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I. PRIORITIES.

FIGHTING ESCALATES IN LEBANON.

JAN. 17 (IPS)—FIGHTING CONTINUED TO ESCALATE IN LEBANON YESTERDAY. THE MAJOR PALESTINIAN CAMPS OF BOURJ EL BARAJNEH AND TAL EL ZAATAR NEAR BEIRUT HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY JETS OF THE LEBANESE AIR FORCE, AND THE PALESTINIAN SABRA CAMP STRONGHOLD ALONG WITH THE MUSLIM POCKET OF THE QARANTINA SHANTYTOWN NEAR THE PORT OF BEIRUT, WERE ALSO THE SCENE OF HEAVY FIGHTING, ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN THE U.S. PRESS AND THE WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPER SUEDE-DEUTSCHE ZEITUNG.

THE LEBANESE ARMY IS CONTINUING TO INTERVENE OPENLY ON THE SIDE OF THE RIGHT-WING MILITIAS OF THE FASCIST FALANGE AND INTERIOR MINISTER CAMILLE CHAMOUN.

THE LEBANESE AIRFORCE RAIDS — MADE IN DEFIANCE OF ORDERS FROM PRIME MINISTER KARAMI, WHO IS ALSO DEFENSE MINISTER — WERE LAUNCHED SOON AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF SYRIAN CHIEF OF STAFF HIKMAT CHEHABI TO THE LEBANESE CAPITAL, AND IMMEDIATELY BEFORE A VISIT THAT LEBANON'S PRESIDENT FRANGIEH IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE TO SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD IN DAMASCUS.

THE MASSIVE INTERVENTION OF THE ARMY IS AIMED AT PROVOKING THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE LARGE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION FORCES IN THE BATTLES, SETTING THE PRE-CONDITIONS FOR A MASSACRE OF THE LEFTIST ELEMENTS INSIDE THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE AND THE REVIEW OF THE PRIVILEGES ACCORDED BY THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT TO THE PLO.

HUSSEIN TO RECONVENE PARLIAMENT IN TEST OF STRENGTH WITH PLO.

JAN. 17 (IPS)—KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN IS EXPECTED TO RECONVENE THE JORDANIAN PARLIAMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, A MOVE THAT WILL PROVIDE A TEST OF STRENGTH BETWEEN HUSSEIN AND THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, WHOSE STRONGHOLD IS THE ISRAELI-OCCUPIED WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN RIVER.

THE PARLIAMENT WAS DISSOLVED BY HUSSEIN IN NOV. 1974 FOLLOWING THE RABAT CONFERENCE AT WHICH THE PLO WAS ENDORSED AS THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIANS. THE RABAT DECISION DIRECTLY THREATENED HUSSEIN'S HOLD ON JORDAN, WHOSE PALESTINIAN POPULATION IS KNOWN FOR ITS HOSTILITY TO HUSSEIN.

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THE REPORTS OF THE RECONVENING OF THE PARLIAMENT, PRINTED IN TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST, FOLLOW RUMORS THAT ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN HAS BEEN MEETING SECRETLY WITH HUSSEIN OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. THE MEETINGS WERE AIMED AT LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR A JORDAN/ISRAEL WEST BANK DEAL THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE PLO AS A STRONG POLITICAL FORCE.

WESTERN PRESS TRUMPET "ACCELERATING CUBAN INVOLVEMENT" IN ANGOLA.

JAN. 17 (IPS)—TWO CUBAN TROOPSHIPS CARRYING 1,000 SOLDIERS ARE EN-ROUTE TO ANGOLA, ACCORDING TO A WIDELY PUBLISHED ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH TODAY, AND THEIR ARRIVAL WILL PURPORTEDLY BRING CUBAN STRENGTH IN ANGOLA TO 10,500 MEN.

THE DISPATCH, BY REPORTER GEORGE GEDDA, ALSO CHARGES THAT "VIRTUALLY ALL THE FIGHTING" IN NORTHERN ANGOLA IS BEING DONE BY THE CUBAN TROOPS, AND ADDS THAT THE CUBANS ARE NOW BEING SHIFTED TO THE SOUTHERN FRONT FOR AN OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE NATIONAL UNION, WHICH IS "NOT CAPABLE OF OFFERING SIGNIFICANT RESISTANCE..." THE PRESENCE OF 5,000 SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS ON THE SOUTHERN FRONT IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE DISPATCH.

GEDDA'S ARTICLE, DRAWING EXCLUSIVELY ON "U.S. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES", ALSO CLAIMS THAT CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO MAY BE FACING "...THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE TO CASTRO'S LEADERSHIP SINCE 1970, WHEN CUBA FELL SHORT OF A 10-MILLION-TON SUGAR CROP," ALTHOUGH ADMITTING THAT THIS ASSESSMENT IS "ONLY SPECULATIVE."

CIRCULATION OF THE AP WIRE REPORT HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY INTIMATIONS FROM OTHER WESTERN PRESS SOURCES THAT THE CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE LUANDA-BASED POPULAR MOVEMENT (MPLA) ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT IS THREATENING THE NATIONAL SUBSTANCE OF ZAIRE, WHICH BORDERS ANGOLA AND HAS SUPPORTED THE FORCES OF THE CIA-BACKED NATIONAL FRONT (FNLA) IN ANGOLA. THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED TODAY THAT "IF THE SOVIET-SUPPORTED FORCES REACH THE ANGOLA/ZAIRE BORDER ALONG THE CONGO RIVER, THEY WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO CUT ZAIRE'S ACCESS TO THE ONLY RIVER ROUTE LINKING THIS ALMOST LAND-LOCKED COUNTRY TO THE SEA. THE POPULAR FRONT (SIC) HAS ALREADY SEVERED ZAIRE'S PRINCIPAL RAIL LINK WITH THE SEA BY CUTTING THE ANGOLAN RAILROAD THAT CONNECTS ZIARE WITH THE ATLANTIC PORTS OF BENGUELA AND LOBITO."

NEW YORK TIMES HITS TERRORISM ROLE OF "POLICE SPIES".

JAN. 17 (IPS)—COMMENTING ON THE SENTENCING OF CONVICTED WOULD-BE PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN SARA JANE MOORE, TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES DECLARES IN AN EDITORIAL THAT A "PERTINENT LESSON FROM MISS MOORE'S DESPICABLE ACT CAN BE DRAWN FROM THE FACT THAT A PERSON OF HER INSTABILITY COULD HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED BY OFFICERS OF THE LAW. MISS MOORE HAD A LONG RECORD AS INFORMER FOR THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND OTHER AGENCIES," THE EDITORIAL CHARGES. "THE VERY DAY BEFORE SHE FIRED A SHOT AT THE PRESIDENT, SHE HAD TRIED TO IN-

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TRODUCE A TREASURY AGENT TO THE GUN DEALER FROM WHOM SHE HAD BOUGHT THE WEAPON USED IN THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT."

THE EDITORIAL CONTINUES: "EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT POLICE SPIES ARE FREQUENTLY INVOLVED IN EXTREME CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY. RECENT EXAMPLES, IN ADDITION TO MISS MOORE, INCLUDE LEE HARVEY OSWALD, WHO WAS CHARGED WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY; JACK RUBY, WHO MURDERED OSWALD; AND DONALD DEFREEZE, WHO MASTER-MINDED THE LETHAL FORAYS OF THE SO-CALLED SYMBIONESE LIBERATION ARMY."

THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH A CALL FOR A "LAW-ENFORCEMENT APPARATUS THAT UNDERSTANDS THE DANGER OF INFLAMING THE SICK FANTASIES OF IDEOLOGICAL DRIFTERS BY ENCOURAGING THEM TO BECOME DOUBLE-AGENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE LAW."

NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER SAYS EDITORIAL BLASTING POLICE SPY TERRORISM IS ADVICE TO PRESIDENT.

NEW YORK, JAN. 17 (IPS)—A MEMBER OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, COMMENTING ON TODAY'S TIMES EDITORIAL BLASTING THE ROLE OF POLICE AGENTS IN ASSASSINATIONS AND OTHER MAJOR CRIMES, TOLD IPS THIS AFTERNOON THAT, "I HOPE IT HAS SOME EFFECT ON THE PEOPLE AROUND THE PRESIDENT, URGING HIM TO HAVE STRONGER OVERSIGHT OF THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES." HE DENIED THAT THE EDITORIAL WHICH NAMED LEE HARVEY OSWALD, THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AND OTHERS AS BEING "POLICE SPIES," WAS ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY. "IT HAS BEEN REVEALED THAT HE WAS AN AGENT BEFORE," THE EDITOR DECLARED, AND "IT IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE HAVE SAID BEFORE."

WASHINGTON POST BARES CIA PROPAGANDA EFFORT TO SPLIT SOVIET UNION AND CHINA IN EXPOSE OF CIA PRESS PIPELINE.

JAN. 17 (IPS)—FORMER TOP CIA OFFICIALS SAY THE AGENCY'S COVERT PROPAGANDA NETWORK USED ITS RESOURCES IN THE FAR EAST TO "CREATE IRRITATIONS" BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA IN THE EARLY 1960'S, ACCORDING TO WALTER PINCUS IN TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST. AT THAT TIME, PINCUS REPORTS, THE TWO POWERS WERE "FAR FROM THE OPEN BREAK THAT SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK PLACE." ONE EXAMPLE CITED IN THE POST REPORT WAS THE USE OF CIA-SPONSORED RADIO STATIONS ON TAIWAN AND ELSEWHERE IN ASIA, TO SIMULATE BROADCASTS FROM CHINA ATTACKING SOVIET LEADERS.

THE FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE DEALS AT LENGTH WITH THE CIA'S MAINTENANCE OF A "TOP SECRET COORDINATING COMMITTEE WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY" TO MAKE SURE THAT "CERTAIN KEY POLICYMAKERS ARE NOT TAKEN IN BY EXAGGERATED OR FALSE NEWS STORIES PLANTED BY THE CIA," SUCH AS THE FAKED CHINESE BROADCASTS. BUT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, NOT SIMILARLY PROTECTED FROM WHAT THE CIA CALLS "CONTAMINATION," IS BARRAGED WITH WHATEVER PROPAGANDA THE AGENCY PUTS OUT, PINCUS REPORTS, A SITUATION WHICH

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IS BEING STUDIED BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES IN THEIR ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS OF THE CIA'S "COVERT MEDIA PROJECTS."

THE ARTICLE REPORTS THAT A 1973 REGULATION WHICH BARRED COVERT PROPAGANDA OPERATIONS IF THEY RISKED "INFLUENCING AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION," HAS LOOPHOLES WHICH HAVE PERMITTED CIA-GENERATED ARTICLES TO CONTINUE TO FLOW INTO THE U.S. MEDIA. PINCUS CITES AS AN EXAMPLE THE NOW DEFUNCT LONDON BASED FORUM WORLD FEATURES WHICH CONDUITED CIA PROPAGANDA INTO THE WASHINGTON POST AND OTHER U.S. PAPERS UNTIL APRIL OF 1975, WHEN ITS CIA CONNECTIONS WERE EXPOSED BY A BRITISH NEWS WEEKLY.

PINCUS REVEALS THAT "THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF AMERICAN JOURNALISTS BY THE CIA AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MAY BE USED TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION IN THIS COUNTRY."

WHILE THE CIA HAS BEEN FORCED TO GREATLY REDUCE ITS EMPLOYMENT OF FULL-TIME CORRESPONDENTS, IT IS RELUCTANT TO DISCONTINUE ITS CONNECTIONS WITH HUNDREDS OF PART-TIME "STRINGERS" SCATTERED AROUND THE WORLD, PINCUS WRITES. HE QUOTES ONE FORMER CIA OFFICIAL WHO SCOFFED AT THE NOTION THAT THE CIA'S EMPLOYMENT OF NEWSMEN IS DISTRESSING TO THE MAJOR WIRE SERVICES, PAPERS, AND NETWORKS INVOLVED: "DON'T TELL ME ABOUT THE GLORY AND PURITY OF THE PRESS. I'M NOT IMPRESSED."

LATIN NEWS AGENCIES CONTROLLED BY CIA, SAYS WASHINGTON POST.

JAN. 17 (IPS)—THE SPANISH NEWS AGENCY EFE AND THE INTER-AMERICAN NEWS AGENCY LATIN, MANAGED BY REUTERS OF LONDON, RECEIVED A SUBSIDY FROM THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) TO PRINT AND CIRCULATE CIA BLACK PROPAGANDA, WALTER PINCUS REVEALED IN A WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE YESTERDAY.

DETAILS ON THE CIA ROLE IN EFE AND LATIN EMERGED DURING SENATE HEARINGS LAST YEAR IN WHICH CIA COVERT OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ALLENDE REGIME IN CHILE WERE REVEALED. IN SEPTEMBER OF 1970, THE "40 COMMITTEE" OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, HEADED BY HENRY KISSINGER, AUTHORIZED A "COVERT PROPAGANDA BLITZ" AGAINST THEN-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ALLENDE. IN ADDITION TO ITS EFE AND LATIN CONNECTIONS, THE CIA MOBILIZED RADIO AND PRESS CONDUITS IN SANTIAGO, AND A SCORE OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS EITHER DIRECTLY PAID BY THE CIA OR DISPATCHED TO CHILE BY "HIGH-LEVEL (CIA) AGENTS... IN MANAGERIAL CAPACITIES IN THE MEDIA FIELD." ACCORDING TO THE CIA'S OWN COUNT, THE "BLITZ" LOGGED "726 ARTICLES, BROADCASTS, EDITORIALS AND SIMILAR ITEMS" IN LATIN AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN OUTLETS IN SIX WEEKS.

THE SENATE REPORT STATES THAT "PROPAGANDA AND MANIPULATION OF THE PRESS" WAS THE FIRST COVERT PROGRAM LAUNCHED BY THE AGENCY AFTER ITS FOUNDING IN 1947, AND THAT BY 1953 THE CIA HAD DEVELOPED A BLACK PROPAGANDA CAPABILITY IN 50 COUNTRIES.

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