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I. PRIORITIES

SPECIAL REPORTS

ROCKEFELLER PULLS TRIGGER ON MIDEAST WAR BUT MISFIRES

JAN. 20 (IPS)—INTELLIGENCE GATHERED OVER THE LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS INDICATES THAT ROCKEFELLER-LINKED FORCES ATTEMPTED TO TRIGGER A MAJOR WAR IN THE MIDEAST LAST NIGHT BY MANUFACTURING A "SYRIAN INVASION" OF LEBANON. BUT THAT THE PLAN MISFIRED.

LAST EVENING, SEVERAL WIRE SERVICES PICKED UP A STATEMENT MADE BY LEBANESE INTERIOR MINISTER CAMILLE CHAMOUN, AN AVOWED ALLY OF THE FASCIST FALANGE FORCES, CHARGING THAT "THOUSANDS OF HEAVILY ARMED TROOPS OF THE SYRIAN ARMY" HAD INVADED NORTHERN LEBANON TO SUPPORT UNITS OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ARMY (PLA). THE ORGANIZED FIGHTING ARM OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. SINCE IT IS WIDELY KNOWN THAT ISRAEL HAD STATED THAT IT WOULD INVADE LEBANON IF SYRIA INTERVENED IN THE CIVIL WAR THERE, THE ONLY INTENDED EFFECT OF SUCH A STATEMENT COULD BE TO TRIGGER THAT INTERVENTION.

HOWEVER, WITHIN HOURS AFTER CHAMOURS STATEMENT, ISRAEL ISSUED A "MILD RESPONSE" TO THE PROVOCATION THROUGH THE NEW YORK TIMES AND OTHER WESTERN PRESS SOURCES. THE ISRAELIS INDICATED THAT THEY REGARDED THE REPORT OF SYRIAN INVASION "EXAGGERATED." CITING "ISRAELI MILITARY INTELLIGENCE EVALUATIONS," THE TIMES ESTIMATED THAT "THERE IS NO NEED FOR (SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD) TO GO IN WITH HIS OWN FORCES." THE TIMES ALSO QUOTED "WESTERN AND ARAB INFORMANTS" AS SAYING THAT ASSAD, STILL HOPES THAT THE CRISIS (IN LEBANON) COULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE SYRIAN ARMY.

OTHER PRESS SOURCES CARRIED REPORTS FROM AN "ISRAELI MILITARY SPOKESMAN" SPECIFICALLY SAYING THAT THE FLA MOVEMENT IN LEBANON, WHICH HAD BEEN GOING ON FOR MORE THAN A WEEL, WAS NOT VIEWED BY THE ISRAELIS AS "SYRIAN INVOLVEMENT" AND HERCE REQUIRED NO ISRAELI COUNTERACTION.

IPS HAS ESTABLISHED THAT CONTRARY TO CHARDON'S WILD RANTINGS, ASSAD ORDERED TWO BRIGADES OF PALESTINE LIBERATION ARMY FORCES INTO LEBANON, PLACED ITS OWN FORCES ON THE TERANESE BORDER ON ALERT, AND NOTIFIED ARAB CAPITALS OF THE ACTION. THE SIGN OF

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HESITATION ON THE PART OF SYRIA ALLOWED ISRAEL TO SHRUG OFF ANY IMMEDIATE WAR DANGER.

CHAMOUN IS WELL SUITED FOR HIS ROLE AS "WAR PROVOCATEUR." HE IS A LONG-TIME NATO OPERATIVE, THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING CALLED IN U.S. MARINE FORCES INTO LEBANON IN 1958 AND THE MAIN CONTROLLER OF THE LEBANESE CHRISTIAN RIGHT WING. JUST PRIOR TO HIS PROVOCATIVE STATEMENT, THE BELLWEATHER RIGHT-WING LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH YESTERDAY REFERRED TO CHAMOUN AS THE MOST "IMPLACABLE" OF THE LEADING LEBANESE CHRISTIAN POLITICIANS.

RESPONSE TO THE STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, D.C., JAN. 20 (IPS)—U.S. LABOR PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LYNDON H. LAROUCHE, JR. CHARGED TODAY THAT "PRESIDENT FORD'S STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE TO CONGRESS COMPRISES A LEVEL OF INCOMPETENT BUNGLING ON THE PART OF A U.S. CHIEF EXECUTIVE THAT WOULD HAVE MADE HERBERT HOOVER BLUSH."

IN A REPLY TO THE STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE RELEASED TODAY, LAROUCHE WARNED, "THE WORLD ECONOMY HAS ALREADY ENTERED THE BREAKDOWN PHASE OF THE DEPRESSION CRISIS THAT BEGAN IN AUGUST 1971. BEFORE THE END OF THE PRESENT QUARTER, THE COLLAPSE OF DOLLAR-BASED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES WILL LEAD TO THE DEVASTATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND PRODUCTION ON A SCALE NOT IMAGINED IN RECENT CAPITALIST HISTORY."

"SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1976," LAROUCHE CONTINUED, "THE U.S. BANKING SYSTEM EXPERIENCED A SUDDEN COLLAPSE OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LENDING, WHICH REFLECTS THE SPUTTERING OUT OF THE SHORT-LIVED 'RECOVERY' IN CONSUMER GOODS THAT CAPITALIST ECONOMISTS HAVE STUPIDLY HAILED AS AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY. ON THE CONTRARY, THE PRESENT DOWNWARD SPIRAL OF INTEREST RATES ON ALL FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS MIMICS THE PRECISE EVENTS OF 1929 AND 1930, WHEN AVAILABLE FUNDS COULD NOT BE INVESTED IN PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

"THE PRESENT ELIMINATION OF PROFITABLE BANKING OPERATIONS DUE TO A RENEWED ECONOMIC DOWNTURN WILL TURN INTO A GENERAL BANKING CRISIS WITHIN WEEKS," LAROUCHE WARNED. "THE FINANCIAL UNDERPIN-NINGS OF THE LARGE NEW YORK BANKS ARE SO WEAKENED BY BAD LOANS TO SPECULATIVE AREAS THAT A SHARP DECLINE IN THE BANKS? CURRENT EARNINGS THREATENS TO PROVOKE INSOLVENCY IN THE LARGEST U.S. FI-NANCIAL CONCENTRATIONS."

"ON THE WORLD ECONOMIC SCENE, A NEW DOWNTURN IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE BEGAN DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF 1975, WHICH WILL AGGRAVATE THE DEPRESSION IN THE UNITED STATES AND WREAK HAVOC ON THE EURO-PEAN AND JAPANESE ECONOMIES," THE CANDIDATE SAID. "EVERY SLAPDOASH GIMMICK PROPOSED BY THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT TO STABILIZE THE ABYSMAL INTERNATIONAL TRADE LEVELS OF MID-1975 HAS RUN ITS COURSE. THE EUROPEANS AND JAPANESE ARE ONCE AGAIN FORCED TO IMPOSE VICIOUS AUSTERITY MEASURES ON THEIR POPULATIONS AND CUT IMPORTS TO REMAIN SOLVENT. IT IS QUESTIONABLE," LAROUCHE ADDED,

"WHETHER WORST-OFF CASES SUCH AS ITALY CAN AVOID IMPOSING DEBT MORATORIA IN THE IMMEDIATE FEW WEEKS AHEAD."

"A RENEWED FALL IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE LEVELS WILL FORCE THE GENERAL BANKRUPTCY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NOT LATER THAN THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR," LAROUCHE SAID. "THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE THIRD WORLD FUNCTIONS AS A TRIGGER FOR \$800 BLLION OF ILLIQUID DEBT INTERNATIONALLY, WHICH WILL BE REDUCED TO WALLPAPER IN THE UPCOMING ROUND OF THE CRISIS."

"MR. FORD'S PROPOSAL TO TREAT THIS DISEASE THROUGH A \$70 BILLION CUT, IN CONSTANT DOLLARS, FROM THE FEDERAL BUDGET, MUST BE VIEWED AS A TASTELESS JOKE ON THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD POPULATION GENERALLY. WE ARE FACED WITH THE BREAKDOWN OF THE ENTIRE COMPLEX OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS OF THE POST-WAR PERIOD," LAROUCHE SAID. "WITHOUT APPROPRIATE COUNTERMEASURES, THERE WILL ENSUE FROM THIS BREAKDOWN CRISIS A HOLOCAUST IN CONDITIONS OF LIFE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHICH WILL DEVASTATE THE HUMAN RACE THROUGH FAMINE AND DISEASE BY THE LATE 1970'S."

"A COLLATERAL DANGER IS THAT THE WHITE HOUSE, SUNK TO THIS DEPTH OF INCOMPETENCE, IS IN NO POSITION TO GOVERN THE UNITED STATES THROUGH A PERIOD OF CRISIS," LAROUCHE DECLARED. "THE PRESIDENT HINTED AT HIS INABILITY TO GOVERN BY INCLUDING IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION AND BUDGET MESSAGES THE NOTORIOUS ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AUTHORITY PROPOSAL AUTHORED MONTHS AGO BY NELSON ROCKEFELLER AND PROPOSING AN INCREASE IN MILITARY SPENDING. MR. FORD MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT HIS FALLBACK POSITION FROM HIS PRESENT HOPELESS POLICY IS NOT THE CORPORATIVIST POLICY OF NAZI GERMANY AND, MORE RECENTLY, VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER."

"THERE IS NO TIME TO LOSE IN CORRECTING MR. FORD'S DEADLY ERRORS AND PUTTING INTO EFFECT A COMPETENT ALTERNATIVE POLICY." LA-ROUCHE CONCLUDED. "THE AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVE HAS ALREADY BEEN PUT AT THE DISPOSAL OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION BY MY PARTY, IN THE FORM OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK AND EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT ACT STATEMENTS OF THE U.S. LABOR PARTY. BEFORE THE MASS OF ILLIQUID DEBT STRANGLES PRODUCTION AND TRADE, WE MUST IMPOSE MORATORIA ON THE DEBT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. MUNICIPALITIES. AGRICULTURE. AND KEY INDUSTRIES. THERE IS NO WAY TO SALVAGE THE MESS OF THE U.S. BANKING SYSTEM WITHOUT PERMITTING THE BANKRUPTCY OF THE NEW YORK AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS TO TAKE ITS NATURAL COURSE, AND REPLACING THEM WITH NEW INSTITUTIONS TO FINANCE PRODUCTION AND TRADE."

IPS EXCLUSIVE:

WASHINGTON POST EXPOSE PART OF U.S. CAPITALIST FACTION FIGHT: TETHER

JAN. 20 (IPS)—IN A "LOMBARD COLUMN" WRITTEN FOR THE JAN. 16 LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES, BUT NOT PRINTED, NOTED FINANCIAL COLUMNIST C. GORDON TETHER STATES THAT THE EXPOSURE OF ROCKEFELLER BANKS' INSOLVENCY BY THE WASHINGTON POST LAST WEEK SIGNALS AN ERUPTION OF FACTIONAL WARFARE BETWEEN "AMERICAN SUPER-CAPITALIST GROUPINGS."

THE UNPUBLISHED COLUMN, TO HAVE BEEN HEADLINED "SUPER-CAPITALISTS" FALL OUT," IDENTIFIES THE TWO RELEVANT FACTIONAL GROUPINGS AS "THE EASTERN BANKING ESTABLISHMENT (WHICH INCLUDES THE ROCKEFEL-LERS), AND THOSE BASED FURTHER WEST."

"THE EASTERN BANKING ESTABLISHMENT WHICH HITHERTO HAS BEEN MOST ASSURED OF GETTING WASHINGTON'S EAR," WRITES TETHER, "AP-PEARS TO BE CALLING FOR THE CONTINUANCE IN GREATER OR LESSER DEGREE OF EXISTING U.S. POLICIES. BY CONTRAST," HE CONTINUES, "THE RIVAL FACTION IS IN FAVOR OF...THE PROMOTION OF WORLD DEVELOPMENT AND GREATLY EXPANDED EAST-WEST TRADE. AND IT WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REQUIRE THE U.S. TO STAND READY TO GO TO SUCH LENGTHS AS SPEAR-HEADING MORATORIA ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WITH SERIOUS DEBT PROBLEMS—THIS TO CREATE THE NECESSARY, IM-PROVED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT."

"THEIR THEME," TETHER ADDS, "IS THAT SUCH A REORIENTATION PROVIDES THE ONLY HOPE OF DISPOSING OF THE 'BIG POWER' TENSIONS NOW JEOPARDIZING WORLD PEACE AND...CONTAINING THE THREAT TO THE INTERNATIONAL MONEIARY SYSTEM IMPLICIT IN THE DRIFT TOWARD BANK-RUPTCY IN SO MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

TETHER ADVISES ENGLISH AND EUROPEAN FORCES TO "TAKE AN INTEREST" IN THE CAPITALIST FACTIONAL WARFARE WHICH HAS ERUPTED IN THE U.S. BECAUSE "ALL OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE A GREAT DEAL AT STAKE."
THE UNPRINTED ARTICLE CLOSES WITH A QUOTE FROM FORMER PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON: "SOME OF THE BIGGEST MEN IN THE U.S. IN THE FIELDS OF COMMERCE AND MANUFACTURING KNOW THAT THERE IS A POWER SO ORGANIZED. SO SUBTLE. SO COMPLETE. SO PERVASIVE THAT THEY HAD BETTER NOT SPEAK ABOVE THEIR BREATH WHEN THEY SPEAK IN CONDEMNATION OF IT." TETHER QUICKLY ADDS: "IF...THE SITUATION HAS NOT MATERIALLY CHANGED SINCE THEN, IT IS TIME THAT SOMETHING WAS DONE ABOUT IT."

IPS WILL PUBLISH. WITH FULL PERMISSION OF THE AUTHOR. THE FULL TEXT OF THE COLUMN IN THE JAN. 25 EDITION OF IPS WEEKLY.

PIKE COMMITTEE REPORT HITS KISSINGER ON ANGOLA, CYPRUS, ITALY

JAN. 20 (IPS)—THE YET-TO-BE-RELEASED FINAL REPORT OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE SCORES SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER FOR HIS ORCHESTRATION OF COVERT OPERATIONS IN ANGOLA. ITALY AND IRAQ AND STRONGLY IMPLIES THAT KISSINGER MAY HAVE *PERMITTED* THE 1974 CYPRUS COUP WHICH OVERTHREW ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS.

THE REPORT. ADVANCED COPIES OF WHICH WERE RECEIVED AND REPORTED ON IN THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST TODAY. NOTES THAT THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT WAS APPARENTLY AWARE OF THE 1974 CYPRUS COUP PREPARATIONS AND DID NOTHING TO STOP IT. THE POST. IN PARTICULAR, POINTS OUT THAT EVEN THE IDENTITIES OF THE MURDERERS OF U.S. CYPRUS AMBASSADOR RODGER DAVIES WERE KNOWN TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT NOTHING WAS DONE ABOUT THEM. THEY ARE STILL HOLDING POSITIONS IN CYPRUS, THE REPORT INDICATES. THE POST CONTRASTS THIS TO THE OUTCRY FROM THE ADMINISTRATION AROUND THE RECENT MURDER OF RICHARD WELSH, A U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL REPORTED TO BE THE CIA MIDDLE EAST STATION CHIEF.

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THE "LEAK" REPORTED IN THE TIMES INDICATES THAT THE CIA DELIBERATELY DISTORTED THE AMOUNT OF ITS AID ALLOCATIONS TO THE NATIONAL UNION (UNITA) AND NATIONAL FRONT (FNLA) MERCENARY ARMIES IN ANGOLA. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH GROSS UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE ACTUAL COST OF SUPPLIES DELIVERED. PREVIOUS LEAKS FROM THE PIKE COMMITTEE HAVE STATED THAT HENRY KISSINGER IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CIA INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA.

DEBT MORATORIUM BILL FILED IN MASSACHUSETTS STATE LEGISLATURE

BOSTON, JAN. 20 (IPS)—MASSACHUSETTS STATE REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND FLYNN (D-BSN) YESTERDAY FILED A BILL IN THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE LEGISLATURE FOR A STATEWIDE DEBT MORATORIUM.

REACHED FOR COMMENT YESTERDAY, REP. FLYNN DESCRIBED HIS BILL AS "SUSPENDING PAYMENTS TO THE BANKS." THE BILL, WHICH WAS PRINTED JAN. 16, COMES BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE JAN. 26, WHEN IT REOPENS ITS 1976 SESSION AFTER A TWO-WEEK RECESS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE BILL WILL BE SUPPORTED IN THE LEGISLATURE BY A CAUCUS GROUPED AROUND REP. PETER MCCARTHY (D-PEABODY), WHO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE DEBT MORATORIUM FOR MONTHS.

REP. FLYNN SUBMITTED THE BILL FOLLOWING A STRING OF INCOMPETENT PROPOSALS BY GOV. MICHAEL DUKAKIS TO FINANCE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN STATE DEBT SERVICE THROUGH CUTBACKS IN SOCIAL SERVICES.