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SYRIAN TROOPS CONTINUE DRIVE TO OCCUPY BEIRUT

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 7 (NSIPS)--Two Syrian columns are presently driving over the mountainous region in central Lebanon with Lebanese and Syrian air cover in efforts to occupy Beirut, according to Armed Forces Network today. A well-informed Arab source disclosed that part of the Syrian invasion force is attempting to cross mountain areas which are heavily fortified by leftists and Palestinians, who today engaged in heavy clashes with the Syrians and are committed to all-out resistance.

Syrian and Lebanese jet fighters are continuing to shell Palestinian camps outside of Beirut and strategic leftist outposts in both northern and southern Lebanon in efforts to contain the left and prevent leftist commandoes from reinforcing the left forces fighting on the front lines in the mountains. PLO sources have disclosed that hundreds of lives have been claimed in the last 24 hours.

LEBANESE LEFT FORMS CENTRAL MILITARY COMMAND AND VOTES TO EXPEL SYRIAN-BACKED SAIIQA OUT OF THE PLO

June 7 (NSIPS)--Eight leftist organizations in Lebanon, including the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Iraqi-allied Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine met yesterday in Beirut to form a Central Military Command, according to the New York Times today. The coalition vowed to fight the Syrian invasion into Lebanon and called for the expulsion of Saiqa, the Syrian-based chapter of the Palestinian guerrillas, from the PLO.

Yesterday afternoon, leftists and Palestinians mounted a major offensive against occupying Saiqa troops in West Beirut, a heavily Muslim-populated area, taking over ten Syrian Ba'ath Party offices and storming the district headquarters of the party.

ARAB COUNTRIES SCHEDULED TO MEET IN CAIRO TO DEBATE SYRIAN LEBANESE INVASION

June 7 (NSIPS)--The Arab League has scheduled a meeting of all Arab countries for June 9 in Cairo to discuss the hotly contested Syrian invasion of Lebanon, following a statement issued yesterday

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ISRAELI THINK TANKER PREDICTS
ALL-OUT SYRIAN SLAUGHTER OF LEBANESE LEFTISTS

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 7 (NSIPS)—A well-informed Israeli think tanker today stated that Israel will only agree to peace talks with the Arabs "if the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) is subdued in Lebanon and Yasser Arafat (the chief of the PLO—ed.) is replaced." He stated that this task is Syria's assigned role in imposing a "settlement in Lebanon. Syria will slaughter enough Lebanese that order will have to be established there...and then there will be no more clashes between Syrians and the PLO." As for Arafat, he will be held up like a stuffed animal." The think tanker said that the next two days will be critical for Syrian President Assad as to whether or not he succeeds in taking Beirut. "If he does...he will have won a fait accompli before the Arab World" and will attend the Arab League meeting scheduled for June 9 in Cairo. Assad will then "have gained control of all the Palestinians," he concluded.

SCENARIOS FOR MIDDLE EAST WAR DETAILED BY WASHINGTON POST

June 7 (NSIPS)—In a provocative feature article in today's Washington Post, Boston Globe correspondent William Beecher described in detail the possible scenarios for a war in the Middle East. Entitled "Old Mideast Foes Plot New War Plan," the article claims that "detailed military and diplomatic plans are being actively prepared and implemented" in the Middle East. "While all military establishments routinely prepare contingency plans," writes Beecher, "such efforts have special urgency and top-level attention in the Middle East, since there is so little faith that diplomacy will soon bring peace."

Beecher "reports": "Egyptian officers have drafted plans and begun military exercises for a strategy based on a sudden deep thrust in the Sinai Desert aimed at no particular geographic points, but simply at maximizing Israeli casualties....(The Northern Front strategy) too is based on the notion that Israel cannot stand a bloody, prolonged war." Beecher notes that Israel is "prepared to pay a heavy price in lives and materiel" and has built up stocks "for at least three weeks of heavy, sustained combat." According to Beecher, Israel has also "reorganized their forces, with separate northern, central and southern commands and planned mobile reserves that could move to any front."

ISRAELIS ACCUSE SYRIA OF "MINOR INFRINGEMENTS" OF "RED LINE,"
BUT STILL CHEER ON SYRIAN ADVANCE

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 7 (NSIPS)—Unnamed "Israeli sources" claimed this weekend that Syria had "infringed" the unofficial "red line" beyond which their Lebanon involvement "risks Israeli intervention," yesterday's Sunday Telegraph of London reports. According to Telegraph reporter A. H. McIlroy, "the violations have been territorial and in the number of troops Assad has been deploying," leading to a "strengthening of Israeli positions along the Syrian and Lebanese frontiers." Further, Israel is "monitoring" the buildup of Syria's "Russian-armed forces," fears that Assad is

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"testing Israeli response" and is "frankly suspicious" of Soviet Mideast diplomatic moves.

While the Israeli sources stressed that actual Syrian violations had so far been minor, McIlroy notes "the fact that it happened at all illustrates the potentially grave threat to Mideast peace of the events in Lebanon."

Along similar lines, London's Sunday Times reports that some Israeli observers see the large-scale Syrian penetration as "fundamentally changing the Mideast status quo" and are calling for a "drastic reappraisal of Israel's policy."

Nonetheless, Israeli officials today stated that the Syrian moves "did not constitute an immediate threat to Israeli security," according to WINS radio in New York, while a U.S. State Department press officer cited Moshe Dayan, leading out-of-government warhawk, as stating that Israel will remain passive "even if Syria takes over Beirut."

MASSACHUSETTS SOLONS SEND LETTER TO KISSINGER URGING QUICK MIDEAST PEACE

June 7 (NSIPS)--U.S. Senators Edward Kennedy and Edward Brooke and six other Massachusetts Congressmen joined in a letter to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger on June 2 stressing the urgency of continued efforts to resolve the crisis in Lebanon, according to the Worcester, Mass., Telegram of June 3.

The letter was drafted by Congressman Silvio Conte (R-Mass), who is chairman of President Ford's Massachusetts campaign committee, and was signed by the two Senators, along with Congressmen Boland, Tsongas, Early, Moakley and Harrington. The latter called it "imperative" to achieve a workable Lebanese ceasefire and halt the flow of ammunition to Lebanon so that peace may be achieved "as quickly as possible."

No other area media reported on the letter.

CARTER CALLS FOR OVERALL MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AND RECOGNITION OF RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS

June 7 (NSIPS)--In a speech yesterday in Elizabeth, N.J., Democratic candidate Jimmy Carter called for "early movement" toward a full and comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East and a shift away from step-by-step diplomacy as practiced by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, according to today's New York Times. Carter accused the Ford Administration of following "an inconsistent, vacillating position on the Middle East" and said, "I favor early movement to a discussion of the outline of an eventual overall settlement." He explained that such a "general" settlement probably "would have to be executed in stages over a period of time" and stated that Palestinian refugees had rights that would have to be respected in a settlement.

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KISSINGER CLAIMS U.S. IS NOT ENGAGED IN NEW MIDEAST PEACE INITIATIVE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 7 (NSIPS)--U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said in remarks to reporters here June 5 that press reports of a new U.S. peace initiative to solve the crisis in the Middle East are "incorrect." Kissinger also said that while "ideas" are being exchanged on the crisis, he saw very little possibility of convening a Geneva peace conference "in the near future."

Kissinger's remarks came in stark contradiction to the stated policy of President Ford, who had stated last week through press spokesman Ron Nessen that he hoped to convene a Geneva conference within two months. Asked if recent charges that he is personally responsible for the increased bloodshed in Lebanon are true and, if so, are his actions designed to sabotage President Ford's peace initiatives, Kissinger claimed that the U.S. government was not consulted about the recent Syrian incursion into Lebanon and that the basic U.S. position is to oppose foreign intervention. Further, Kissinger maintained that he and the President are closely collaborating on the implementation of U.S. foreign policy, which in the Middle East "up to this time has been a step-by-step approach."

Kissinger also claimed that recent press reports quoting his special Mideast envoy L. Dean Brown as criticizing the White House for opposing the Syrian intervention are "sheer nonsense." "I checked with him and he never said any such thing," Kissinger claimed.

KISSINGER THREATENS THIRD WORLD

June 7 (NSIPS)--Speaking in the Dominican Republic on his way to attend the Organization of American States meeting in Chile yesterday, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger praised Dominican Republic President Balaguer for "not feeling ashamed of (his) close ties to the U.S....at a time when the word anti-imperialism is in vogue," according to the Mexican daily El Heraldo today. Kissinger threatened that the raw materials producing countries should not be surprised if the consumer and industrialized nations form counter blocks to blocks formed by the Third World. If such a confrontation does occur, Kissinger said, "the poor countries will get the worst of it."

From the Dominican Republic, Kissinger flew to Bolivia, where he issued a joint statement with Bolivian military dictator Banzer that included U.S. support for Bolivia's campaign to get an access to the Pacific Ocean, according to West German radio today. The sea access question has been used over the past year as a key issue in heating up the Rand Corporation scenario for a so-called Second War of the Pacific targeting the pro-development government of Peru. The question will reportedly be raised when Kissinger arrives in Chile for the OAS meeting, which has already served as a forum for virulent attacks on the Cubans and on supposed Marxist penetration of the continent.

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GROUP OF 77 BACKS ECHEVERRIA DEVELOPMENT CALL AT HABITAT

VANCOUVER, B.C., June 7 (NSIPS)—The Group of 77 developing nations has rejected the pro-genocide draft resolution presented to the United Nations "Habitat" conference here and proposed instead that the conference adopt a document which is based almost entirely on the strong pro-development speech delivered to the conference by Mexican President Luis Echeverria. The Group of 77 declaration places the immediate implementation of the New World Economic Order as the most urgent measure and as the prerequisite to dealing with subsumed problems. It further calls for a new international monetary system, the industrialization of the Third World, a transfer of resources to underdeveloped countries and for immediate nuclear disarmament.

SOVIETS PLAN GOLD MONETARY OFFENSIVE, ROCKEFELLER STRATEGIST SAYS

June 7 (NSIPS)—"Soviet tactics involving monetary gold...will result in a British-style gold standard, administered from Moscow, serving the economic and political goals of the Russians," writes Gabriele T. Kerekes, in the June 7 issue of the influential Wall Street weekly Money Manager. Kerekes, who served as deputy to David Rockefeller in an Army Intelligence unit in Algiers during World War II and later as director of the Marshall Plan in Austria after the war, is a key Kremlin-watching economist for Rockefeller.

Faced with the virtual remonetization of gold after last week's successful International Monetary Fund gold sale, Kerekes points out that "the center of Soviet economic planning is gold, of which the Soviets are potentially the largest producers in the world.... They plan to corner the world market in gold, then have the Gossbank (central bank) own the overwhelming percentage of it."

"The Soviets then would make the ruble convertible for external purposes and induce countries to keep their reserves in Moscow... making the ruble the dominant currency," he concludes.

MONEY MANAGER THREATENS SOVIETS WITH TRADE WAR OVER IRB

June 7 (NSIPS)—Albert L. Kraus, editor of the prestigious financial weekly Money Manager, demands in a lead article of the June 7 edition that the U.S. force adoption of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's International Resources Bank by means of "a U.S. threat to cut Russia off from U.S. grain exports."

Kraus supports the "pique and dismay" expressed by Kissinger and Treasury Secretary Simon that the IRB proposal was defeated at the Nairobi UNCTAD conference, which ended June 2, by "Russia... persuading the Third World nations to abstain from voting." He notes fearfully Assistant Treasury Secretary Gerald L. Parsky's recent statement that the IRB is essential to "reducing the non-commercial, or political, risks related to investment in developing countries."

Since the Soviets should be as able to force the Third World to accept the IRB as to reject it, "a U.S. threat to cut Russia off

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from U.S. grain exports might produce the needed incentive," he concludes.

GROUP OF TEN OPTS FOR 5 BILLION DOLLAR HYPERINFLATIONARY BAILOUT FOR BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 7 (NSIPS)—In a move described by both U.S. Federal Reserve and Treasury sources as "without precedent," the central banks, treasuries and related institutions of the ten richest capitalist countries have decided to bail out bankrupt Britain with a hyperinflationary stand-by credit of a whopping 5 billion dollars. As a result, the value of the pound sterling zoomed by more than four cents on the currency exchange markets to 1.7610 dollars.

At the same time, British Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey announced draconian credit tightening measures for Britain in the form of a Treasury note worth 800 million pounds that will be floated on the markets, thus soaking up the remaining liquidity in the British economy.

The decision to bail out Britain came after both Senate and House Banking Committee sources declared over the weekend that the effort by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Secretary of the Treasury William Simon to ramrod the 25 billion dollar Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development "safety net" through Congress was an "exercise in futility." Of the 5 billion dollar standby credit package, one billion dollars each was donated by the U.S. Federal Reserve and Treasury, 700 million dollars by the Basle-based Bank for International Settlements and the remaining 2 billion dollars by the Group of Ten nations.

INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES TO HOLD STRATEGY MEETING ON U.S. LABOR PARTY

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 7 (NSIPS)—Stung by U.S. Labor Party exposes of their direct interfacing with the Rockefeller-Kissinger-controlled National Security Council, their creation of Maoist countergangs and "blind terrorists" and their central role in running Rockefeller's threat of nuclear terrorism, the Institute for Policy Studies will convene a meeting of their Board of Directors this week to discuss the U.S. Labor Party. The information on this week's meeting of the Institute, whose members have been somewhat hysterical over the exposes, was given to the Labor Party by a member of the Institute's Board of Directors.

AFSCME AGENT LILLIAN ROBERTS PREDICTS "VIOLENT" HOSPITAL STRIKE; UNION ORDERS WORKERS TO WORK FOR FREE

NEW YORK, June 7 (NSIPS)—Lillian Roberts, Deputy Director of AFSCME District Council 37 and linked to the Institute for Policy Studies, today refused to "rule out violence" in the event of a Local 420 hospital strike. At the same time, reports from Morrisania Hospital in the Bronx this afternoon indicated that the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation is distributing lay-off notices, which might provoke an AFSCME strike.

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Charles "37X" Kenyatta appeared at today's membership meeting of DC 37 Local 420, which represents the hospital workers, to denounce DC 37 Executive Director Victor Gotbaum and call for direct action against the hospital closings threatened by the city. Kenyatta, a personal agent of Nelson Rockefeller, has a history of provoking race riots in Harlem. Moreover, an Institute for Policy Studies-led counterqang, the Maoist Youth Against War and Fascism (YAWF), also called for "bloodshed" to stop the hospital lay-offs.

Meanwhile, AFSCME has ordered Local 420 members to work for free to keep open the hospitals slated for closing while negotiations over the closings continue. AFSCME headquarters in New York refused to deny that "they were scabbing on their own union."

JAILING OF NEWARK CITY COUNCILMEN FOR REFUSAL TO RAISE TAXES POSTPONED TEMPORARILY

NEWARK, N.J., June 7 (NSIPS)--The jailing of five Newark City Councilmen scheduled for today has been postponed until tomorrow. The five, Councilmen Martinez, Carrino, Sharpe, Tucker and Villani, were found in contempt by Superior Court Judge Harry Marqolis last Friday, June 4, for their refusal to vote for a resolution to reassess city property values. The judge had ordered that they assess the city's taxable properties at "realistic values" and promised to imprison the dissenting Councilmen "until they change their votes."

Councilman Henry Martinez stated he feels "disgusted that this can happen in the United States of America....I think the judge is usurping power." An attorney for the five said he is seeking an emergency stay of the sentence on the grounds that it is unconstitutional for a judge to punish elected officials for following the dictates of their consciences and their constituents.

According to this morning's Newark Star Ledger, several thousand people demonstrated at the Essex County Courthouse yesterday in support of the Councilmen.

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