY VOTE. ANOTHER ATLANTICIST AGENT, FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS, HAS ALREADY CALLED FOR A CDU-FDP COALITION GOVERNMENT IN LOWER SAXONY, BUT HIS CALL WAS ABSOLUTELY REJECTED BY THE CDU LOWER SAXONY PARLIAMENTARY PRESIDENT, HERMANN MUELLER, WHO WAS RECENTLY A VICTIM OF A TERRORIST ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.

THE NEW CDU MINISTER-PRESIDENT IN LOWER SAXONY NOW HAS 30 DAYS IN WHICH TO FORM A CABINET THAT CAN WIN A PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY.

ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON BRITISH INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS

JAN. 17 (IPS) -- UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ASSASSINATE BRITISH INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL OPERATING UNDERCOVER AS "CIVIL SERVANTS" IN NORTHERN IRELAND. ACCORDING TO A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN THE JAN. 15 LONDON TIMES, A TWELVE-POUND BOMB WAS PLANTED ON THE DOORSTEP OF WILLIAM COLFER, A SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT, SAID TO BE A SECURITY ADVISOR TO NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY MERLYN REES. COLFER'S NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON ANY CIVIL SERVICE LIST CONSULTED BY THE LONDON TIMES.

THE BOMB WAS TIMED TO GO OFF DURING A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PERSONNEL BEING HELD IN COLFER'S HOME JAN. 5. IT WAS DEFUSED BY ARMY EXPERTS, BUT REPORTS IN THE JAN. 14 EDITION OF THE DUBLIN-BASED IRISH INDEPENDENT, INDICATE THAT THE ATTACK, BLAMED ON THE IRA, HAD COME WITHIN INCHES OF WIPING OUT WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS A "WAR CABINET."

REPORTS OF THE ATTEMPTED ATTACKS ON CIVILIAN SECURITY ADVISORS WERE SUPPRESSED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR TEN DAYS, DURING WHICH TIME THE COVERT SPECIAL AIR SERVICES WERE DEPLOYED TO NORTHERN IRELAND.

INTERVIEWS REVEAL STRONG DEBT MORATORIUM SENTIMENT IN ITALY

ROME, JAN. 17 (IPS) -- IPS INTERVIEWS WITH LEADING ITALIAN FINANCIAL FIGURES THIS WEEK REVEALED THAT THERE IS SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FOR PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEBT MORATORIA AND FORMATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK IN ITALY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR ENI, THE GIANT STATE-OWNED PETROCHEMICAL CORPORATION STATED: "MORATORIUM IS A LAWFUL SOLUTION, AND IT WOULD BE ACTUALLY NECESSARY TO REPLACE THE DOLLAR FINANCIAL SYSTEM WITH A

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SYSTEM BASED ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT."

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BANCA NAZIONALE DEL LAVORO COMMENTED ON THE DEBT MORATORIUM/INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK PROPOSAL WHICH IS BEING PUSHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CAUCUS OF LABOR COMMITTEES BY SAYING: "SURE, IN THIS SENSE IT (A MORATORIUM) IS FULLY POSSIBLE. A MORATORIUM DEPENDS ON HOW IT IS DONE."

CALLS TO A NUMBER OF SMALL LOCAL BANKS IN ROME ALSO REVEALED WIDESPREAD DISCUSSION OF DEBT MORATORIUM PROPOSALS.

II. ANGOLA

SOUTH AFRICANS ANNOUNCE ANTI-COMMUNIST BLOC IN AFRICA

JAN. 17 (IPS) — THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER'S NATIONALIST PARTY, AND THE STATE-OWNED RADIO IN SOUTH AFRICA HAVE SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICY OF DETENTE WITH ANTI-COMMUNIST BLACK AFRICAN NATIONS HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT MEETING ON ANGOLA OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU). THE OAU MEETING NARROWLY FAILED TO RECOGNIZE THE MPLA GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA, WITH THE 46 NATION ORGANIZATION SPLIT EVENLY BETWEEN SUPPORTERS OF THE MPLA, AND SUPPORTERS OF A COMPROMISE "COALITION" PROPOSAL BACKED BY U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER.

ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S WASHINGTON POST, THE TRANSVAALER, THE NEWSPAPER OF THE RULING PARTY SAYS THERE IS AN IMPLICIT ALLIANCE BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE ANTI-MPLA COUNTRIES "IN AN ANTI-COMMUNIST BLOC IN AFRICA."

ACCORDING TO THE POST, INFORMED SOUTH AFRICAN SOURCES BELIEVE THEIR TROOPS FIGHTING IN ANGOLA ARE AN IMPORTANT BARGAINING CHIP IN KISSINGER'S NEW EFFORT TO FORCE A SOVIET/CUBAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA.

ETHIOPIA 23RD AFRICAN COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE PRA

JAN. 17 (IPS) — ETHIOPIA BECAME THE 23RD AFRICAN COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE RECOGNIZED THE LUANDA-BASED GOVERNMENT TO 44, WORLD-WIDE.

III. UNITED STATES

STEVENSON BACKING SHRIVER CAMPAIGN

CHICAGO, JAN. 17 (IPS) — INFORMED SOURCES HAVE REVEALED THAT SEN. ADLAI STEVENSON III (D.-ILL.) IS NOW SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN OF SARGENT SHRIVER, AND INDICATED THAT A MAJOR COMMITMENT

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HAS BEEN MADE BY THE TRADITIONAL STEVENSON WING OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO THE SHRIVER CANDIDACY. THE SOURCES CITED A MAJOR GEARING UP OF THE SHRIVER ILLINOIS CAMPAIGN APPARATUS WHICH HAS BROUGHT IN LIZ FORAN, THE DAUGHTER OF A FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY AND PROMINENT ILLINOIS DEMOCRAT, AS CAMPAIGN MANAGER, ALONG WITH MAJOR PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRMS THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY HANDLED THE STEVENSON FAMILY CAMPAIGNS.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH IPS, MS. FORAN STATED THAT MR. SHRIVER IS "CONCERNED" THAT THE MIDDLE EAST "COULD BLOW UP ANY DAY" INTO A U.S.-SOVIET CONFRONTATION.

LOS ANGELES TIMES BLASTS FRIEDMAN ROLE IN CHILE

JAN. 17 (IPS) — THE LOS ANGELES TIMES DENOUNCED THE HARDLINE ECONOMIC POLICY WHICH ECONOMIST MILTON FRIEDMAN MAPPED OUT FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN CHILE IN AN EDITORIAL THIS WEEK.

THE EDITORIAL, ENTITLED "OVER THE BRINK," STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE "TEXTBOOK COLD TURKEY" AUSTERITY POLICY NOW IN FORCE UNDER THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT OF GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET. NOTING THAT THE ENTIRE PLAN WAS DRAWN UP BY FRIEDMAN AND HIS TOP AIDE ARNOLD HARBURGER, THE EDITORIAL STATES: "THE DRACONIAN MEASURES...TO COMBAT INFLATION HAVE ENACTED A DREADFUL TOLL IN HUMAN MISERY—AND PERHAPS SOWN THE SEEDS OF A MARXIST COMEBACK."

THE EDITORIAL ALSO WARNS OF INDUSTRIALISTS' FEARS OF BANKRUPTCIES DUE TO THE MASSIVE LAYOFFS, PRODUCTION CUTBACKS, AND RELATED AUSTERITY MOVES IN CHILE.

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