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WEST GERMAN BANKER ENDORSES PLAGUE AS POPULATION CONTROL

FRANKFURT, W. Germany, April 8 (IPS)—Wilhelm Marx, a partner at the investment bank of Sal Oppenheim, Jr., said today that "perhaps epidemics are the only solution to overpopulation. It's a biological fact." Asked about the potential for the spread of plague to Frankfurt from Rangoon via Singapore and London, Marx replied, "very clear. Men need self-control. And then nature can help itself."

Marx also complained that "Europe is not prepared to coordinate economic and conjunctural policies.. The only way is everyone on his own." He predicted that "There will only be (market) readjustment and realignments, after some floating (of currencies). Then there will be a new level of cooperation."

WALL STREET LAUNCHES NEW ASSAULT ON EUROPEAN CURRENCIES-- DOLLAR FACES PERIL

NEW YORK, April 8 (IPS)--New York banks began dumping the pound sterling and the Italian lira today in a renewed assault aimed at forcing devaluations of European currencies. The new assault that saw the pound drop to 1.83 dollars at one point despite Bank of England intervention, and the lira fall to 872.5 to the dollar, comes after admissions by New York banking spokesmen, State department officials and other prominent Atlanticists, that the only way they can impose austerity in Europe is via currency devaluations.

Most traders agreed that if this latest currency assault does not result in the "realignment" of the European currency snake, then there will be a full-blown dollar crisis by Easter, April 18. Italian bankers in New York denied rumours spread by New York banks today that Italian banks were dumping the lira in anticipation that the Moro government will collapse tonight. They insisted that it was the U.S. banks who were dumping the lira.

Traders in New York said that this latest assault on European currencies will see the pound drop to the 1.80 dollar level this week, and that the lira will fall to 1000 per dollar if the Italian Communist Party is included in a new government. They said that the ultimate aim of the currency war was to create a new French franc crisis (the French franc has strengthened since its 5 per cent devaluation last month) that will allow President Giscard to have a free hand in imposing "needed austerity" in France.

WEST GERMAN ATLANTICISTS PRESS LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN AGAINST DEMOCRACY

April 8 (IPS)--The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, West Germany's leading Atlanticist newspaper, has launched an editorial campaign against democratic government. In an editorial entitled "After Us, the Deluge," Arno Surminski today put forward the following criticism of democracy: "Most decisions in a democratic state are of an economic nature. A democratic majority decision in the population would have as its results: higher wages, price control, shorter work days, increased social expenditure, higher pensions and less taxation... Raw materials would be consumed at once, without thinking about the future," As opposed to democracy, Surminski contends, "The appreciation that it is necessary to sacrifice for future generations was the basis for great achievements in the past."

Surminski concludes by calling upon West German politicians to implement unpopular legislation despite the October federal elections. On April 3, the Frankfurter Allgemeine lead editorial speculated that the imposition of totalitarian governments may be necessary to pull Europe through its present crisis.

SWISS BANKER SAYS NY BANKS CANNOT CONTAIN U.S. WORKING CLASS

ZURICH, April 8 (IPS)--A Well-informed Swiss banking source said today that the New York Atlanticist banking community could not contain anti-austerity ferment among U.S. workers. "New York can't survive," he said, "they've got the teamsters, the railway workers and others...The dollar is a strong currency, but,... the Mideast, Rhodesia, Cuba." The source also predicted that "there will be revaluation of the deutschemark no matter what."

WEST GERMAN ATLANTICIST: SOVIETS UNDER CONTROL

April 8 (IPS)--In an article in the latest issue of Die Zeit, the NATO-oriented West German weekly, Richard Lowenthal, an overtly CIA-linked West German professor who was instrumental in launching Willy Brandt as a postwar Social Democratic leader, cites the Soviet leadership's willingness to accept a defeat in Portugal as evidence of Soviet openness to a bargain exchanging "economic cooperation" for Soviet passivity toward police-state Atlanticist austerity in Western Europe. Stating that a majority of the Soviet leadership supports such a passive Soviet posture, Lowenthal suggests that the Vienna and SALT arms talks can be used to further encourage the Soviet leadership to sustain the illusion of bargaining, and laments that the only obstacle to this arrangement is the weakness of the U.S. government.

WEST GERMAN GOV'T CONTINUES MOVES TOWARDS WAR IN ONE YEAR

April 8(IPS)--The West German government undertook two measures yesterday aimed at significantly increasing that country's readiness for war in the immediate future. According to Voice of the German

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Democratic Republic radio, the Federal parliament passed the largest military budget in West German history, while the right-wing daily Die Welt played up the fact today that yesterday's Federal Cabinet resolved to issue military contracts for the production of 807 planes under the NATO-wide MRCA project.

Both of these decisions were reached following the visit to Bonn of U.S. Under Secretary of Defense Daniel Ellsworth, who met with the Cabinet on April 6 and West German Defense Minister Georg Leber on April 7.

SOVIETS WARN U.S. AGAINST INTERVENTION IN LEBANON

April 8 (IPS)-- An authoritative commentary in the Soviet newspaper Pravda today warned the U.S. against any military intervention in Lebanon. The article expressed particular concern at the presence of ships of the U.S. Sixth Fleet offshore, and the call of Senator Henry Jackson (D-Wash) to land the U.S. Marines in Lebanon. "The danger of another outburst, fraught with still graver consequences for Lebanon and for the entire Middle East, has not yet been eliminated," Pravda said.

CZECHS ATTACK FORD SPEECH, U.S. DESIRE FOR "WORLD DOMINATION"

April 8 (IPS)--The Czechoslovak daily Rude Pravo responded sharply to President Ford's remarks at his recent press conference in Milwaukee on U.S. desire to "free" the peoples of Eastern Europe. In a commentary April 5, the paper said that Ford's statements reveal U.S. pretensions vis-a-vis Eastern Europe, and the desire of U.S. imperialism to achieve world domination. Ford would like to recreate the pre-war situation of imperialist domination of the countries of Eastern Europe, said Rude Pravo, but this will never happen, since these countries have broken with capitalism forever, though they desire normal relations with capitalist countries.

FRENCH GAULLISTS DEPLOY TO MIDDLE EAST

Paris, April 8 (IPS)--Leaders and representatives of the French Gaullist Party, the UDR, deployed to the middle east this week, notably into the hot Lebanese situation:

* Bernard Loth, secretary of the Gaullist "Union of Youth for Progress", is going to Syria on Monday where he will warn Syrian leaders against a military intervention into Lebanon. Informed sources have said that Loth privately denounces the Assad regime for supporting the fascist U.S.-backed Falangists and that he is known to be acting in consultation with key Gaullist "barons."

* Gaullist diplomat Georges Gorse is also going to Lebanon this week. While officially Gorse is being sent on this mission by French President Giscard d'Estaing, he stated in an interview in

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Le Monde today that he is not going in order to mediate the dispute, but to "gather information" pertinent to a peaceful settlement.

* Former French Foreign Minister and independent Gaullist Michel Jobert is reportedly now in Kuwait.

FORMER GAULLIST MINISTER CALLS FOR THIRD WORLD AGRI DEVELOPMENT, DEBT MORATORIA

PARIS April 8 (IPS)--In a speech at the Higher Institute of Trade here last night, former Gaullist Minister of Agriculture Edgar Pisani called for a program of agricultural development for the Third World.

Pisani warned that "we are entering a period of strategic domination by the U.S." in food production which "they plan to use as a strategic weapon."

He specifically targetted "that genius-gangster" Kissinger as being the master-mind of this food control policy, emphasizing that "I mean what I say about Kissinger. Anybody can challenge me on this."

The former Minister called for the development of the Ganges river area in India and the Mekong Delta, repeatedly noting that the major barrier to high technology development of agriculture is the Third World's inability to pay. He added that "Top priority must be given to the formation of technicians to improve agriculture and spare immense waste. There must be a fundamental modification of mentality and capacity to rapidly acquire new technologies." In response to a question, Pisani stated that he agreed with the necessity for a moratorium on Third World debts. The meeting which Pisani addressed was attended by many political figures from the UDR (Gaullist) party, Atlanticist President Giscard d'Estaing's Independent Republicans and the Socialist Party of which Pisani is now a member.

GAULLIST PARTY LEADER TO RESIGN, POWER PLAY UNDER WAY

PARIS April 8 (IPS)--Andre Bord, the General Secretary of the French Gaullist UDR Party will resign tomorrow from this post, according to various sources here. According to the French state-controlled radio today, arch-Atlanticist and supporter of French President Giscard, Albin Chalandon is expected to be nominated in his place. As the daily Quotidien de Paris notes "this designation (of Chalandon) would go without problems if he hadn't recently expressed ideas on Europe and Atlanticism which are far from Gaullist Orthodoxy."

Sources report that former minister Chaban-Delmas will propose an alternate candidate for the UDR leadership at tomorrow's Party executive meeting. The alternate candidate is expected to come from among the so-called Gaullist barons, the handful of close associates of the late General De Gaulle, who for months have been vying against Giscard's Prime Minister, C Chirac for control of the UDR.

LONDON TIMES EDITOR SAYS HEALEY BUDGET WAS BEST HE COULD DO "WITHOUT AUTHORITARIAN POWERS"

APRIL 8 (IPS) -- Calling British Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey's new Budget strategy a bigger gamble than "stern economists would approve," London Times Economics Editor Peter Jay wrote yesterday that "to get Britain on its feet again without authoritarian powers requires an extraordinary combination of realism and hope." Jay grudgingly endorsed Healey's 3 percent wage bargain as "the only fully rational figure," saying that it has offered "the only route that our democracy would be willing to take."

FORD TAKES TWO STEPS TO COOL MIDEAST

April 8 (IPS) -- President Ford announced two actions over the last two days aimed at reducing the threat of a war breaking out over the Lebanese crisis.

Ford today announced that under no circumstances would the U.S. send troops to Lebanon. The Administration had previously refused to rule out such action. The Ford statement came only hours after the publication in Pravda, the Soviet daily, of a warning against any U.S. military adventures in the Middle East.

After a National Security Council meeting yesterday, Ford had said that he would veto a bill providing Israel with increased military aid. The bill, backed by Secretary of State Kissinger and Senator Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn), would give Israel and additional 500 million dollars this year. Both actions by the President were widely reported in the U.S. press.

ASSAD UNDER INCREASING THREAT FROM IRAQ, REPORTS WASHINGTON POST

April 8 (IPS) -- Syrian President Assad "is risking his life by intervening in Lebanon--and Iraq is doing everything in its power to hasten his downfall," Washington Post correspondent Jonathon Randall reports today from Baghdad.

In an article titled, "Iraq: Implacable, Open Enemy of Syria's Assad," Randall claims that Iraqi leaders expect Assad to collapse "under the weight of its growing contradictions" The Iraqis estimate, Randal reports, that Assad could not "remain a single week" in power without making certain "opportunistic" deals. The Syrian president's recent growing ties with the Hussein regime in Jordan and his "deepening involvement in Lebanon" demonstrate to Iraqi observers, that he is "a man desperately seeking to survive despite inescapable dilemmas facing him," Randall concludes.

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FRISCO SUPERVISORS MAP VOTE FRAUD TO BREAK
MUNICIPAL WORKERS' STRIKE

San Francisco, April 8 (IPS)--The San Francisco Board of Supervisors last night announced that they intend to put the question of a wage increase for the city's striking municipal workers on the ballot in June. All voting in San Francisco is counted by computers. Under the proposed scheme, the Board could fake a "voter authorized" low wage rate for city workers by duplicating the vote fraud under which they were able to win "passage" of Proposition B, the fascist law which mandates wage cuts for the striking workers, last November.

Central Labor Council leaders, who on Tuesday passed a resolution authorizing a general strike, have indicated that they consider the Supervisors' suggestion unacceptable. Thus far, no date has been set for the general strike.

Strike action is continuing. Despite press accounts indicating that the municipal bus drivers were planning to go back to work, the drivers today reiterated their support for the strikers by voting to stay off the job.

SENATORS ATTACK 2 BILLION DOLLAR SLAVE LABOR PLAN TO FLU VACCINE BILL

April 8 (IPS)--The Senate Appropriations Committee approved amendments today that attacked 1.3 billion dollars in appropriations for slave labor public works projects in riders to President Ford's 135 million dollar flu vaccine bill. President Ford would normally be expected to veto such public works spending. The riders were attached by the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor and Public Welfare.

According to a subcommittee staffer, the amendments would provide 1.2 billion dollars for 310,000 jobs under Titles II and VI of the CEIA program, 528.5 million dollars for youth employment, and 60 million dollars for jobs for the "elderly." The offices of SEns. William Proxmire (D-Wis) and Richard Schweiker (D-Pa) both subcommittee members, both denied knowing the origin of the amendments. Schweiker recently introduced a bill that would provide 4 billion dollars for the Opportunities Industrial Centers slave labor program.

BANKERS SEEK TO INSURE REPAYMENT OF NEW YORK DEBT AS FIRST
PRIORITY OUT OF STATE REVENUES

April 8 (IPS)--The Bank of America has agreed to purchase 100 million dollars in short-term New York State notes provided the State fulfill three conditions and give the banks first lien on state revenues. The first requirement -- legislation which would set aside and impound incoming revenues "sufficient to repay notes holders" -- was passed last night in the State Assembly by a vote of 36 to 49, the New York times reported today. The Bank has also demanded a pledge by the Governor and State Legislative leaders

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to "forestall any proposal to legislate a moratorium" on the payment of notes and an "insurance program" for State Housing Authority notes, which over the State has come near to defaulting on several times over the last year.

Several Republicans charged that the bill passed last night --which would impound incoming revenues -- was a "gold-plated rip-off" by the banks, according to press accounts.

BURGER INITIATES NEW ATTACK ON COURT SYSTEM

April 8 (IPS)--Chief Justice Warren Burger yesterday called for taking much civil litigation out of the courts and handing it over to "arbitration tribunals." Such panels would consist of either "three representative citizens" or two non-lawyers and one lawyer or law-trained citizen, who would be given "final and unreviewable authority" to decide cases. Burger motivated his proposal by commenting that many judicial procedures are "fitted to rural, agrarian society" and said that "we must probe for fundamental changes and major overhaul rather than simply 'tinkering', " in the judicial system. The Chief Justice made his remarks to "The National Conference on the Causes of Popular Dissatisfaction with the Administration of Justice" in St. Paul yesterday.

ERDA FILES REVEAL SUPPRESSION OF FUSION RESEARCH

Washington, D.C., April 8 (IPS)--In compliance with a Freedom of Information Act request, the United States Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) this week released portions of its files pertaining to fusion energy research and those of its predecessor agency, the Atomic Energy Commission, to fusion research pioneer Dr. Louis Gold. The documents, which are incomplete and have substantial deletions, nonetheless contain sufficient evidence to substantiate Dr. Gold's charges that his early work on controlled fusion in the 1940's and '50's was sabotaged and suppressed by the AEC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that at the same time he was made the victim of totally unjustified McCarthy-style blacklisting. One leading AEC scientist in the documents is quoted as stating "that he believes Gold knows he has been given the run-around but probably does not know how much he really was run around."

Dr. Gold in conjunction with the U.S. Labor Party plans further moves to seek the release of the complete ERDA and AEC files, together with FBI files on him which are referred to in the AEC documents but none of which were released, including one document identified as "Cy FBI report - Secret - 1-23-54." Dr. Gold is also considering other legal action on the basis of these documents.

KISSINGER SAYS SCHORR GOT "BUM RAP", SAYS SO AFTER CONGRESSIONAL LEAKER

April 8 (IPS)--Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told CBS reporter Daniel Schorr that he got a bum rap as a result of his House Intelligence Committee leak to the Village Voice. Mr. Kissinger

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said that the activities of the Ethics Committee should focus on investigating Congressmen to find the person who leaked the report rather than on Schorr. "I think you got a bum rap, especially since the essence of the report had already leaked before the report was published," Mr. Kissinger said. "The blame should fall on whoever leaked the report, not on the journalist who received it," Kissinger told Schorr. Mr. Kissinger made the statements at a dinner last Saturday night, according to today's Washington Post.

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PERUVIAN CP WARS OF RIGHTWING COUP MANEUVERS

April 8 (IPS)--The Peruvian Communist Party yesterday warned that Peruvian President Francisco Morales Bermudez was making a grave error by abandoning the struggle against Imperialism and instead blaming the working class for the economic crisis.

The statement warns that in conjunction with a parade of imperialist representatives "who have marched through one by one to impose all sorts of pressures against Peru, the right has turned violently aggressive and is undertaking a containment maneuver against the government from both the inside and outside of the regime."

"The right feels encouraged by certain formulations made in the recent speech of President Morales Bermudez..The solution is not to march backwards, the solution is not giving concessions to the right."

Morales Bermudez "erred" in not attributing Peru's bad economic condition to the "enormous and growing foreign debt" and decline of production brought on by the "inherent crisis of the capitalist system," the statement continues. "It is worrying when the analysis of the government doesn't even mention imperialism, nor its active role played against our people." To this the PCP counterposed the necessity of increasing trade with the Socialist camp.

The PCP also attacked Morales Bermudez for arousing "McCarthyite prejudices" in his assertion that worker and popular resistance to austerity and rightwing assaults were caused by a "supposed communist infiltration" in the mass organizations. "Class struggle is not a political tactic," the Peruvian CP states. "It follows the laws of social development...Today Peru is the scene of an extreme sharpening of the class struggle because imperialism and the internal reaction resist yielding to the people and instead launch economic, political and ideological violence against the Peruvian people." The PCP called on the population to energetically combat the "fascist attempts" being made against the government.

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This statement by the Political Commission of the Central Committee of the party--the most militant statement issued by the Party thus far--appeared as a paid ad in yesterday's Lima daily, La Prensa.

ECUADORIAN LABOR CONFEDERATION DENOUNCES U.S. WAR PROVOCATIONS

April 3 (IPS)--The Confederation of Ecuadorian Workers (CTE) has condemned U.S. efforts to provoke military confrontation in South America. According to Prensa Latina, the Cuban wire service, the CTE accused the United States of "imposing fascist regimes and frustrating progressive nationalist regimes by provoking bellicose confrontations among brother nations of the continent." The Communist Party-allied CTE also denounced the U.S. as "aiming to free Pinochet's bloody regime (the fascist government of Chile) from its international isolation," and called on the Ecuadorian Supreme Council to condemn the fascist military government of Chile.

ECHEVERRIA CALLS FOR "CHEAPER CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY AND WITHOUT POLITICAL PRESSURES"

April 3 (IPS)--Mexican President Luis Echeverria yesterday called for "cheaper capital and technology and without political pressures" as crucial elements in Mexico's fight for development. Echeverria made his statements at a reception in Mexico City yesterday for EEC President Francisco Ortholli.

Before condemning "political pressures" Echeverria outlined how Mexico's extreme dependency on the U.S.--"a great commercial and military power"--"forces us to try to differentiate our ties and markets," and specifically noted the need to increase trade with Europe.

Echeverria's statements were widely covered in today's Mexican press.

MEXICAN GOVERNOR DENOUNCES CAMPAIGN AGAINST PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA

MEXICO CITY, April 3 (IPS)--In response to a right-wing provoked land invasion yesterday which threatens to destroy the wheat harvest in the northern Mexican state of Sonora, the Governor of th state, Alejandro Carrillo Marcor charged that "there is a strange connivance between those who from Monterrey have initiated a ferocious campaign against President Echeverria and these people (the land invaders)." Governor Carrillo made these statements to reporters as he was leaving for a meeting here with President Echeverria.

The rightwing forces in Sonora who strongly oppose Carrillo have launched a black propoganda campaign to force him to resign by circulating the rumor that he was given a ten-day leave

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of absence by the state legislature. The Mexico City daily *Movidas* published this rumor as fact, even suggesting Carrillo's replacement by a rightwing deputy. Governor Carrillo, however, told an interviewer in the local Sonora press that, "No my good friend, I will not resign (because) that is what the landowners would want me to do." The Mexican Ministry of Interior today issued a press release denying that the Sonora governor had been given a leave of absence, and stating that Mr. Carrillo has the full support and confidence of President Echeverria in solving any problem in his state.

MEXICAN LABOR ORGANIZATION STATES SUPPORT FOR NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER

MEXICO CITY April 3 (IPS)--Speaking at the closing ceremony of the Revolutionary Confederation of Workers and Peasants (CROC) here two days ago, Silverio Alvarado, CROC leader, expressed support for Mexican President Luis Echeverria and pledged solidarity with Jose Lopez Portillo, the ruling PRI party's presidential candidate. With Lopez Portillo present, Alvarado stated that "Mexican thought, in the form of international texts of unquestionable and permanent value...the real basis for the creation of a New World Economic Order. A new order which will always have... an objective name: Luis Echeverria Alvarez."

After calling for the unity of workers and peasants, Alvarado pointed out that, "...the working class was the first operative international response to the internationalization of the economies. Precisely because of this, therefore...one cannot live in isolation in our times. We also do not think that we should do without foreign capital and universal technology, because in both cases they can be used to accelerate our development."

Alvarado's statements were reported in the press here yesterday.

COLOMBIAN LIBERALS EXPOSE SECRET POLICE ORCHESTRATION OF POLICE-STUDENT CLASH

April 3 (IPS)--Consuelo de Montejo, the head of the Independent Liberal Movement (MIL) recently exposed how secret policemen were deployed last week to the National University in Bogota to initiate a violent police-student confrontation. The university was temporarily closed down and militarized following the confrontation. The MIL leader also denounced the government and military slanders which claimed that the Colombian left was the initiators of the UN incidents and implied that rightwing sectors want to create the "proper circumstances" for a military coup in the country, according to the April 2 MIL daily, *El Bogotano*.

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