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EARLY NEWS ROUND-UP
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I. WORLD PRESS ROUND-UP

PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT REORGANIZES MILITARY

OCT. 22 (IPS)—FACED WITH THE RAPID EROSION OF ITS AUTHORITY OVER COMMUNIST-BACKED WORKERS, PEASANTS AND SOLDIERS, PORTUGAL'S NATO-ALLIED SIXTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED FURTHER CHANGES IN THE NATION'S MILITARY STRUCTURE. THE CHANGES FOLLOW A SUDDEN TRIP TO WEST GERMANY BY ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF CARLOS FABIAO WHERE HE MET WITH WEST GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTER GEORG LEBER.

ACCORDING TO O SEculo OF OCT. 18, PORTUGUESE AND NATO AIR BASES WILL BE FUSED IN ORDER TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF AIR BASES AND SAVE MONEY.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS MOVED TO BOLSTER THE FALTERING RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR ITS AMI SHOCK TROOP BATTALION—A FORMATION WHICH NATO HOPES CAN BREAK UP PRO-COMMUNIST MILITARY UNITS—BY DISSOLVING ONE OF ITS LAST LOYAL UNITS, THE AMADORA COMMANDOS, INTO THE AMI, ACCORDING TO THE LISBON WEEKLY EXPRESSO.

FINALLY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ATTEMPTED TO ESTABLISH A NAVY EQUIVALENT TO THE AMI, TO BE CALLED FOR, WHICH WILL BE HEADED BY ADMIRAL VITOR CRESPO, AN ASSOCIATE OF NATO AGENT FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES.

LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER WARNS: LEBANON EVENTS COULD CATALYZE REVOLUTION THROUGHOUT ARAB SECTOR

OCT. 22 (IPS)—PHILLIPPE TAKLA, LEBANON'S FOREIGN MINISTER, WARNED THIS WEEK IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE RIGHT-WING EGYPTIAN DAILY AKHBAR EL-YAWM THAT "IF THE CRISIS IN LEBANON EXPLODES, THIS EXPLOSION WILL OPEN VERY DANGEROUS DOORS ON THE ENTIRE ARAB WORLD AND THE AREA WILL ENTER INTO A TORNADO OF ADVENTURES WHICH NOBODY KNOWS THE END TO."

OBVIOUSLY FEARFUL OF THE SPILLOVER EFFECTS OF SUCCESSFUL LEFTIST MASS ORGANIZING IN LEBANON ON THE AGENT REGIMES OF EGYPT AND SYRIA, AKHBAR EL-YAWM INTERVIEWER MIRYAM ROBIN ASKED TAKLA, "DO YOU MEAN THAT THINGS HAVE NOT YET EXPLODED IN LEBANON?"

MAGISTRATES, PCF CONDEMN PONIA'S POLICE STATE

OCT. 22 (IPS)—REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCF)-ALLIED TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION, THE CGT, AND LEADERS OF THE

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MAGISTRATES UNION MET LAST WEEK AND ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE CONDEMNING THE REPRESSIVE POLICE STATE MEASURES EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND HIS INTERIOR MINISTER PRINCE MICHEL PONIATOWSKI AGAINST THE WORKING CLASS.

"THE GOVERNMENT HIDES THE SOCIAL CAUSES OF VIOLENCE AND DISORDERS," STATES THE COMMUNIQUE WHICH IS PRINTED IN TODAY'S L'HUMANITE, THE PCF'S NEWSPAPER. "THE GOVERNMENT STRIVES TO REJECT ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT (THE VIOLENCE AND DISORDERS) BY ATTEMPTING TO BLAME IT ON FATE AND HUMAN INSTINCTS...AN AMALGAM IS MADE OF ALL POLITICAL AND TRADE UNION ACTION. PUBLIC OPINION IS THUS PREPARED FOR MEASURES THAT DESTROY INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES AND SECURITY."

FRENCH CGT, GERMAN DFU LEADERS CALL FOR PROGRAMMATIC RECONVERSION OF ARMS INDUSTRY

FRANKFURT, BRD, OCT. 22 (IPS)—SPEAKING AT A FORUM SPONSORED BY THE COMMUNIST-ALLIED WEST GERMAN PEACE UNION (DFU), JEAN SCHAEFER, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST-ALLIED FRENCH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION, THE CGT, CALLED FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE ARMAMENTS INDUSTRY INTO USEFUL PRODUCTION.

SCHAEFER SAID THAT IN FRANCE, PROGRAMMATIC DISCUSSION OF THIS RECONVERSION WAS JUST IN THE BEGINNING PHASE, WITH THE CGT LEADING MANY STUDY GROUPS ON THE SUBJECT. "WE GO OVER RELATIVELY SMALL PROBLEMS OF GROUPS OF WORKERS AND THEN TRY TO GIVE THEM A SENSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROCESS OF PRODUCTION," THE CGT LEADER STATED. SCHAEFER SAID THAT COMMITTEES HAVE ALREADY BEEN FORMED IN SOME PLACES WHERE WORKERS FROM THE CGT AND MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH GAULLIST PARTY, THE UDR, WORK TOGETHER AROUND THE PROGRAMMATIC QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN RECONVERSION.

LORENZ KNORR, MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE DFU, TOLD THE AUDIENCE OF THE STUDY CONDUCTED THAT TOTALLY CALCULATED WHAT HAD TO BE DONE TO TRANSFORM THE GERMAN KRAUS-MAFEI PLANT FROM LEOPARD TANK PRODUCTION TO THE PRODUCTION OF CHEAP MASS TRANSMIT SYSTEMS. THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED QUICKLY, KNORR DEMONSTRATED.

THE DFU LEADER THEN DESCRIBED PROBLEMS WITH RECONVERSION IN OTHER INDUSTRIES, PARTICULARLY PETRO-CHEMICALS. THESE PROBLEMS HAVE TO BE SOLVED, HE STATED, BECAUSE GERMAN INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY IS NEEDED TO TRANSFORM THE SUB-SAHARA AND AMAZON REGIONS INTO FLOURISHING AGRICULTURAL AREAS.

KNORR ATTACKED THE PRESENT POLICIES OF THE RULING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SPD) TOWARDS THE THIRD WORLD, COMMENTING "THERE ARE SOME CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (THE CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION PARTY) WHO ARE MORE PROGRESSIVE IN THIS RESPECT THAN THE SPD. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER GERHARD STOLTENBERG HAS GIVEN SOLID BACKING TO PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE THIRD WORLD AND TO EXPANDED EAST-WEST TRADE."

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FACTIONS IN BRITISH GOVERNMENT REPORTED MANEUVERING

OCT. 22 (IPS)—THE BRITISH LABOUR GOVERNMENT MAY FIND ITSELF "HIGHLY UNPOPULAR WITH THE OLD ANTI-COMMON-MARKET FORCES IN THE LABOUR PARTY" IF THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO BACK DOWN FROM ITS DEMANDS FOR A SEPARATE SEAT AT THE DECEMBER NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES, THE LONDON OBSERVER SAID OCT. 19.

"BRITAIN'S ABRUPT INSISTENCE ON A SEPARATE PLACE AT THE WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE MAY LOOK LIKE A GRAND REASSERTION OF JOHN BULL'S VIRILITY IN THE REST OF EUROPE," THE OBSERVER SAID, BUT "SOME OF FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN'S COLLEAGUES THINK THAT HIS POSITION HAS A LOT TO DO WITH HIS WISH TO CUT THE GROUND FROM UNDER THE FEET OF TONY BENN AND THE OTHER NATIONALISTS IN THE LABOUR PARTY."

CALLAGHAN'S OPPONENTS AMONG PRO-DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIALISTS HAVE MAINTAINED HE WANTS THE SEPARATE SEAT IN ORDER TO BETTER SABOTAGE THIRD WORLD DEMANDS FOR A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER.

BRITISH LEFTIST DENOUNCES MILITARY EXERCISES

OCT. 22 (IPS)—THE RECENT GENERAL MOBILIZATION OF THE BRITISH ARMY "CAUSED THE BEWILDERMENT OF THE PUBLIC, SINCE THERE WAS NO DANGER TO BRITISH SECURITY ANYWHERE," ACCORDING TO LEFT-WING MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FRANK ALLAUN IN AN OCT. 19 PRAVDA INTERVIEW.

THE EXERCISE, CALLED "INSIDE RAID," WAS "NO HELP FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF DETENTE," ALLAUN SAID.

BRITISH TRADE DELEGATION IN USSR

OCT. 22 (IPS)—"THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE RIGHT THERE IN RUSSIA. IT'S NOW UP TO COMPANIES TO DO THEIR SUMS RIGHT AND COME BACK WITH FIRM PROPOSALS," THE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH ENGLAND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TOLD THE LONDON OBSERVER OCT. 19. A COUNCIL DELEGATION IS CURRENTLY VISITING THE USSR.

"WITH 1.8 BILLION IN EXPORT CREDITS ARRANGED LAST FEB. BY MR. WILSON STILL LARGELY UNTOUCHED, THE POTENTIAL FOR LONG-TERM EXPANSION IS REAL," THE OBSERVER SAID.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN NORTHERN ENGLAND IS UNUSUALLY HIGH DUE TO THE DEPRESSION IN THE SUPPORT INDUSTRIES FOR NORTH SEA OIL.

II. ORGANIZING AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT

ORGANIZING VIOLATES MOTOR VEHICLE CODE, SAYS STATE ATTORNEY

OCT. 22 (IPS)—IN A CASE INVOLVING SIGNIFICANT CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES, THE NEW JERSEY STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE MOVED IN ELIZABETH MUNICIPAL COURT TODAY TO HAVE THE LOCAL PROSECUTOR REPLACED BY A STATE ATTORNEY IN THE PROSECUTION OF THREE U.S. LA-

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BOR PARTY ORGANIZERS CHARGED WITH "IMPEDING TRAFFIC" WHILE ORGANIZING.

"AS GROUNDS FOR THE SUDDEN MOVE, N.J. STATE ATTORNEYS ARGUED THAT THE U.S. LABOR PARTY'S LYNN SPEED, FRED HENDERSON, AND CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE JANET COHEN ARE FACING CHARGES WHICH ARE COVERED UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE MOTOR VEHICLE CODE (MVC). MVC SECTION 39:4-60 PROHIBITS IMPEDING OR INTERFERING IN ROADWAYS, AND HAS BEEN A MAJOR LEGAL PRETEXT FOR FBI/POLICE HARASSMENT AND INTERFERENCE AIMED AT IMPEDING LABOR PARTY STATEWIDE ORGANIZING.

UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COURT WOULD BE FORCED TO FIND THE MVC SECTION UNCONSTITUTIONAL WHEN APPLIED TO POLITICAL PARTIES, AND ACQUIT THE THREE USLP DEFENDANTS, SETTING A STATEWIDE PRECEDENT AGAINST POLICE HARASSMENT; HENCE THE ACTION BY THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE YESTERDAY TO PUT THE CASE UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.

IN A CLOSELY RELATED DEVELOPMENT, TRENTON, NJ. LABOR PARTY ORGANIZER ROBERT BOWEN WAS ACQUITTED YESTERDAY OF CHARGES OF "OBSTRUCTING AND IMPEDING TRAFFIC" WHILE ORGANIZING IN THAT CITY. BOWEN'S WAS ONLY THE FIRST OF FOUR SUCH LABOR PARTY CASES COMING TO TRIAL IN TRENTON.

III. IPS ANALYSIS

FRENCH ELECTION REVEALS DEFECTIONS BY ANTI-ATLANTICISTS FROM GAULLISTS

OCT. 22 (IPS)—FRENCH MINISTER OF COOPERATION AND RENOWNED ATLANTICIST PIERRE ABELIN FINALLY SQUEAKED THROUGH IN THE RUN-OFF OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE ELECTION HELD IN CHATELLERAULT OCT. 19. OFFICIAL TALLIES GAVE HIM 52.6 PER CENT OF THE VOTES, AS OPPOSED TO 47.4 PER CENT FOR HIS OPPONENT, "UNION OF THE LEFT" CANDIDATE AND SOCIALIST PARTY MEMBER EDITH CRESSON.

IPS HAS ESTABLISHED THAT ABELIN'S POOR PERFORMANCE—HE LOST 13 PER CENT OF HIS 1973 SCORE—WAS DUE TO MASSIVE DEFECTIONS FROM THE RANKS OF THE GAULLIST (UDR) PARTY, DESPITE UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT FOR ABELIN BY GAULLIST PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC. A CLOSE READING OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE UDR ELECTORATE IN THE CHATELLERAULT DISTRICT OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS REVEALS THAT ALMOST HALF THE GAULLIST VOTERS DO NOT AT THIS POINT ACCEPT PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING'S AUSTERITY AND PRO-NATO MILITARY POLICIES.

THE PARIS EVENING DAILY FRANCE-SOIR CLAIMED OCT. 20 THAT THE CHARGES REGISTERED IN THE CHATELLERAULT ELECTION ALSO APPLY TO THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, BUT IN A MORE RADICAL WAY. SHOULD GENERAL LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE TODAY, FRANCE-SOIR SAID, THE ALLIED COMMUNIST (PCF) AND SOCIALIST PARTIES WOULD GAIN A MAJORITY IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE SP WOULD REPLACE THE UDR AS THE MAIN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP.

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ALREADY, VARIOUS PRO-GISCARD JOURNALISTS ARE FLOATING THE IDEA THAT THE "REFORMIST" PRESIDENT WOULD FEEL MOST AT HOME IN THE MIDST OF A COALITION COMPRISED OF THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICANS (IR)—GISCARD'S PARTY—THE PRO-ROCKEFELLER REFORMATEURS, AND THE SOCIALISTS. YESTERDAY, A NEWSMAN ON THE STATE-CONTROLLED RADIO OPENLY ADVOCATED THAT THE IR AND REFORMATEURS LEAVE THE UDR BEHIND, JOIN UP WITH THE SP, AND BUILD IN FRANCE A LARGE REFORMIST ALLIANCE. "THE HOUR OF SOCIAL-DEMOCRACY MAY HAVE COME," HE STRESSED.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF FRANCE IS STUDYING THESE MANEUVERS VERY CLOSELY. IN HIS L'HUMANITE EDITORIAL TODAY, PCF POLITBURO MEMBER ROLAND LEROY WRITES THAT THE CHATELLERAULT ELECTION SHOWS CONTINUED COMMUNIST GAINS AMONG WORKER STRATA, AND ADDS THAT THE PCF'S EMPHASIS ON THE NECESSITY TO REINFORCE ITSELF WITHIN THE "UNION OF THE LEFT" IS MORE NECESSARY THAN EVER. "WE MUST STRUGGLE FOR A UNION WHOSE OBJECTIVE IS NOT TO SERVE AS A STEPPING STONE FOR ONE OF ITS COMPONENTS BUT FOR A UNION WHOSE GOAL IS TO STRUGGLE AND WIN TOGETHER," LEROY SAYS.

END EARLY IPS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1975.