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I. INTERNATIONAL

ATLANTICISTS TOUT PCF AS "GAULLIST" FORCE

FEB. 14 (IPS) -- THE PRO-ATLANTICIST WEST GERMAN DAILY FRANKFURTER ALGEMEINE ZEITUNG YESTERDAY CLAIMED THAT THE CIA-CONTROLLED GEORGES MARCHAIS LEADERSHIP OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY IS ACTUALLY A NATIONALIST, PRO-GAULLIST FORCE. THE ZEITUNG SAYS THERE ARE TWO TENDENCIES IN THE PCF, "JACOBIN NATIONALISM" AND "PRO-SOVIET MARXISM-LENINISM," AND CLAIMS THAT, WITH MARCHAIS' VICTORY IN SECURING THE RENUNCIATION OF THE CONCEPT OF THE "DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT," THE FIRST TENDENCY HAS TRIUMPHED.

QUOTING MARCHAIS' STATEMENT THAT "EVERYTHING NATIONAL IS OUR CAUSE," THE ZEITUNG STATES: "THEREBY THE PARTY DIFFERENTIATES ITSELF HARDLY AT ALL FROM THE ORTHODOX GAULLISTS, TO WHOSE VOTERS IT IS EXTENDING ITS HAND."

RIOTS ERUPT IN SYRIAN CITY

FEB. 14 (IPS) -- BLOODY FIGHTING HAS BROKEN OUT IN THE FOURTH LARGEST CITY IN SYRIA, RAMAH, ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN DAILY DIE WELT TODAY. THE FIGHTING, BETWEEN CIVILIANS AND SYRIAN ARMY TROOPS, BEGAN AS A REACTION TO THE DISPERSION AND ARREST OF A NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE CITY ORDERED BY THE CHIEF OF THE SYRIAN SECRET SERVICE, MOHAMED GHORA.

MOHAMED GHORA HAS BEEN REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE COURSE OF THE RIOT, ACCORDING TO BOTH DIE WELT AND THE EGYPTIAN DAILY AL-AHRAM.

BRITAIN ON 'WARTIME FOOTING'; POLICE ON EXTRA ALERT

FEB. 14 (IPS) -- SECURITY FORCES THROUGHOUT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND WERE PLACED ON FULL ALERT FOLLOWING THE SUICIDE BY STARVATION OF AN IMPRISONED MEMBER OF THE TERRORIST IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY. ACCORDING TO THE DAILY EXPRESS, BRITAIN WAS BACK ON A "WARTIME FOOTING," WITH AUTHORITIES FEARING IRA REPRISALS FOR THE HUNGER STRIKER'S DEATH.

NEWSPAPER HEADLINES DESCRIBED THE COUNTRY AS "BACK IN THE FRONT LINE" AND "ON WATCH FOR THE AVENGERS" IN EXPECTATION OF A WAVE OF BOMBINGS IN ENGLAND IN REVENGE FOR THE TERRORIST'S DEATH.

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"WARNINGS WERE SENT TO GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL AUTHORITY OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO REDOUBLE SECURITY. STRANGERS CARRYING SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES INTO PUBLIC BUILDINGS WERE STOPPED AND THEIR PARCELS SEARCHED," THE LONDON DAILY EXPRESS REPORTED. "SCOTLAND YARD URGED MOTORISTS TO LOOK UNDER THEIR CARS FOR POSSIBLE BOMBS."

ONE BOMB HAS ALREADY BEEN FOUND AND DEFUSED IN A CROWDED LONDON SUBWAY STATION.

BRITISH THINK-TANKERS DEMAND 30 PERCENT DEVALUATION OF BRITISH POUND

FEB. 14 (IPS) -- A GROUP OF ECONOMIC FORECASTERS IN LONDON HAS CALLED FOR A 30 PERCENT DEVALUATION OF THE POUND STERLING OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND A CONTINUATION OF THE DRASTIC FIVE PERCENT OFFICIAL RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT "AS A CONSTRAINT ON INFLATION" OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

ONLY WHEN THE ANTICIPATED FLOW OF NORTH SEA OIL REACHES ITS HIGH POINT IN 1980 WILL BRITAIN'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS RE-ENTER A SURPLUS, THE "ECONOMIC MODEL GROUP" FORECASTERS SAID. THE GROUP, AN ECONOMIC THINK-TANK WHICH ADVISES MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES AND BANKS, ADDED THAT BRITISH PEOPLE ARE BEING GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THEY WILL USE IT."

CORRUPTION CHARGES EMBROIL SADAT'S SON-IN-LAW

FEB. 14 (IPS) -- EGYPTIAN PRIME MINISTER MAMDOUH SALEM HAS ORDERED CORRUPTION INVESTIGATION OF OSMAN ORMAN, THE MINISTER OF RECONSTRUCTION AND SON-IN-LAW OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT, ACCORDING TO THE FEB. 12 SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG. OSMAN IS BEING CHARGED WITH CORRUPTION CONCERNING A CEMENT DEAL WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

THE WATERGATING OF OSMAN MARKS THE FIRST TIME THAT A RELATIVE OF THE PRO-AUSTERITY SADAT, WHO HAS BASED HIS ECONOMIC PROGRAM ON ATTRACTING FOREIGN INVESTMENTS, HAS BEEN ATTACKED. ACCORDING TO THE FEB. 12 LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH: "THE CHARGES HAVE BEEN DENOUNCED BY EGYPTIAN POLITICAL COMMENTATORS AS LEFTIST ATTEMPTS TO DISCREDIT PRESIDENT SADAT'S RULE AND TO MAGNIFY CORRUPTION IN EGYPT TO FRIGHTEN OFF FOREIGN INVESTORS.

II. CONTINENTAL

OGDEN STILL IN JAIL; USLP WINS PARTIAL VICTORY IN NEW RAILROAD ATTEMPT

RICHMOND, VA., FEB. 14 (IPS) -- A POLICE COURT JUDGE HERE YESTERDAY GRANTED ALAN OGDEN, U.S. LABOR PARTY CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM VIRGINIA, A TWO WEEK POSTPONEMENT OF A HEARING ON A TRESPASS CHARGE, BUT REFUSED TO GRANT A USLP MOTION ASKING THAT HE DISQUALIFY HIMSELF FROM HEARING THE CASE ON GROUNDS OF PREJUDICE.

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AT THE PRESENT MOMENT, OGDEN REMAINS IN JAIL FOLLOWING HIS KANGAROO CONVICTION ON ANOTHER SET OF TRESPASS CHARGES BY THE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE TUCKER TWO DAYS AGO. TUCKER RAILROADED THROUGH THE CONVICTION IN DEFIANCE OF THE FACT THAT UNDER VIRGINIA LAW THE CHARGE OF TRESPASSING CANNOT STAND BY ITSELF BUT MUST BE ATTACHED AS A COLLATERAL CHARGE. TUCKER SENTENCED OGDEN TO 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A 500 DOLLAR FINE, AND SET BAIL AT 2000 DOLLARS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE CHARGE NORMALLY BRINGS A 25 DOLLAR FINE IN TRAFFIC COURT.

THE USLP IS IN THE PROCESS OF RAISING THE 2000 DOLLAR BAIL, AND HAS APPLIED FOR A BAIL REDUCTION HEARING. HOWEVER, A BAIL REDUCTION HEARING CANNOT BE HELD UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY AT THE EARLIEST.

THE USLP IS ALSO PREPARING TO FILE A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER TO STOP THE WAVE OF HARASSMENT AGAINST OGDEN, A WELL-KNOWN PARTY SPOKESMAN IN VIRGINIA. OGDEN'S ATTORNEY HAS BEEN TOLD PRIVATELY THAT "EVERYONE IN TOWN" IS OUT TO GET OGDEN.

JUDGE TUCKER (804/780-4534) HAS RECEIVED HUNDREDS OF PHONE CALLS FROM ANGRY WORKERS PROTESTING HIS FLAGRANTLY ILLEGAL ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE THE USLP'S ELECTION RIGHTS. IN ADDITION, THE USLP WILL EXPOSE THE RICHMOND WITCHHUNT AGAINST THE USLP AT THE CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN PHILADELPHIA THIS WEEKEND.

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