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I. PRIORITIES

AXIOS BRIEFS WORLD PRESS ON ROCKEFELLER-KISSINGER TERROR, IDB

WASHINGTON, D.C., DEC. 23 (IPS) -- IN BACK-TO-BACK PRESS CONFERENCES THIS MORNING AND THIS AFTERNOON HERE, NATIONAL CAUCUS OF LABOR COMMITTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, COSTAS AXIOS, OUTLINED TO MAJOR U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS REPRESENTATIVES THE URGENCY OF HALTING THE INSURRECTIONARY DRIVE OF VICE-PRESIDENT NELSON ROCKEFELLER AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER TOWARD A THERMONUCLEAR HOLOCAUST.

AXIOS EMPHASIZED THE KISSINGER-ORDERED CIA-TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE VIENNA/OPEC MEETING THIS WEEK REPRESENTS A DIRECT ESCALATION OF THE "LIVE" NATO NUCLEAR MANEUVERS CODENAMED HILEX '75 -- WHICH INCLUDE PRESIDENT FORD'S ASSASSINATION FOLLOWED BY NUCLEAR ATTACK ON THE SOVIET UNION. "IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS ESCALATION BE ENDED," AXIOS TOLD THE REPORTERS. "THE SOVIET UNION, IF THEY SENSE THAT ROCKEFELLER IS IN FULL CONTROL, WOULD NOT WAIT...THEY WOULD LAUNCH A FIRST-STRIKE AGAINST THE U.S."

AXIOS FURTHER EMPHASIZED THAT NOT ONLY MUST THE ROCKEFELLER MACHINE BE DISMANTLED, BUT A COHERENT POLICY FOR WORLD PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT MUST BE IMMEDIATELY ADOPTED: "SHOULD THE PRESIDENT AND INDUSTRIAL FACTIONS MOVE TO REMOVE ROCKEFELLER, KISSINGER AND LEVI, NCLC CHAIRMAN AND LABOR PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LYNDON LA-ROUCHE IS PREPARED, UPON HIS RETURN TO NEW YORK, TO SIT DOWN WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, BANKS AND INDUSTRIALISTS, TO MAP OUT IMMEDIATE AND CONCRETE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB) AND EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT ACT (EEA) PROGRAMS."

WALL STREET WEEKLY HEADLINES NUCLEAR WAR THREAT

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- IN THE LEAD ARTICLE OF ITS DEC. 22 ISSUE, THE MONEY MANAGER, A LEADING U.S. FINANCIAL WEEKLY, POINTS DIRECTLY TO THE IMMEDIATE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR AND QUESTIONS WHETHER PRESIDENT FORD IS IN FACT IN CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT.

WRITING FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., MONEY MANAGER REPORTER JOHN GERRITY IDENTIFIES THE "STRONG AND DISCOMFORTING SUSPICION THAT THE U.S. IS PERHAPS MOVING INEXORABLY TOWARD AN INTERNATIONAL CONFLAGRATION, WHICH POTENTIALLY WOULD FAR TRANSCEND THE WORST THAT MIGHT HAVE EVOLVED FROM THE RECENTLY-ENDED WAR IN VIETNAM."

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EMPHASIZING THAT THESE CONCERNS ARE BEING VOICED BY "WISE AND THOUGHTFUL MEN, WHO WOULD NEVER STOOP TO TRAFFIC IN EVIL STRAWS IN THE WIND," GERRITY REPORTS THAT THIS CONCERN SPRINGS FROM A SERIES OF RECENT EVENTS -- "MANY OF THEM SEEMINGLY UNRELATED, BUT ALL HONING IN ON THE IMMEDIATE QUESTION OF WORLD PEACE." IN HIGHLY POLEMICAL FASHION, GERRITY REVIEWS THESE EVENTS -- FROM THE BRUSSELS NATO MEETINGS, TO SECRET STATE DEPARTMENT BRIEFINGS ON THE "DISINTEGRATION OF DETENTE," TO SALT II AND U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, AND THE RECENT ACTIVITIES OF DEFENSE SECRETARY DONALD RUMSFELD.

IN POSING A SERIES OF "TERRIBLE AND UNANSWERED DOMESTIC, POLITICAL AND INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS," GERRITY BLUNTLY STATES: "SOME GO SO FAR AS TO WONDER IF GERALD FORD REALLY KNOWS WHO'S RUNNING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TODAY...OR, IF THE PRESIDENT IS ACTUALLY IN COMMAND, HOW CAN HE POSSIBLY CONDONE WHAT'S GOING ON..."

CHICAGO SPOKESMAN SUPPORTS CURRENCY BLOC PEGGED TO GOLD AND NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- THE TOP MONETARY SPOKESMAN FOR THE CHICAGO-BASED ANTI-ROCKEFELLER INDUSTRIALISTS' AND FINANCIERS' FACTION TOLD IPS TODAY THAT HE FULLY BACKS THE EUROPEAN MOTION TOWARDS A GOLD-BACKED EUROPEAN CURRENCY BLOC. "I THINK A EUROPEAN GOLD-BACKED CURRENCY BLOC IS A VERY POSITIVE THING FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID. "I WOULD EVEN SUPPORT A GOLD-BACKED DOLLAR."

"I SUPPORT THE NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER AS PUT FORTH BY THE THIRD WORLD BLOC AT PARIS (THE NORTH-SOUTH MEETING)," HE ALSO STATED.

MEANWHILE, THE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE IN A LEAD ARTICLE TODAY DECLARED THAT WITH THE GROUP OF 10 AGREEMENT OF LAST FRIDAY, EUROPE WILL MOVE TOWARDS A GOLD-BACKED EUROPEAN CURRENCY BLOC. SUCH A MOVE SIGNIFIES THAT THE HEGEMONY OF THE DOLLAR IS EFFECTIVELY OVER, THE JOURNAL REPORTED.

EL SOL OF MEXICO: IMF GOLD SALE NOT ENOUGH; MUST MOVE TOWARD NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- A DEC. 21 EDITORIAL IN THE PROGRESSIVE MEXICO CITY DAILY EL SOL DEMANDS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF) MOVE TOWARD FUNDAMENTAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN THE THIRD WORLD RATHER THAN INTERIM MEASURES SUCH AS THE CURRENT IMF GOLD SALE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

"WHETHER OR NOT (THE SALE OF GOLD)...CAN BE MADE INTO A POLITICAL WEAPON BY SOME OF THE INDUSTRIAL POWERS, THE EDITORIAL MAINTAINS, "THE AID WHICH MATTERS FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IS THAT AFFORDED BY THE DEFINITION AND PRACTICE OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."

EL SOL PUBLISHES THE MOST RESPECTED FINANCIAL PAGE IN THE MEXICAN DAILY PRESS.

MEXICAN PRESS BLASTS U.S., SOARES, FOR ANGOLAN INTERVENTION

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- THE LEFT-LEANING MEXICAN DAILY EL DIA YESTERDAY

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PUBLISHED A COLUMN BY SOCORRO DIAZ WARNING THAT THE BAN IN THE U.S. SENATE AGAINST FURTHER AID TO ANGOLA DOES NOT MEAN THE U.S. "WILL STOP PUSHING ITS INTERESTS" IN THE COUNTRY. THE COLUMN ALSO NOTES THAT THE COVER FOR THE CIA-SUPPORTED INVASION FORCES, THE NATIONAL FRONT (FNLA) AND THE NATIONAL UNION (UNITA), WAS PROVIDED "PRECISELY BY THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY (PSP) LEADER, MARIO SOARES, WHO, DURING HIS SHORT STINT AS THE PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER, MADE CONTACT IN ZAIRE WITH THE LEADERS OF THE MERCENARY FORCES.

SIMULTANEOUSLY, AN EL SOL EDITORIAL BLASTS THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT ATTEMPT TO PROVOKE CONFRONTATION WITH THE SOVIETS OVER ANGOLA. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY BECOMES "EMOTIONAL" OVER "PRETEXTS OF LITTLE WEIGHT", THE EDITORIAL POINTS OUT, WHEN IT IS UNABLE TO "COMPLETE VARIOUS MANEUVERS WHICH WOULD PERMIT IT TO GAIN AN ADVANTAGE..."

PRISON OFFICIALS PROLONG HOLTZCLAW'S INCARCERATION

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- CRAIG HOLTZCLAW, A BUFFALO LABOR PARTY ORGANIZER JAILED FIVE DAYS AGO IN A FRAME-UP CASE INVOLVING UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO PROFESSOR AND CIA OPERATIVE PAUL KURTZ, REMAINS IN JAIL TONIGHT -- DESPITE COUNTY COURT JUDGE LAMENDOLA'S DECISION TO GRANT A "STAY OF EXECUTION" OF HIS 15-DAY SENTENCE.

THE STAY ORDER WOULD PERMIT HOLTZCLAW TO GO FREE ON \$100 BAIL PENDING AN APPEAL. PRISON OFFICIALS HAVE SO FAR REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE OR THE BAIL MONIES UNTIL THEY RECEIVE A SIGNED COURT ORDER.

HOLTZCLAW WAS CHARGED WITH "HARASSMENT" BY PROFESSOR KURTZ, AFTER HE INDICTED KURTZ AS A NUREMBERG CRIMINAL UNDER THE "CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY" SECTION OF THE 1947 STATUTES. KURTZ, AN EDITOR OF THE HUMANIST MAGAZINE, IS AN ACTIVIST IN ANGLO-AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, INCLUDING SIDNEY HOOK'S UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE FOR RATIONAL ALTERNATIVES (UCRA), CREATED TO INSTITUTE MCCARTHYITE WITCHHUNTS AGAINST COMMUNISTS ON CAMPUS.

ATTORNEYS FOR MR. HOLTZCLAW PLAN TO OBTAIN A COURT ORDER FOR HIS RELEASE TOMORROW, BARRING ANY NEW STALLING TACTICS BY KURTZ OR JUSTICE OFFICIALS.

FIGHTING FLARES UP IN LEBANON

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- FIGHTING FLARED YESTERDAY IN LEBANON'S BEKAA VALLEY, WITH THE TOWN OF ZAHLE HIT BY MORE THAN 300 MORTAR SHELLS SUNDAY NIGHT. ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S BALTIMORE SUN, THE RENEWED FIGHTING "THREATENS FULL-SCALE RESUMPTION OF THE EIGHT-MONTH-OLD CIVIL WAR," AND OPENS THE POSSIBILITY OF OVERT SYRIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION. SUCH INTERVENTION WOULD PROVOKE AN ISRAELI RESPONSE AND A FIFTH ARAB-ISRAELI WAR.

ACCORDING TO THE SUN, CHRISTIAN LEADER CAMILLE CHAMOUN REFERRED TO "ARMED ALIEN ELEMENTS" FIGHTING IN THE BEKAA VALLEY, A DIRECT ALLUSION TO THE SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN FORCES, THE YARMUK BRIGADE. THE SUN REPORTS THAT "SYRIA IS EAGER TO PUT AN END TO LEBANON'S CIVIL STRUGGLE."

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IN AN INTERVIEW WITH IPS, THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMED TODAY THAT "FOREIGN FORCES" ARE PRESENTLY FIGHTING WITH LEBANESE TROOPS. AN ISRAELI SOURCE, BRIEFED BY IPS ON SYRIAN INVOLVEMENT RESPONDED, "YES, WE ARE AWARE OF IT."

SPINOLA RETURNS TO PORTUGAL

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- PORTUGUESE FASCIST GENERAL ANTONIO DI SPINOLA REPORTEDLY RETURNED TO PORTUGAL THIS WEEK AND IS NOW HOLDING SECRET TALKS WITH ALPOIM CALVAO, HEAD OF THE FASCIST TERRORIST GROUP, THE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PORTUGAL (MDLP). IF THE REPORT CARRIED IN THE DEC. 20 RIGHT-WING DAILY, COMERCIO DE PORTO, IS CORRECT IT WOULD MARK THE FIRST TIME THAT THE FORMER PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN INSIDE PORTUGAL SINCE HIS EXILE FOLLOWING AN ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPT ON MAR. 11. SPINOLA SUPPORTERS IN THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY ARE, MEANWHILE, BEING RESTORED TO COMMAND LEVEL POSITIONS, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S FRENCH DAILY, LE MONDE, WHILE "THOSE (LEFT-WING OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS) WHO WERE INVESTIGATING THE MAR. 11 EVENTS ARE NOW IN JAIL."

YESTERDAY'S LISBON PAPER, JOURNAL DE NOTICIAS, REPORTED THAT "SOCIALIST (PARTY) DEPUTY RAUL REGO RECENTLY STATED THAT HE SAW NO OBSTACLE TO SPINOLA'S RETURN IF HE WAS READY TO PLAY THE DEMOCRATIC GAME." SUCH VIEWS ARE SHARED BY THE CIA-LINKED SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER, MARIO SOARES.

PRAVDA ATTACKS KISSINGER FOR BLACKMAIL EFFORT AT NORTH-SOUTH TALKS

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- A COMMENTARY IN THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY PRAVDA DIRECTLY ATTACKED THE EFFORT BY U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER TO BREAK THE UNITY OF THE THIRD WORLD AT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED PARIS NORTH-SOUTH CONFERENCE.

REFERRING TO KISSINGER'S ATTEMPT TO BLAME THE OIL PRODUCERS' CARTEL, OPEC, FOR THE WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS AND THEREBY SPLIT THE THIRD WORLD INTO CAMPS OF OIL PRODUCERS AND DEVELOPING NATIONS WITHOUT OIL, PRAVDA SAID, "THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, IN THINLY VEILED TERMS, THREATENED THE OPEC COUNTRIES WITH ECONOMIC SANCTIONS."

CHARACTERIZING THE KISSINGER BLACKMAIL AS UNSUCCESSFUL, THE COMMENTARY STRESSED THAT THE "WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WILL NOT BE SOLVED WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL STATES--WITHOUT EXCEPTION."

THE THIRD WORLD HAD DEMANDED AT THE PARIS TALKS THAT THE SOCIALIST BLOC BE INVOLVED IN ALL NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD THE FORMATION OF A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER.

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II. HOT SPOTS--ANGOLA

KISSINGER STRONG ARMS GULF TO CUT OFF
PAYMENTS TO ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT HAS PRESSED GULF OIL CORPORATION TO HOLD BACK SOME \$125 MILLION IN PETROLEUM ROYALTIES OWED TO THE POPULAR MOVEMENT (MPLA) GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN THE U.S. PRESS TODAY.

THE POPULAR MOVEMENT GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MILITARILY PROTECTING GULF INSTALLATIONS IN THE OIL-PRODUCING ENCLAVE OF CABINDA AGAINST INCURSIONS BY ZAIREAN-BACKED FORCES OF THE NATIONAL FRONT (FNLA) SINCE AUGUST.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO "REQUESTED" THAT GULF CLOSE DOWN ITS DRILLING OPERATIONS IN CABINDA, THEREBY HOPING TO DENY THE MPLA GOVERNMENT FUTURE REVENUES.

DAILY TELEGRAPH CALLS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE IN ANGOLA

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- THE DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIALIZED TODAY IN FAVOR OF SOUTH AFRICAN USE OF FRENCH-BUILT MIRAGE JET FIGHTERS IN ANGOLA TO PREVENT THE CIA AND SOUTH AFRICAN CONTROLLED "LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" FROM SUFFERING AN OTHERWISE CERTAIN DEFEAT.

"THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE COULD DESTROY THE POPULAR MOVEMENT (MPLA), IF GIVEN FREEDOM OF ACTION," THE TELEGRAPH WISTFULLY REPORTED.

III. SOUTHEAST ASIA

THAI PROVOKED FIGHTING FLARES ON CAMBODIAN BORDER

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- THAI AND CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT FORCES EXCHANGED FIRE ACROSS THEIR BORDER FOR THE SECOND TIME WITHIN 48 HOURS. ACCORDING TO THAI REPORTS, TWO THAI POLICEMEN WERE WOUNDED.

THE INCIDENT FOLLOWS A WEEK OF TENSION ALONG THE BORDER AS A RESULT OF PROVOCATIONS BY THE CIA-BACKED THAI MILITARY AGAINST THE NEIGHBORING COMMUNIST STATES.

SOVIETS AIRLIFT FOOD, SUPPLIES TO BLOCKADED LAOS

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- IN AN EFFORT TO RELIEVE SHORTAGES CREATED BY A NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL-ORDERED BLOCKADE OF LAOS BY THAILAND, THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEGUN AIRLIFTING FOOD AND OTHER BASIC SUPPLIES INTO THE LAOTIAN CAPITAL, VIENTIENNE, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES. THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN LAOS, A LAND-LOCKED COUNTRY, HAS BEEN FORCED TO TRUCK AND AIRLIFT SUPPLIES IN FROM NORTH VIETNAM TO BREAK THE BLOCKADE.

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IV. MIDEAST AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

AS OPPOSITION MOUNTS, RABIN TELLS OPPONENTS
TO JUMP INTO DEAD SEA

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- IT IS BEING WIDELY REPORTED IN THE ISRAELI PRESS THAT ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN HAS TOLD THOSE MEMBERS OF THE ISRAELI CABINET THAT THEY CAN LEAVE THE CABINET IF THEY DO NOT AGREE WITH HIS POLICIES, ACCORDING TO CBS RADIO REPORTS TODAY.

THE DETERIORATION OF THE ISRAELI ECONOMY, ALONG WITH RABIN'S REFUSAL TO HEED MOUNTING PRESSURE AND MOVES THAT COULD RESOLVE THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION, HAS SHAKEN THE RABIN GOVERNMENT TO THE POINT OF COLLAPSE. THE ISRAELI CABINET IS REPORTED BY SEVERAL SOURCES TO BE FACTIONALIZED OVER BOTH THE GOVERNMENT'S AUSTERITY PROGRAM AND ITS U.S.-STATE DEPARTMENT CONTROLLED POLICY ORIENTATION ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION.

THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG TODAY MENTIONED FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER ABBA EBAN AS A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO RABIN.

BRD CONCLUDES ARMS SALE TO TURKEY

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- ON THE EVE OF SOVIET PREMIER ALEXEI KOSYGIN'S TRIP TO TURKEY THIS FRIDAY, THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS INITIATED A LARGE SALE OF ARMAMENTS TO TURKEY IN AN ATTEMPT TO MILITARIZE THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND PREVENT FURTHER MOVES BY TURKEY TOWARD THE EAST BLOC.

ACCORDING TO THE DEC. 19 TURKISH DAILY CUNHURIYET, WEST GERMAN DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER SIEGFRIED MANN, ACCOMPANIED BY A HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY DELEGATION THAT ARRIVED IN TURKEY ON DEC. 10, MET WITH TURKISH DEFENSE MINISTER F. MELEN AND CHIEF OF STAFF S. SAN-CAR TO CONCLUDE A MAJOR ARMS DEAL AND DISCUSS THE EXPANSION OF THE TURKISH ARMS INDUSTRY. FIFTY WEST GERMAN LEOPARD-2 TANKS WERE REPORTEDLY SOLD TO TURKS, WITH THE AGREEMENT THAT AN ADDITIONAL 100 WILL BE ASSEMBLED IN TURKEY. IN ADDITION, AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE SALE OF ALPHA JET RECONNAISSANCE PLANES AND ROCKETS.

DESPITE THESE PRESS REPORTS, SPOKESMEN FOR THE WEST GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTRY DENIED TO WEST GERMAN TV REPORTERS THAT ANY DEAL WITH TURKEY INVOLVING THE SALE OF TANKS HAD AS YET BEEN CONCLUDED.

V. EAST BLOC RESPONSE

RED STAR EDITORIALIZES ON ABSOLUTE MILITARY DISCIPLINE

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- THE SOVIET MILITARY DAILY, RED STAR, DEC. 20 RAN AN UNUSUALLY STRONG EDITORIAL ON SOVIET MILITARY DISCIPLINE AND THE INVIOABILITY OF THE MILITARY OATH OF LOYALTY, INDICATING THE BATTLE READINESS OF SOVIET FIGHTING FORCES.

"THE SOLDIER...TRUE TO HIS MILITARY OBLIGATION AND MILITARY OATH," THE EDITORIAL STATES, "MEASURES UP TO ALL TESTS AND EXACTLY, ABSOLUTELY AND IMMEDIATELY CARRIES OUT ANY ORDER....IF IT SHOULD HAPPEN THAT THE AGGRESSOR WOULD DARE VIOLATE THE PEACEFUL,

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CREATIVE WORK OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE, AND THE SIGNAL OF WAR ALARM SHOULD SOUND IN THE REGIMENTS AND ON THE SHIPS, THE SOLDIERS OF THE ARMED FORCES--FROM PRIVATE TO MARSHAL--WOULD ANSWER TO THE ORDER OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND GO INTO ACTION."

SOVIET STRATEGIC ROCKET TROOPS COMMANDER:
"THE LAW OF LIFE--BATTLE READINESS"

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- GENERAL V. TOLUBKO, SOVIET DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER AND SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE STRATEGIC ROCKET TROOPS, DELINEATED THE PERSONAL MORAL, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL QUALITIES REQUIRED OF THE SOVIET ROCKET TROOPS, IN A FEATURE ARTICLE IN RED STAR, THE SOVIET MILITARY DAILY, DEC. 20.

IN HIS FIRST CONTRIBUTION TO THE MAJOR SOVIET PRESS SINCE THE HEIGHT OF THE NATO MC 14/4 MANEUVERS LAST SPRING, GENERAL TOLUBKO STRESSED THAT THE PERPETUAL ALERT DUTY, "THE SITUATION OF HIGH STRESS AND RESPONSIBILITY," OF THE STRATEGIC ROCKET TROOPS IS THE "BEST SCHOOL" FOR DEVELOPING THE "HIGH MORAL, POLITICAL AND MILITARY QUALITIES OF THE TROOPS."

"THE ROCKET TROOPS ARE ALWAYS READY TO FULFILL THEIR PATRIOTIC AND INTERNATIONAL DUTY IN DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET STATE AND THE GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOCIALISM," HE CONCLUDED.

GDR BLASTS WEST GERMAN PRESS FOR "SLANDER CAMPAIGN"

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GDR), TODAY DENOUNCED THE WEST GERMAN PRESS FOR PARTICIPATING IN A SLANDER CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE GDR.

THE PAPER TERMS THE RECENT SPATE OF STORIES ABOUT THE "GDR STEALING THE BABIES OF DEFECTORS" AS "A TRANSPARENT MANEUVER" AND A PROVOCATION.

THE WEST GERMAN NEWS MAGAZINE DER SPIEGEL IS SINGLED OUT AS A LEADING CONDUIT OF THE SLANDERS.

LINKING THE MAOIST CHAIRMAN OF THE CHRISTIAN SOCIAL UNION (CSU) TO THE CAMPAIGN, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND WRITES, "DER SPIEGEL, LONG KNOWN AS A LIBERAL MAGAZINE, IS NOW MANIFESTLY THE ELECTORAL AID OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION AND THE CSU....THESE ARE THE ANTI-DETENTE FORCES IN WEST GERMANY WHO ARE AGAINST THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GDR AND WEST GERMANY....WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THOSE IN WEST GERMANY WHO DO NOT JOIN THE BANDWAGON AGAINST THE GDR WILL DEAL WITH THOSE WHO MAKE SUCH POLITICAL PROVOCATIONS."

THE "GDR STEALS BABIES" PROPAGANDA BEGAN ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION DEC. 19 OF AN AGREEMENT COVERING TRANSIT BETWEEN THE GDR AND WEST GERMANY.

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VI. OTHER NEWS

COINTELPRO AGENT EXPOSED

CHARLOTTE, DEC. 23 (IPS) -- U.S. LABOR PARTY INVESTIGATIONS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT GREG SLIE, FORMER MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL-CONTROLLED RED HORNETS COUNTERGANG AND A MEMBER OF THE U.S. LABOR PARTY FOR THE PAST MONTH, IS A COINTELPRO OPERATIVE.

SLIE'S CONNECTIONS TO COINTELPRO OPERATIONS WERE UNCOVERED DURING A LABOR PARTY INVESTIGATION INTO HIS DISAPPEARANCE FROM ORGANIZING ACTIVITIES EARLY LAST WEEK. IT WAS DISCLOSED THAT SLIE IS AN EX-CONVICT AND WAS FORCED INTO A "SPECIAL REHABILITATION" PROGRAM BY HIS PAROLE OFFICER.

ON DEC. 20, SLIE WAS IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT AND IS NOW IN JAIL ON \$600 BAIL, CHARGED WITH PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS, RESISTING ARREST, ASSAULTING A POLICE OFFICER AND POSSESSION OF PYROTECHNICS.

SLIE HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE LABOR PARTY, AND THE ORGANIZATION IS TAKING NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS PRESENT CHARGES.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT CLAIMS SECRET LASER INCIDENT WAS NATURAL GAS; EXPERTS FIND EXPLANATION "INCREDIBLE"

DEC. 23 (IPS) -- PENTAGON SOURCES QUOTED BY THE NEW YORK POST TODAY CLAIMED THAT THE INTENSE INFRARED RADIATION WHICH EITHER BLINDED OR CAME NEAR TO BLINDING U.S. EARLY WARNING SATELLITES LAST MONTH WAS NOT, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, LASER RADIATION, BUT RADIATION FROM "NATURAL GAS FLARES IN THE USSR."

THE SOURCES DID NOT EXPLAIN WHY THIS EXPLANATION HAD BEEN RULED OUT IN THE INITIAL ASSESSMENTS OF THE INCIDENTS. LATER EXPERTS CONTACTED BY IPS TERMED THE NATURAL GAS EXPLANATION AS "HIGHLY INCREDIBLE." ONE POINTED OUT THAT THE INTENSITY OF RADIATION INVOLVED IN A FLARE IS LESS THAN THAT OF A MAJOR ROCKET LAUNCHING AND CERTAINLY LESS THAN THAT NEEDED TO EVEN COME NEAR BLINDING THE EARLY WARNING SATELLITES.

BY CONTRAST, SINCE A LASER BEAM IS CONCENTRATED IN A SINGLE NARROW BEAM, IT CAN BE FAR MORE DESTRUCTIVE THAN A FLARE, WHICH RADIATES ENERGY IN ALL DIRECTIONS. THE EXPERT DOUBTED THAT ANY SOURCE OTHER THAN A LASER COULD ACCOUNT FOR THE SATELLITE INCIDENTS. MILITARY SOURCES HAVE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT POSSESSION OF SUCH LASER TECHNOLOGY BY THE SOVIETS WOULD IMPLY A QUALITATIVE SOVIET ADVANTAGE OVER THE U.S. IN ANY NUCLEAR EXCHANGE.

END OF LATE IPS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1975