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LATE EVENING NEWS WRAP-UP  
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### I. PRIORITY ITEMS

#### SYRIAN REGIME CRACKS DOWN ON COMMUNISTS

DEC. 25 (IPS)—THE SYRIAN REGIME OF PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD HAS CRACKED DOWN ON THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN SYRIA, ACCORDING TO EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPERS CITED BY CBS TV NEWS TONIGHT.

THREE HUNDRED CP MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, WHILE THE PARTY'S LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN FORCED INTO EXILE.

ON DEC. 21, THE LONDON OBSERVER REPORTED THAT FOUR COMMUNISTS WERE HANGED IN SYRIA.

THE ACTION BY THE CIA-CONTROLLED ASSAD REGIME, COMES AMIDST REPORTS OF AN IMMINENT MAJOR SYRIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION INTO LEBANON. PRO-SOCIALIST FORCES IN SYRIA, INCLUDING THE SYRIAN CP, WOULD NOT HAVE TOLERATED SUCH A U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT ADVENTURE, THUS NECESSITATING THEIR ELIMINATION.

#### IRAQIS SEND DELEGATION TO LEBANON

DEC. 25 (IPS)—A HIGH LEVEL IRAQI DELEGATION, LED BY INFORMATION MINISTER TARIQ AZIZ, ARRIVED IN LEBANON TODAY. PRENSA LATINA, THE CUBAN NEWS SERVICE, REPORTS TODAY THAT THE IRAQI DELEGATION WILL HAVE SEVERAL MEETINGS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH A NUMBER OF LEADERS OF LEBANESE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS AND PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING KAMAL JUMBLATT, THE NOMINAL LEADER OF THE LEFTIST COALITION.

IN ADDITION, MINISTER AZIZ WILL DELIVER A MESSAGE TO LEBANESE PRESIDENT FRANJIEH FROM IRAQI PRESIDENT BAHR. THE MESSAGE IS EXPECTED TO WARN THE LEBANESE LEADERS AGAINST THEIR CONTINUED COLLABORATION WITH SYRIAN DICTATOR AND CIA OPERATIVE HAFEZ ASSAD. BOTH FRANJIEH AND LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER KARAMI HAVE RECENTLY CALLED FOR SYRIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION AGAINST PRO-SOCIALIST FORCES IN THE LEBANESE CIVIL WAR.

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KISSINGER DIRECTLY IMPLICATED IN VIENNA TERROR RAID

DEC. 25 (IPS)—THE TERRORISTS WHO CARRIED OUT THE KIDNAPPING OF OPEC OIL MINISTERS IN VIENNA DEC. 21 ARE NOW BEING HELD BY THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT AND WILL REPORTEDLY BE INTERROGATED THERE TO DISCOVER WHO ACTUALLY SPONSORED THE OPERATION. THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, AND SIGNIFICANT MIDEAST AND MEXICAN PRESS SOURCES HAVE ALREADY BRANDED THE ACTION THE WORK OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S DIRECTION OF THIS TERROR OPERATION AGAINST HIS LEADING THIRD WORLD OPPONENTS IS COMING INTO THE OPEN THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. A SPOKESMAN AT THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S PRESS OFFICE, CITING AN ASSOCIATED PRESS RELEASE, TOLD IPS YESTERDAY THAT WEST GERMAN POLICE HAD FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS BEEN INVESTIGATING EVIDENCE INDICATING THE CITY OF NUREMBERG WAS THE BASE FOR THE PLANNING AND PREPARATION OF THE VIENNA ACTION. HENRY KISSINGER WAS IN NUREMBERG JUST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE TERRORIST ATTACK.

MEXICAN PAPERS DENOUNCE CIA TERROR AGAINST OPEC

DEC. 25 (IPS)—THE MEXICAN LEFT-LEANING DAILY, EL DIA, IN YESTERDAY'S COVERAGE OF THE RECENT TERRORIST KIDNAPPINGS OF OPEC MINISTERS IN VIENNA REPORTS THAT "CARLOS", THE ALLEGED LEADER OF THE TERRORISTS, "...IS WANTED BY THE FRENCH POLICE FOR HAVING KILLED TWO POLICEMEN LAST JULY (AND) WAS LINKED BY SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC SOURCES ON THAT OCCASSION TO THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)."

THE PROGRESSIVE DAILY EL SOL IN AN EDITORIAL YESTERDAY ALSO IMPLIES THAT "SECURITY AGENCIES" ARE INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AND CALLS ON THEM TO END "...KIDNAPPINGS AS A NEW WEAPON OF THE 'COLD WAR',...IT NOT ONLY VIOLATES HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT IT CONSTITUTES A 'BOOMERANG' WITH SERIOUS EFFECTS FOR THEIR OWN GOVERNMENTS AND AN AFFRONT TO THE REST OF THE WORLD."

CUNHAL: PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT TACTICAL QUESTION

DEC. 23 (IPS)—PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER ALVARO CUNHAL HAS INDICATED THAT PCP PARTICIPATION IN A NEW GOVERNMENT IS A TACTICAL QUESTION. STATING THAT THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION, AS THE PROCESS OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN PORTUGAL, IS "CURRENTLY IN THE DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTIONARY PHASE." CUNHAL DECLARED THAT "THE PCP'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT WILL DEPEND UPON ITS POWER TO INFLUENCE DECISIONS WITHIN THE CABINET."

CUNHAL TERMED THE RECENT TALKS ON THE REORGANIZATION OF THE CURRENT NATO-CONTROLLED SIXTH GOVERNMENT AS "USEFUL".

THE PCP LEADER'S STATEMENT WAS REPORTED TODAY BY EAST GERMAN RADIO.

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BRITAIN: UNEMPLOYMENT SOARS

DEC. 25 (IPS)—ONE OUT OF EVERY TWENTY WORKERS IN BRITAIN ARE OFFICIALLY UNEMPLOYED, ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT FIGURES RELEASED YESTERDAY.

FIGURES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER SHOW THAT 1.2 MILLION ARE OUT OF WORK, AN INCREASE OF OVER 40,000 IN ONE MONTH. AT THIS RATE EVEN THE RECENT OECD PREDICTIONS OF 1.5 MILLION UNEMPLOYED BY DECEMBER 1976 WILL BE SHOWN TO BE GROSSLY UNDERESTIMATED AS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO PLACATE ATLANTICIST DEMANDS FOR BRUTAL AUSTERITY CONDITIONS.

JUST LAST WEEK, IT WAS REVEALED THAT THE BANK OF ENGLAND HAD ENGINEERED A SUDDEN AND DRASTIC DROP IN THE COUNTRY'S MONEY SUPPLY, CHOKING OFF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT AND LEADING TO A NEW WAVE OF LAYOFFS THROUGHOUT PRIVATE INDUSTRY. IN ADDITION, THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT BUSINESS BANKRUPTCIES HAD REACHED AN ALL-TIME HIGH IN NOVEMBER.

II. HOT SPOTS

MIDEAST

IRAQ ATTACKS SYRIA FOR ITS DIRTY DEALINGS IN LEBANON

DEC. 25 (IPS)—BAGHDAD RADIO BROADCAST DEC. 23 THAT THE SYRIAN REGIME OF HAFEZ ASSAD WAS "PLANNING A MILITARY COUP IN LEBANON IN COLLUSION WITH THE LEBANESE RIGHT-WING FALANGE," YESTERDAY'S LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTED.

ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN ZAHLE, IN NORTHWESTERN LEBANON WHERE SYRIAN INVASION FORCES ARE ALREADY MOST ACTIVE, SYRIA IS PLANNING TO ANNEX THE BEKAA VALLEY. IN ADDITION, THE TELEGRAPH NOTES THAT ZUHAIR MOHSIN, LEADER OF A SYRIA-RUN COMMANDO FORCE, AL SAIQA, ADMITS TO PERIODICALLY HELPING OUT THE LEBANESE FORCES.

THE TELEGRAPH ALSO REPORTS THAT LEBANESE GOVERNMENT HAS EFFECTIVELY CEASED TO EXIST. LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER RASHID KARAMIS ATTEMPTED TO RECONVENE PARLIAMENT LAST WEEK, HOWEVER, ONLY NINE DEPUTIES OF A TOTAL OF 99 HEADED KARAMI'S CALL.

CAR OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR SHOT AT IN BEIRUT

DEC. 25 (IPS)—A SECURITY GUARD TO LEBANESE SOVIET AMBASSADOR SOLDATOV WAS WOUNDED YESTERDAY AFTER THE AMBASSADOR'S CAR WAS FIRED UPON IN BEIRUT, REPORTS TODAY'S DEUTSCHLAND FUNK RADIO. THREE WEEKS AGO A SOVIET DIPLOMATIC AIDE WAS CRITICALLY WOUNDED IN A SIMILAR ATTACK.

TENSION REMAINS HIGH THROUGHOUT LEBANON DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE FIGHTING HAS APPARENTLY RECEDED BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. THE WEST GERMAN BROADCAST REPORTS THAT GUNMEN, HOWEVER, ARE REMAINING IN THEIR POSITIONS, "WATCHING THE SITUATION CLOSELY."

RESUMPTION OF FIGHTING BETWEEN OMAN AND SOUTH YEMEN

DEC. 25 (IPS)—FIGHTING HAS RESUMED AGAIN BETWEEN THE SOVIET-BACKED SOUTH YEMEN AND OMAN. ACCORDING TO TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES, THE SULTAN OF OMAN, A DUPE OF BRITISH INTELLIGENCE, HAS REQUESTED OUTSIDE INTERVENTION AGAINST SOUTH YEMEN.

BECAUSE OF OMAN'S STRATEGIC LOCATION AT THE MOUTH OF THE PERSIAN GULF ESCALATION OF THE CONFLICT COULD LEAD TO A CUTTING OFF OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THE PERSIAN GULF AND COULD ALSO THREATEN PASSAGE THROUGH THE RED SEA. THE TEN YEAR OLD SOUTH YEMEN-OMAN CONFLICT WHICH WAS PLAYED OUT IN THE DHOFAR REBELLION WAS ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY SMASHED TWO WEEKS AGO BY BRITISH MILITARY SOURCES.

AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISERS DEPLOYED TO MOROCCO

DEC. 25 (IPS)—A NEW CONTINGENT OF AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISORS HAVE JUST ARRIVED IN MOROCCO AT THE REQUEST OF MOROCCAN AND NATO OPERATIVE KING HASSAN II, ACCORDING TO THE DEC. 15 AFRIQUE ASIE, A LEADING THIRD WORLD MAGAZINE.

THE U.S. ADVISERS, ALONG WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES FROM THE U.S. BASE AT KENITRA, MOROCCO, WILL JOIN THE INFORMAL "ALLIED COMMAND" OF FRENCH AND SPANISH MILITARY OFFICIALS, WHO ARE ALREADY AT THE KING'S SIDE. THE MILITARY MEN ARE ADVISING THE MOROCCAN ARMY IN ITS CAMPAIGN OF GENOCIDE AGAINST THE SAHARAN POPULATION OF THE FORMER SPANISH SAHARAN TERRITORY. THE PHOSPHATE-RICH TERRITORY WAS RECENTLY ANNEXED BY MOROCCO IN A PROVOCATIVE MOVE AIMED AGAINST THE PRO-DEVELOPMENT GOVERNMENT OF ALGERIA WHICH HAS SUPPORTED SAHARAN INDEPENDENCE.

ANGOLA

ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT STUDIES U.S. ECONOMIC SABOTAGE OF ANGOLA

DEC. 25 (IPS)—IN A DEC. 23 MEETING, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA CAREFULLY STUDIED THE ROCKEFELLER-CONTROLLED GULF OIL COMPANY'S DECISION TO STOP PAYING TAXES TO THEM, REPORTS YESTERDAY'S LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES.

THE ANGOLA GOVERNMENT WILL DISCUSS APPROPRIATE ACTION AND WOULD SOUND OUT INTERNATIONAL OPINION "TO EVALUATE WHETHER THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO SABOTAGE ECONOMICALLY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA," THE TIMES REPORTS.

THE U.S. HAS REPORTEDLY ORDERED THE BOEING AIRCRAFT COMPANY NOT TO DELIVER BOEING 737 AIRCRAFT TO TAAG (THE ANGOLAN NATIONAL AIRLINE) BECAUSE THE AIRCRAFT "MIGHT BE USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES."

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS ALSO INDICATE THAT DIAMANG (THE DIAMOND MINING FIRM CONTROLLED BY THE ROCKEFELLER ALLIED OPPENHEIMER FAMILY OF SOUTH AFRICA) MAY ALSO WITHHOLD PAYMENTS FROM THE PRA GOVERNMENT. GULF OIL AND DIAMANG EXPORT REVENUES AMOUNT TO 86 PER CENT OF ANGOLA'S FOREIGN CURRENCY EARNINGS.

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KISSINGER ALLY, CALLAGHAN DELIVERS WARNING TO CUBANS ON ANGOLA

DEC. 25 (IPS)—BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY JAMES CALLAGHAN HAS REPORTEDLY WARNED THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT THAT THEY SHOULD PULL THEIR TROOPS OUT OF ANGOLA — OR ELSE. ACCORDING TO VARIOUS BRITISH PRESS REPORTS, CALLAGHAN AN ALLY OF U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, HAS AS YET TO SPECIFY WHAT HE INTENDS TO DO IF THE CUBANS REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH HIS ORDER.

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE MET RECENTLY IN LONDON WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO CONVEY TO THEM HIS GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE ANGOLA SITUATION AND TO REITERATE THE BRITISH VIEW THAT ALL FOREIGN TROOPS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN.

IN A BBC RADIO INTERVIEW EARLIER IN THE WEEK, CALLAGHAN HAD STATED THAT A PULLOUT OF ALL FORCES WOULD BE THE ONLY BASIS FOR A BARGAIN. HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

OTHER NEWS

BLOODY CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ARGENTINE MILITARY AND GUERRILLAS

DEC. 25 (IPS)—AN ATTACK BY AN UNPRECEDENTED 500 LEFTISTS GUERRILLAS AGAINST SELECT MILITARY AND POLICE TARGETS IN A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF BUENOS AIRES YESTERDAY MORNING LED TO BLOODY BATTLES BETWEEN THE HEAVILY-ARMED GUERRILLAS AND THOUSANDS OF TROOPS FROM THE THREE ARMED FORCES STATIONED IN THE AREA.

FIRST REPORTS INDICATE 56 GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED IN THE MILITARY'S "Pincer-like" TRAP AS THEY WERE FLEEING FROM AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK AGAINST THEIR MAIN TARGET, AN ARMY ARSENAL.

AN IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT ISABEL PERON AND THE THREE ARMED FORCES COMMANDERS WAS CALLED TO DISCUSS THE BATTLE. THE ATTACK OCCURS ONLY ONE DAY AFTER AN UNEASY SETTLEMENT WAS NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE NATION'S MILITARY COMMANDERS AND A RIGHT-WING SECTION OF THE AIR FORCE WHICH HAD UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED A COUP AGAINST THE PERON GOVERNMENT.

SECOND LARGEST CITY IN MEXICO MILITARIZED

DEC. 25 (IPS)—THE SECOND LARGEST CITY IN MEXICO, GUADALAJARA, WAS OCCUPIED BY MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES DEC. 23 ON THE EVE OF THE SENTENCING OF FOUR MEMBERS OF THE TERRORIST "LIGA 23 DE SEPTIEMBRE." THE FOUR ARE ACCUSED OF THE KIDNAPPING AND ASSASSINATION OF A LEADING GUADALAJARA INDUSTRIALIST IN OCTOBER 1974. PARTS OF THE CITY, IN WHICH A GROUP OF PRO-DEVELOPMENT FORCES BACKING PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HAVE BEGUN TO EMERGE DURING THE LAST FEW WEEKS, WERE CORDONED OFF "IN FEAR OF OTHER TERRORIST ATTACKS." THE "LIGA" HAS BEEN LINKED TO THE CIA BY NUMEROUS SOURCES IN THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS.

NEWS OF THE MILITARY OCCUPATION WAS REPORTED IN MEXICO'S EVENING NEWSPAPER, ULTIMAS NOTICIAS.

GANDHI BIDS CONGRESS PARTY MOVE TO PROTECT INDIA FROM SUBVERSION

DEC. 25 (IPS)—INDIAN PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI CALLED ON THE CONGRESS PARTY ANNUAL CONVENTION TODAY TO FORM A COUNCIL FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE COUNTRY TO GUARD AGAINST "INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SUBVERSION."

GANDHI PRESENTED A RESOLUTION WHICH READ IN PART, "IT IS PREMATURE TO CONCLUDE THAT THE DANGER OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SUBVERSION HAVE BEEN OVERCOME. THE FORCES OF DESTABILIZATION ARE STILL ACTIVE WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY." REFERENCING THE AUGUST 15 ASSASSINATION BY CIA-LINKED FORCES OF BENGALI PRESIDENT SHEIKH MUJIBUR REHMAN. GANDHI'S RESOLUTION STATED "THE DEVELOPMENTS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES SEND OMINOUS SIGNALS TO THE SECURITY AND STABILITY OF OUR NATION."

PRENSA LATINA FURTHER REPORTS THAT THE RESOLUTION CONTAINS "CONCEPTS SIMILAR TO THOSE EXPRESSED BY THE PRO-SOVIET CONGRESS PARTY PRESIDENT D.K. BOROOAH WHO RECENTLY WARNED THAT THE THREATS TO INDIA'S SECURITY COME FROM THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY." THE ANNUAL CONGRESS CONFERENCE WILL LAST THREE DAYS.

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