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I. WORLD PRESS ROUND-UP

WALL STREET JOURNAL BEWAILS BOURGEOISIE'S LACK OF LEADERSHIP

AUGUST 1 (IPS)--IN A MAJOR EDITORIAL TODAY, THE NATION'S LEADING FINANCIAL NEWSPAPER, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, DECLARED THAT THE U.S. IS IN THE WORST POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS SINCE THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR AND WITHOUT THE LEADERSHIP TO REVERSE IT. "IT IS EASY, THESE DAYS, TO FEEL GLOOMY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY," THE EDITORIAL REMARKS. "THE END OF DECADES OF RIGHT-WING DICTATORSHIP IN PORTUGAL LEADS NOT TO DEMOCRATIC EVOLUTION BUT TO LEFT-WING DICTATORSHIP. GREAT BRITAIN, THE CRADLE OF MODERN DEMOCRACY, SINKS INTO WHAT MAY BE THE FUTURE. THE UNITED STATES SUFFERS FROM THE BITTER TASTE OF MILITARY DEFEAT AND THE BAFFLING TASTE OF SIMULTANEOUS INFLATION AND RECESSION."

MEANWHILE, THE EDITORIAL ADMITS, THERE IS NO LEADERSHIP. "TODAY'S LEADERS," THE WALL STREET JOURNAL CONCEDES, "LACK SELF-ASSURANCE."

ISRAEL'S NUCLEAR ARSENAL

AUGUST 1 (IPS)--UNIDENTIFIED "SENIOR U.S. ANALYSTS" ARE PUBLICLY CLAIMING THAT ISRAEL HAS MADE MORE THAN 10 ATOMIC BOMBS COMPARABLE IN EXPLOSIVE POWER TO THE BOMBS DROPPED ON JAPAN BY THE U.S. AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II. THIS INFORMATION WAS REPORTED IN AN ARTICLE YESTERDAY BY BOSTON GLOBE REPORTER WILLIAM BEECHER, UNTIL RECENTLY A HIGH-LEVEL PENTAGON LIAISON. BEECHER SPECULATED THAT ISRAEL COULD DELIVER THE BOMBS HUNDREDS OF MILES BEYOND ITS BORDERS.

SEVEN STATES CALL FOR MIDEAST TO BE NUCLEAR FREE AREA

AUGUST 1 (IPS)--SEVEN MIDEAST COUNTRIES HAVE CALLED FOR THE MIDEAST TO BE A NUCLEAR FREE AREA, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S STIMME DER DDR EAST GERMAN RADIO BROADCASTS. STIMME NOTES THAT THE SEVEN STATES--EGYPT, SYRIA, IRAQ, IRAN, KUWAIT, OMAN AND QATAR--HAVE SENT A LETTER TO UN SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM EXPRESSING THIS DEMAND AND HAVE INSISTED ON ISRAEL JOINING SUCH AN ACCORD.

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****THE CSCE CONFERENCE****

**INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT URGENT,
SAYS TITO IN HELSINKI**

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—SPEAKING YESTERDAY AT THE HELSINKI EUROPEAN SECURITY (CSCE) SUMMIT, YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT JOSIP BROZ TITO SAID THAT THE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARE SO URGENT THAT FAILURE TO SOLVE THEM WILL MEAN A "NEW WAVE OF TENSIONS AND DESTRUCTION IN THE WORLD." TITO SAID THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN STATES AND THE THIRD WORLD IS ESSENTIAL: "EUROPE CANNOT MEET ITS OWN VITAL NEEDS IF IT ISOLATES ITSELF." THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CSCE, SAID TITO, MUST BE APPLIED TO THE ENTIRE WORLD.

FOLLOW-UP TO CSCE MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—THE MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION DURING THE MEETING HELD BETWEEN SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV AND FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AT HELSINKI YESTERDAY WAS WHAT FOLLOW-UP WILL BE GIVEN TO THE EUROPEAN SUMMIT, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S FRENCH DAILY LE MONDE. LE MONDE STATES THAT THIS "PROBLEM OF FOLLOW-UP" WAS TAKEN UP BY VIRTUALLY EVERY NON-SOCIALIST HEAD OF STATE AND WILL BE DISCUSSED AGAIN DURING THE OCTOBER FRANCO-SOVIET SUMMIT IN MOSCOW.

BERLIN MADE FOCUS OF CSCE

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—ACCORDING TO THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG TODAY, THE MINI-SUMMIT MEETING OF WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT, U.S. PRESIDENT FORD, FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON CONCENTRATED HEAVILY ON ISSUES CONCERNING WEST BERLIN. REPORTEDLY, GISCARD CONCENTRATED ON WEST BERLIN DURING HIS SUMMIT MEETING SPEECH AND INSISTED THAT "THE CSCE IS NOT A TREATY."

IL GLOBO DEEMPHASIZES CSCE

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—CONTINUING WITH ITS ATTEMPTS TO DISCOUNT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE, TODAY'S ITALIAN FINANCIAL DAILY IL GLOBO STATES THAT "THE CONFERENCE WILL PROBABLY BE NOTHING ELSE THAN A MISE EN SCENE," AND THAT "ANY HEADWAY IN COOPERATION DOES NOT HAVE THE CSCE AS A CAUSE."

NEW YORK TIMES DENOUNCES BREZHNEV

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIALY CASTIGATES SOVIET LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV FOR HIS WARNING TO THE HELSINKI EUROPEAN COOPERATION AND SECURITY CONFERENCE (CSCE) YESTERDAY THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL NOT TOLERATE WESTERN INTERVENTION INTO ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS. SAYS THE TIMES, "ALL THE NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION SUGGESTS THAT NOTHING SIGNED IN HELSINKI WILL IN ANY WAY SAVE COURAGEOUS FREE THINKERS IN THE SOVIET EMPIRE FROM THE PROSPECT OF INCARCERATION...OR...INVOLUNTARY EXILE."

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WASHINGTON POST COLUMNIST DEFENDS HELSINKI SUMMIT

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—WASHINGTON POST COLUMNIST CHALMERS ROBERTS TODAY DEFENDS THE CURRENT EUROPEAN COOPERATION AND SECURITY CONFERENCE (CSCE) SUMMIT AGAINST ITS NUMEROUS U.S. CRITICS ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO INSURE THAT DETENTE RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION GOVERN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR. CHALMERS WRITES, "THE HELSINKI VENTURE IS BUT A STEP ON THE ROAD TO THE NEW AMERICAN ROLE. AND THAT IS ALL TO THE GOOD."

OAU REJECTS PROPOSAL TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY REJECTED RESOLUTIONS TO DRAW AFRICAN STATES INTO AN AFRICAN-ARAB BLOC TO KICK ISRAEL OUT OF THE UN. NEITHER THE SOFT VERSION OF THE RESOLUTION BY EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT, NOR A HARSHER VERSION PROPOSED BY PALESTINE LIBERATION ARMY HEAD YASSER ARAFAT WERE ACCEPTED BY THE OAU DELEGATES, ACCORDING TO CBS RADIO BROADCASTS THIS MORNING.

WEST GERMAN AUTO WORKERS UNION AGENT DEMANDS SLAVE LABOR

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—THE WEST GERMAN AUTO WORKERS' UNION I.G. METALL, LED BY TRILATERAL COMMISSIONER EUGEN LODERER, TODAY DEMANDED 35 BILLION DEUTSCHEMARKS CREDIT FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR A PROGRAM OF WORK CREATION PROJECTS. LODERER JUSTIFIED THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT DEMANDED BY WARNING AGAINST "TOO SMALL AN INJECTION" INTO THE ECONOMY, ACCORDING TO THE FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU.

ZAIREAN ARMY REPORTED ENTERING LUANDA

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—TROOPS OF THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (FNLA) HAVE ENTERED THE SUBURBS OF ANGOLA'S CAPITAL, LUANDA, IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO REGAIN THE CITY FROM THE PRO-SOCIALIST POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S EAST GERMAN PAPER NEUES DEUTSCHLAND.

FNLA LEADER HOLDEN ROBERTO HAS ANNOUNCED THE IMMINENT STORMING OF LUANDA WITH HEAVY WEAPONS, WHICH, HE SAYS, "WILL DESTROY THE CITY AND MANY PEOPLE."

PRESS EXPOSES NATIONAL FRONT INVASION

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—CONFIRMATION THAT THE NATIONAL FRONT (FNLA) INVASION OF LUANDA IS A COVER FOR A ZAIREAN ARMY INVASION OF ANGOLA AND A RIGHT-WING ASSAULT ON THE PRO-SOCIALIST POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA CAME TODAY FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

* EAST GERMAN RADIO REPORTED TODAY THAT THE NATIONAL FRONT IS BEING ADVISED AND LED BY FORMER AGENTS OF PORTUGAL'S FASCIST SECRET POLICE, THE PIDE.

* TASS, QUOTING A POPULAR MOVEMENT COMMUNIQUE, REPORTS "SYSTEMATIC ATTACKS FROM ARMED UNITS FROM ZAIRE, LED BY FOREIGN OFFICERS."

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* NATIONAL FRONT COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA WAS EXPOSED TODAY BY AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE. THE FRENCH NEWS AGENCY REPORTS THAT FNLA VICE-CHAIRMAN DANIEL CHIPENDA HAS MET SEVERAL TIMES WITH HIGH SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY AND POLITICAL OFFICIALS BOTH IN ANGOLA AND IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

PCF RECRUITMENT AT ALL TIME HIGH

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—THE SUMMER ORGANIZING MOBILIZATION AND RECRUITMENT DRIVE OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCF) HAS RESULTED IN 8,524 NEW MEMBERSHIPS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, ACCORDING TO THE AUGUST 1 ISSUE OF L'HUMANITE, THE PCF DAILY. IN A HIGH-SPIRITED EDITORIAL, POLITBURO MEMBER GASTON PLISSONIER UNDERLINES THE NECESSITY FOR GROWING PCF HEGEMONY IN THE FRENCH MASS STRIKE SITUATION AND CALLS PCF MILITANTS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THEIR ORGANIZING EFFORTS.

AGENDA ANNOUNCED FOR THE LIMA CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF PERU, MIGUEL DE LA FLOR, ANNOUNCED THE PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE UPCOMING LIMA CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS CARRIED IN THE YUGOSLAVIAN DAILY POLITIKA JULY 31. INCLUDED IN THE PRELIMINARY AGENDA IS A REVIEW OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE MIDEAST, SOUTH AFRICA, THE PROBLEMS OF LATIN AMERICA, CYPRUS, AND INDOCHINA, AND PREPARATIONS FOR A UNITED STAND AT THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF 94 NATIONS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LIMA CONFERENCE, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCE PROPOSALS FOR MORATORIA ON DEBT PAYMENTS TO THE WORLD BANK AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND CLOSER ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

II. U.S. PRESS ROUND-UP

ROCKEFELLER CONTEMPLATES GOING FISHING INSTEAD OF SEEKING VICE-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—ASKED WHETHER HE MIGHT DECIDE TO GO FISHING NEXT YEAR RATHER THAN SEEK THE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, NELSON ROCKEFELLER TOLD REPORTERS YESTERDAY, "THAT'S AN INTERESTING POSSIBILITY." ROCKEFELLER, HOWEVER, PROTESTED TO REPORTERS THAT THE RECENT ATTACKS ON HIM BY FORD CAMPAIGN MANAGER BO CALLOWAY AND RELATED ATTACKS WERE JUST A "TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT" CAUSED BY CALLOWAY'S "INEXPERIENCE IN THE PARTY."

ARMY SOUGHT TO MASS PRODUCE LSD

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—DR. ALBERT HOFMANN, INVENTOR OF LSD AND FORMERLY IN CHARGE OF PLANT RESEARCH AT THE SANDOZ PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY'S LABORATORIES IN BASSEL, SWITZERLAND, SAID THAT HE WAS REPEATEDLY APPROACHED DURING THE LATE 1950'S BY U.S. RESEARCHERS

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LOOKING FOR A WAY TO MASS PRODUCE LARGE QUANTITIES OF LSD. DR. HOMANN, REPORTS TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES, ASSUMED THAT IT WAS BEING SOUGHT FOR WEAPONS RESEARCH.

GOVERNMENT STOPPED CIA AUDIT 15 YEARS AGO

AUGUST 1 (IPS)--THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE GAVE UP TRYING TO AUDIT THE CIA 15 YEARS AGO BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, REVEALED ELMER B. STAATS, THE CONTROLLER GENERAL, BEFORE THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE YESTERDAY.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE HEAD, OTIS PIKE (D-NY), REPORTS THE NEW YORK TIMES, HAS BEEN SEEKING AN ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES FOR U.S. INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS. STAATS COULD ONLY GUESS THAT THE FEDERAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES' BUDGET REACHED \$6 BILLION.

NEW YORK CITY CRISIS

GOTBAUM DISSOLVES HIS UNION

AUGUST 1 (IPS)--AT A SPECIAL DELEGATES MEETING OF AFSCME DC 37 CONVENED JULY 31 TO VOTE ON UNION HEAD VICTOR GOTBAUM'S SELL-OUT VOLUNTARY WAGE FREEZE AGREEMENT, GOTBAUM THREATENED THE DELEGATES, SAYING "I WANT TO WARN YOU THAT IF A LOCAL REJECTS THIS AGREEMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT TAKES PUNITIVE MEASURES, WE (AFSCME) WON'T BACK YOU UP." GOTBAUM WAS FOLLOWED UP BY HIS ASSISTANT HATCHETHOMAN LILLIAN ROBERTS, WHO SHRILLED AT THE DELEGATES, "ARE YOU LEADERS OR AREN'T YOU?...GO OUT AND SELL THIS TO YOUR MEMBERS." THE RESULT OF THIS BLUDGEONING WAS A 2 TO 1 VOTE FOR THE PACKAGE, REPORTED TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES.

DAVID ROCKEFELLER LICKS HIS CHOPS

AUGUST 1 (IPS)--DAVID ROCKEFELLER, PRESIDENT OF CHASE MANHATTAN BANK AND TOP ADVISER TO THE MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE CORPORATION, EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE WITH MAYOR BEAME'S "ZERO GROWTH BUDGET" IN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE NEW YORK TIMES JULY 31: "ALTHOUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM WILL BE PAINFUL, I BELIEVE THAT ANY PROGRAM LESS FAR-REACHING WOULD HAVE BEEN INSUFFICIENT TO RE-ESTABLISH THE FISCAL SOUNDNESS AND CREDIBILITY OF OUR GREAT CITY."

CAREY PRAISES BEAME'S "COURAGE"

NEW YORK, AUGUST 1 (IPS)--NEW YORK GOVERNOR CAREY HAD NOTHING BUT PRAISE FOR MAYOR BEAME'S "COURAGE" IN PRESENTING A ZERO-GROWTH BUDGET AND FOR THE "GENERALSHIP" OF THOSE UNIONS WHICH ACCEPTED A VOLUNTARY WAGE FREEZE. ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF BIG MAC IN THE CITY'S OPERATIONS, CAREY STATED THAT "IF MAC MERGED WITH THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE, IT WOULD LOOK LIKE A FAMILY PICNIC....MAC'S PURPOSE IS TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY," REPORTED THE NEW YORK TIMES TODAY.

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PRODUCTIVITY PART OF MAC DEAL

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—SIPPING WINE FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S AGREEMENT ON A VOLUNTARY WAGE FREEZE, AFSCME DC 37 HEAD VICTOR GOTBAUM TOLD THE NEW YORK TIMES THAT "ONE PART OF IT (THE AGREEMENT) THAT WILL NOT MAKE HEADLINES, BUT IS VERY IMPORTANT, IS THE LABOR-MANAGEMENT PRODUCTIVITY CLAUSE."

THE SEVEN UNIONS ACCEPTING THE MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE CORPORATION (MAC) PLAN HAVE CAPITULATED ALSO TO A NEW PRODUCTIVITY DRIVE THROUGH THE CITY'S PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, ON WHICH GOTBAUM IS ONE OF THE THREE MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE CITY UNIONS.

ELISH AND GOTBAUM PRAISE UNION-BUSTING

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE CORPORATION (MAC) CHAIRMAN HERBERT ELISH COMMENTED LAST NIGHT AFTER THE CITY HAD REACHED A SETTLEMENT WITH THE MUNICIPAL UNIONS: "THIS (SETTLEMENT) IS BETTER THAN A FREEZE BECAUSE IT GIVES THE UNIONS AN INCENTIVE IN IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY," ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES TODAY. AFSCME HEAD VICTOR GOTBAUM HAD A SIMILAR PERSPECTIVE: "THE WORKERS ARE IDENTIFYING WITH THE CITY." THE INCENTIVE REFERRED TO IS A PROJECTED "PRODUCTIVITY FUND" INTO WHICH SAVINGS-THROUGH-SPEEDUP WILL REPORTEDLY BE FUNNELED TO PAY BACK DEFERRED WAGES AT THE END OF 1978, IF THE CITY IS FISCALLY SOUND AND HAS A VIABLE POSITION ON THE BOND MARKETS.

III. FINANCIAL NEWS

HANDELSBLATT CITES EUROPEAN RESISTANCE TO DOLLAR

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING IS PRESENTLY IN A BETTER POSITION TO INITIATE A RETURN TO THE GOLD STANDARD THAN WAS CHARLES DE GAULLE, DECLARED THE WEST GERMAN DAILY HANDELSBLATT YESTERDAY. FURTHERMORE, HANDELSBLATT SAID, "EVEN SOME OF THE ATLANTIC CLASS' MODEL PUPILS, SUCH AS THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC (OF GERMANY) ARE BEGINNING TO REBEL AGAINST AMERICA'S NONCHALANT CURRENCY POLICY."

HONG KONG EXPORTS COLLAPSE

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—HONG KONG EXPORTS FELL 14.5 PER CENT IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN TODAY'S JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. CALLING THE EXPORT COLLAPSE "ONE OF THE SHARPEST AND MOST PROLONGED SLUMPS IN RECENT HISTORY," THE SAME ARTICLE REPORTED THAT IMPORTS OVER THE SAME PERIOD FELL BY 17 PER CENT, WITH A SECOND QUARTER DROP IN IMPORTS OF 20 PER CENT AND 25 PER CENT DROP IN EXPORTS.

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IV. ORGANIZING AND INTELLIGENCE

GARBAGE SCABBING OPERATION PUSHED BY NEW YORK RAND

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—AT A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK CITY TODAY, THE NEW YORK SANITATION COMMISSIONER, DEPUTY MAYOR PAUL GIBSON AND THE BLACK AND PUERTO RICAN LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS OF THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCED THAT GHETTO COMMUNITIES WILL BEGIN TO ADMINISTER THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE AND SWEEP THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS IN THE WAKE OF THOUSANDS OF SANITATION UNION LAYOFFS. THIS OPERATION WILL BE POLICED BY THE NOTORIOUS AFSCOME-SPONSORED WILDCAT SERVICES COLLECTION OF METHADONE ADDICTS, WHO WILL SPY ON SANITATION WORKERS AND GHETTO COMMUNITY SCABS ALIKE. ALL NEW YORK WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS ARE BEING PRESSED TO PRINT A MONTHLY "SCORECARD" ON NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANLINESS PROVIDED BY WILDCAT SERVICES ON WORK OF UNION MEMBERS AND GHETTO SCABS.

CITY COUNCILMAN LUIS OLMEDO, WHO APPEARED AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, HAS BEEN UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE FROM THE FBI AND LEAA SINCE HE INTRODUCED THE DEBT MORATORIUM TO THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL. IPS IS INVESTIGATING FURTHER.

CIA TARGETS LALC IN VENEZUELA

CARACAS, AUGUST 1 (IPS)—THE LATIN AMERICAN LABOR COMMITTEE (LALC) ORGANIZATION IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA HAS LEARNED FROM INFORMED SOURCES THAT THE CIA HAS INITIATED AN INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN OF SURVEILLANCE AGAINST LALC ACTIVITIES. ACTING THROUGH THE DIRECCION DE INTELIGENCIA Y SERVICIOS PREVENTIVOS (DISIP), ONE BRANCH OF THE VENEZUELAN POLITICAL POLICE, THE CIA IS MONITORING THE PHONES OF LALC MEMBERS, SURVEILLING LALC NEWSPAPER DISTRIBUTIONS AT UNIVERSITIES AND HARASSING EMPLOYERS OF LALC MEMBERS.

IN THE PAST THE CIA HAD RELIED ON ATTACKS ON THE LALC BY SECTIONS OF THE LEFT, PARTICULARLY THE VENEZUELAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCV), TO CONTAIN LALC ORGANIZING. RECENTLY, HOWEVER, THE PCV HAS CEASED PRINTING ATTACKS ON THE LALC IN ITS NEWSPAPER AND HAS COME OUT IN STRONG SUPPORT OF POSITIONS HELD BY THE LALC. SPECIFICALLY, THE PCV HAS GIVEN STRONG SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF PORTUGAL AND HAS LAUNCHED ATTACKS ON THE PRO-SOARES MOVIMIENTO AL SOCIALISMO.

IN THIS CONTEXT, THE LALC EXPECTS THAT THE SURVEILLANCE AND HARASSMENT CAMPAIGN MAY WELL ESCALATE INTO MUCH HARSHER ATTACKS AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION, DIRECTED BY THE CIA AND CARRIED OUT THROUGH THEIR OPERATIVES IN ONE OF THE VENEZUELAN POLICE AGENCIES.

ORGANIZER THREATENED IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, AUGUST 1 (IPS)—THIS MORNING NORTH AMERICAN LABOR PARTY MEMBER SUE TOBIN RECEIVED A TELEPHONE DEATH THREAT AT HER MONTREAL HOME. THE CALLER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS NORMAN COOK, A SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR AT SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE WHO TOBIN HAD INTERVIEWED FOR SEVERAL HOURS YESTERDAY. DURING THE INTERVIEW, COOK HAD BRAGGED ABOUT HIS CONNECTIONS TO VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL

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TERRORIST OPERATIONS, SUCH AS THE BAADER-MEINHOF GANG AND THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY. IN THIS MORNING'S CALL, COOK THREATENED TOBIN, SAYING "IF ANY OF THAT STUFF GETS PRINTED, IT'LL BE YOUR ASS."

MONTREAL POLICE, WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED WITH FULL DETAILS OF THE DEATH THREAT, TOLD IPS THAT THEY HAVE MAINTAINED A SPECIAL INTEREST IN COOK SINCE HE WAS ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE TERRORIST QUEBEC LIBERATION FRONT ORGANIZATION DURING THE HEIGHT OF THEIR BOMBING ACTIVITIES IN THE LATE 1960'S.

****FUSION RESEARCH****

PLASMA FOCUS FUSION RESEARCH DENIED FUNDING

NEW YORK, AUGUST 1 (IPS)—PROFESSOR VITTORIO NARDI AND FUSION ENERGY FOUNDATION EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER WINSTON BOSTICK OF STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY REPORTED IN AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY THAT THE SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES MADE BY THEIR EXPERIMENTAL GROUP AND OTHERS IN RESEARCH ON THE PLASMA FOCUS APPROACH TO FUSION WAS BEING COMPLETELY COLD-SHOULDERED BY THE CONTROLLED THERMONUCLEAR RESEARCH DIVISION OF THE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (ERDA).

AT THE MID-JULY CONFERENCE ON NEUTRON SOURCES AT ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY, THE STEVENS GROUP SHOWED THAT THE ENERGY OUTPUT OF PLASMA FOCUS DEVICES GOES UP EXTRAORDINARILY AS THE FIFTH POWER OF PLASMA CURRENT. THESE RESULTS INDICATE THAT A HIGHLY EFFICIENT, HIGH-YIELD NEUTRON PRODUCING TEST FACILITY COULD BE BUILT FOR ONLY \$10 MILLION. ERDA HAS SO FAR REFUSED TO SERIOUSLY REVIEW THE PROPOSAL EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD COST ONLY A FRACTION OF THE PRICE OF MACHINES PROPOSED BY MAJOR GOVERNMENT-AFFILIATED LABS.

FUSION MIRROR RESEARCH ADVANCES

AUGUST 1 (IPS)—DR. ROBERT C. SEAMANS, JR., HEAD OF THE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (ERDA), AND LIVERMORE LABORATORY GROUP LEADER DR. FREDERIC COENSGEN ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY AT A SAN FRANCISCO PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT RESULTS SINCE 1961 FOR THE MIRROR-TYPE FUSION MACHINE HAD BEEN ACHIEVED THIS MONTH AT LIVERMORE. AS REPORTED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES YESTERDAY, COENSGEN'S 2XII-B MACHINE WAS ABLE TO CONFINE AN ULTRA-HOT 130 MILLION DEGREE CENTIGRADE PLASMA FOR ABOUT 5 ONE-THOUSANDTHS OF A SECOND, MARKING AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE ON THE WAY TO FUSION POWER REACTOR AND FUSION TORCH DEVICES.

THIS WAS APPARENTLY TOO HOT FOR SEAMANS, WHO ATTEMPTED TO THROW COLD WATER ON THE SITUATION BY PREDICTING A 25 TO 35 YEAR DEVELOPMENT PERIOD FOR FUSION REACTORS.