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COMBINED NEWS ROUND-UP
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I. MIDDLE EAST

PRIME MINISTER KARAMI RESIGNS, GOVERNMENT IN LEBANON COLLAPSES

NEW YORK JAN. 18 (IPS)--LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER KARAMI ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION TODAY, OFFICIALLY DISSOLVING THE GOVERNMENT ACCORDING TO WINS RADIO HERE.

KARAMI MADE THE DECISION TO RESIGN AFTER RIGHT-WING FALANGISTS LAUNCHED A FEROCIOUS ATTACK WHICH SACKED AND BURNED THE MOSLEM DISTRICT OF KARANTINA NORTH OF BEIRUT ONLY HOURS AFTER THE PRIME MINISTER CONCLUDED A TENTATIVE CEASE-FIRE BETWEEN THE LEFTIST-PALESTINIAN FORCES AND THE FASCIST FALANGE. KARAMI NOTED THAT THE FIGHTING ESCALATED JUST WHEN A SOLUTION WAS NEAR, AS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE.

KARAMI ALSO CITED ATTACKS BY THE LEBANESE AIR FORCE ON PALESTINIAN CAMPS AND FORCES, SAYING THAT SINCE ALL DOORS TO PEACE ARE NOW CLOSED THE ONLY THING HE COULD DO WAS RESIGN. THE AIR FORCE ATTACKS WERE CARRIED OUT ON ORDERS OF A SUBORDINATE OF KARAMI, WHO HAD EXPLICITLY DENIED PERMISSION FOR SUCH ATTACKS.

KARAMI WHO HAD CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED INTERVENTION OF THE CHRISTIAN LED ARMY AS WELL AS RAND COOPERATION PLANS FOR PARTITION OF THE COUNTRY INTO SEPARATE CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM STATES. HIS EXIT IS EXPECTED TO LEAD TO AN ARMY INTERVENTION AND A NEW ESCALATION IN THE FIGHTING.

WINS COMMENTATORS SPECULATED THAT WHAT REMAINS OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOW BE COMPLETELY IN THE HANDS OF PRESIDENT SULEIMAN FRANJIEH WHO IS UNDER PRESSURE TO COMMIT THE ARMY TO JOIN FORCES WITH THE FALANGE FROM RIGHT-WING INTERIOR MINISTER CAMILLE CHAMOUN.

CBS REPORTS BEIRUT FEARFUL OF "IMPENDING INTERNATIONAL EXPLOSION"

JAN. 18 (IPS)--A CBS REPORTER IN BEIRUT TODAY SAID THAT THE ESCALATION OF FIGHTING IN LEBANON IS "RAISING FEARS OF AN INTERNATIONAL EXPLOSION."

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL KUGLHEIM HAS WARNED THE LEADERS OF ALL SIDES IN THE LEBANESE FIGHTING THAT A CONTINUATION OF HOSTILITIES WOULD "LEAD TO A WAR BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL".

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IN WHAT DIPLOMATIC SOURCES CITED BY CBS TERMED "A WARNING TO SYRIA NOT TO INTERVENE," ISRAEL HAS STARTED TO INCREASE ITS FORCES AT THE NORTHERN LEBANESE BORDER.

"IT IS AN UNSTABLE, UNPREDICTABLE AND DANGEROUS STATE OF AFFAIRS," THE CBS COMMENTATOR CONCLUDES.

WASH. POST SAYS PALESTINIAN UNITS NOW FIGHTING IN LEBANON

JAN. 18 (IPS)—WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT JONATHAN RANDAL REPORTS TODAY FROM BEIRUT THAT SYRIAN-BASED COMMANDO UNITS OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) ARE NOW ENGAGED IN HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR THE EASTERN LEBANESE TOWN OF ZAHLE.

"IN THE PAST THE PALESTINIANS HAVE CONTENTED THEMSELVES WITH CRUCIAL, BUT OUTWARDLY DISCREET, ROLE OF ORGANIZING AND ARMING THEIR LEFTIST LEBANESE ALLIES," RANDAL WRITES. HE INDICATES THAT THE PLO INVOLVEMENT IN THE FIGHTING IS THE RESULT OF PROVOCATIONS AND POOR HANDLING OF THE SITUATION AND IS NOT SIMPLY THE FAULT OF PLO LEADERS FOR THE INTERVENTION AS THE RIGHT WING HAS CHARGED.

RANDAL PORTRAYS PLO LEADER YASSER ARAFAT AS SEEKING TO CONTROL PALESTINIAN INTERVENTION BUT INDICATES THAT THE SITUATION IS SO UNSTABLE THAT HE IS HAVING GREAT DIFFICULTY IN COORDINATING PALESTINIAN RESPONSE TO PROVOCATIONS.

PALESTINIAN FORCES CROSS INTO LEBANON FROM SYRIA

NEW YORK, JAN. 18 (IPS)—SOURCES IN TEL AVIV ARE REPORTING THAT REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ARMY, THE FIGHTING FORCE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, ARE ENTERING LEBANON FROM SYRIA, ACCORDING TO WINS RADIO HERE.

ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF REINFORCEMENTS WAS REPORTED TO BE SMALL, THIS COMES AMID RECENT WARNINGS FROM ISRAEL THAT ISRAELI FORCES WOULD GO TO WAR IF SYRIA INTERVENED INTO THE LEBANESE CRISIS.

LEBANESE CRISIS PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN, BALT. SUN CHARGES

JAN. 18 (IPS)—BALTIMORE SUN CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL PARKS CHARGES THAT THE CURRENT FIGHTING IN LEBANON IS PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO A SECRET PLAN WORKED OUT BY PRESIDENT SULEIMAN FRANJIEH AND INTERIOR MINISTER CAMILLE CHAMOUN AND OTHER RIGHT-WING CHRISTIAN LEADERS.

THESE LEADERS REPORTEDLY REJECTED PROPOSALS FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION WITH A LOOSE MOSLEM-LEFT-PALESTINIAN ALLIANCE AND INSTEAD DECIDED TO GO ON AN OFFENSIVE. THE OFFENSIVE, PARKS RE-

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PORTS, IS PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO: PROVOKE LARGE NUMBERS OF PALESTINIANS TO JOIN THE FIGHTING SETTING UP A SITUATION WHICH WOULD PROMPT A LEBANESE ARMY INTERVENTION ON THE SIDE OF THE CHRISTIANS; SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE RIGHT-WING CHRISTIANS WOULD STEP UP THEIR DRIVE TO DE FACTO PARTITION LEBANON INTO MOSLEM AND CHRISTIAN CANTONS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

THE RECENT PROVOCATIVE LEBANESE AIR FORCE ATTACKS ON MOSLEM FORCES HAVE BROUGHT THE COUNTRY CLOSER THAN EVER BEFORE TO CIVIL WAR, PARKS REPORTS. IT IS NOW INCREASINGLY LIKELY THAT THE NEXT PHASE OF THE PLAN WILL BE CARRIED OUT, THAT THE ARMY WILL SOON BE FIGHTING AGAINST PALESTINIAN COMMANDO UNITS.

TRADITIONAL LEADERS ARE INCREASINGLY LOSING THEIR INFLUENCE, OBSERVES PARKS. HE CONCLUDES THAT WHETHER LEBANON CAN CONTINUE TO EXIST AS A COUNTRY CAN ONLY NOW BE ANSWERED BY THE SYRIANS AND ISRAELIS.

JEWISH LEADER SCOPES POLITICS OF THE WORLD JEWISH COMMUNITY

JAN. 18 (IPS)—NAHUM GOLDMAN, FORMER HEAD OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, HAS CHARGED THAT "PRESENT POLITICAL POLICIES" OF THE WORLD JEWISH COMMUNITY IMPERILED ITS SURVIVAL BY THEIR FAILURE TO COPE WITH THE "NEW POLITICAL REALITIES" EMERGING IN THE WORLD.

IN A SPEECH TO THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, REPORTED IN TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES, GOLDMAN CRITICIZED THE JEWISH COMMUNITY'S POLITICAL METHODS AS LACKING "LONG-RANGE INITIATIVES IN DEALING WITH THE DEVELOPING THREATS OF THE THIRD WORLD AND COMMUNIST BLOCS." HE URGED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JEWISH CONTACT WITH THIRD WORLD NATIONS. HE ALSO ASSERTED THAT PROBLEMS WITH THE SOVIETS OVER EMIGRATION SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAMPER RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS, CALLING FOR THE JEWISH LEADERSHIP TO REASSESS ITS POLITICAL APPROACHES. YOU CAN HAVE DIALOGUE WHILE MAINTAINING "A STRONG POSTURE OF PROTEST," MAINTAINED GOLDMAN.

II. FACTIONAL MOVES

WASHINGTON POST ATTACKS BURNS FOR REBUFFING CONGRESS ON ARAB DEPOSITS DISCLOSURES

WASHINGTON, JAN. 18 (IPS)—IN YET ANOTHER FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE ON THE INCOMPETENCE OF THE FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING THE NATION'S DANGEROUSLY ILLIQUID BANKING SYSTEM, THE WASHINGTON POST TODAY ATTACKS FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN ARTHUR BURNS FOR REFUSING TO DISCLOSE DATA ON FOREIGNERS' DEPOSITS WITH SPECIFIC U.S. BANKS. BURNS HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO DO SO LAST FALL BY SEN. FRANK CHURCH'S (D-IDA.) SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. EARLIER IN THE WEEK THE POST REVEALED THAT KUWAIT WAS THE LARGEST SINGLE

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DEPOSITOR IN THE ROCKEFELLER-CONTROLLED CHASE MANHATTAN BANK.

ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON POST, BURNS EXPLAINED HIS ACTION BY SAYING HE HAD "INDICATIONS" THERE WOULD BE LARGE WITHDRAWALS IF THE INFORMATION WAS DISCLOSED. THE FEDERAL RESERVE IS REPORTED ONLY TO BE READY TO DISCLOSE DEPOSITS DATA BY GROUPS OF SIX OR MORE BANKS FOR TWO GROUPS OF OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS—ARAB AND NON-ARAB.

AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE OTHER POST REVELATIONS WHICH WERE AIMED AT KNOCKING OUT THE ROCKEFELLER-CONTROLLED CHASE MANHATTAN AND CITIBANK, THE LATEST ARTICLE IS BASED ON OLD NEWS—I.E., SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED LAST FALL THAT IS BEING DRAGOED UP NOW FOR FACTIONAL REASONS. THE ARTICLE IS PART OF A COORDINATED CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED THIS WEEK BY EASTERN PATRICIAN BANKING LAYERS LINKED TO THE LEFT AND CENTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO ELIMINATE ROCKEFELLER CONTROL OF THE BANKING SYSTEM AND DISSOLVE THE THREE REGULATORY AGENCIES PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NATION'S BANKING SYSTEM AND REPLACE THEM WITH A SUPER-AGENCY THAT WILL MILITARIZE ALL CREDIT ALLOCATIONS FOR NEW DEAL-TYPE AUSTERITY PROGRAMS.

THE WASHINGTON POST ALONG WITH OTHER PATRICIAN-LINKED MEDIA OUTLETS HAS WAGED AN UNINTERRUPTED CAMPAIGN OVER THE LAST WEEK TO DENOUNCE AND DISCREDIT THE FEDERAL BANK EXAMINER'S OFFICE, THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY'S OFFICE AND THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR ITS MISMANAGEMENT OF BANKING ACTIVITIES.

TIMES URGES BANKS TO FULLY DISCLOSE THEIR ACTIVITIES

JAN. 18 (IPS)—THE NEW YORK TIMES URGED IN AN EDITORIAL TODAY THAT BANKS FULLY DISCLOSE THEIR ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO PROTECT INVESTORS IN BANK SECURITIES. DENYING THAT THERE WAS ANY POSSIBILITY OF A RUN ON THE BANKS DUE TO THESE DISCLOSURES, THE TIMES POINTS OUT BY IMPLICATION THAT SUCH DISCLOSURES ARE THE ONLY WAY THE BANKS CAN CLEAR UP THE CLIMATE AND RAISE EQUITY CAPITAL THEY DESPERATELY NEED.

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