

and Japanese "Red Army."

The current Swedish red scare includes midnight police identity card checks of bus passengers in working class suburbs, search-and-seal operations in major hotels in Southern Sweden and police "alert" at all major airports in Sweden and Denmark.

MIDEAST: DUBAI DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

ARABS TO FUND DEVELOPMENT

March 18 (IPS)--At the ninth Arab Oil Conference in Dubai, a call was issued for the establishment of an Arab development fund amounting to \$35 billion to be used as follows: 25 per cent of the fund or \$10 billion for the reconstruction of Third World countries like Bangladesh, India, Niger and Chad; and 50 per cent used to construct and modernize agricultural and industrial potentials in the Arab countries. This historic breakthrough for the proper and only use of Arab dollars was printed in a large box on the front page of the Iraqi daily Ath-Thawra on March 13.

ARAB PROPOSALS VIEWED FAVORABLY IN NEW YORK BUSINESS COMMUNITY

New York, March 20 (IPS)--The call for a \$35 billion fund by the Ninth Arab Oil Conference to finance the agricultural and industrial development of "Fourth World" and Middle East nations met with a very favorable reception from export-minded industrial and government officials in New York. The international advisor of the New York Industrial and Commercial Association told IPS today that any financial arrangement which expanded trade and production and simultaneously eliminated the impoverishment of the underdeveloped sector would receive his support. A chief of the International Division of the New York State Chamber of Commerce also looked with favor on the Arab proposals and agreed to set up a meeting with the U.S. Labor Party to discuss the matter more thoroughly.

INDUSTRIALISTS TALK UP IRAQI DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

March 21 (IPS)--Several leading industrialists in the U.S., including four major tractor and auto companies, are already discussing the \$35 billion development proposal initiated by Iraq at the recent Ninth Oil Congress of the Arab Oil Producers. Initial reports indicate that the proposal is being discussed favorably. Leading West German industrialists have expressed their fundamental agreement with Iraq's proposal. The press spokesman of the Krupp steel company noted that the program would have "positive effects on the whole economy here," and a spokesman of the Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau said that "It would be a good step to announce such things."

CUBA CALLS FOR OIL PRODUCERS TO USE OIL AS PART OF DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

March 22 (IPS)--According to today's Le Monde, Cuba has attacked the oil-producing countries for "not using their surplus revenues for direct investments and aid in the developing countries." Said Fidel Castro: "There does not exist a real strategy for cooperation between the oil states and the underdeveloped countries with the exception of Venezuela, Algeria, and Iraq." Castro made these remarks at the Havana Conference of Non-Aligned Nations, which was chaired by Algeria's Foreign Minister Bouteflika.

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FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU SUGGESTS ALGERIA COUP POSSIBLE

March 18 (IPS)--The Frankfurter Rundschau today increased the pressure on the Houari Boumediene government in Algeria by suggesting that a coup d'etat was possible. The West German daily reported that there are technocrat, nouveau-riche, right-wing, forces in the country who do not want to go along with Boumediene, and who are flirting with the United States.

Boumediene was targetted for this obviously coordinated attack as a result of his opening speech to the OPEC conference in Algiers March 3, where he proposed that oil-producing OPEC countries increase their oil production in return for real productive input from the advanced sector.

PRESS CONTINUES TO SLANDER IRAQ

March 18 (IPS)--Western press sources have escalated attacks on the government of Iraq following the Iran-Iraq accord last week which ended Iran's support for the CIA-trained Kurdish forces under Mustafa Barzani.

The right wing Daily Telegraph of London, singling out Iraqi Vice-President Saddam Hussein as "one of the twistiest dealers in the Arab world," accuses the Iraqi government of "disregarding the common rules of humanity" in cleaning out Barzani's guerrillas.

NEW YORK TIMES CITES "THAW" IN IRAQ-U.S. RELATIONS

March 19 (IPS)--The New York Times' travelling CIA conduit, Juan de Onis, headlines today's fabrication, "Iraq's Wealth Opens A New Market For The West." Onis, trying to counter the most recent proposal of pro-Soviet Iraq for a \$35 billion Third World development fund, states that Iraq in the past has had an "unfriendly attitude" towards American imperialism and that the growing market between Iraq and the West suddenly indicates an "official thaw" in the U.S.-Iraq relations.