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I. PRIORITIES

WIDE-RANGING MOVES TO RESTRUCTURE ITALIAN SHIPPING INDUSTRY; SOVIETS JOIN

FEB. 19 (IPS) — THE STATE-OWNED ITALIAN SHIPPING COMPANY, FINMARE, AND THE SOVIET SHIPPING COMPANY SOVRACHTI ARE PLANNING TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT CONSTITUTING A JOINT COMPANY, TO BE CALLED SOVITALMARE, WHICH WILL HANDLE ALL EXCHANGES BETWEEN ITALY AND THE EAST BLOC, ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S CORRIERE DELLA SERA. CORRIERE SAID THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED AT THE END OF THE WEEK.

IN THE SAME ARTICLE, CORRIERE REPORTS THAT FINMARE WILL ESTABLISH ANOTHER COMPANY TOGETHER WITH THE U.S. CHICAGO-BASED CONTINENTAL GRAIN. ACCORDING TO CORRIERE, "THIS COMPANY WOULD ALREADY HAVE A CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTING GRAIN TO THE SOVIET UNION."

IN RELATED MOVES, ANOTHER ARTICLE IN YESTERDAY'S CORRIERE REPORTS THAT MERCHANT MARINE MINISTER, GIOIA, HAS PROPOSED A PLAN FOR RESTRUCTURING THE ENTIRE ITALIAN SHIPPING INDUSTRY, INCLUDING BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS. "THE PROBLEM IS TO ESTABLISH A FLEET...ABLE TO GUARANTEE SUPPLIES TO INDUSTRY AT CONSTANT COSTS THAT PERMITS PLANNING AND AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTRIES EXPORTING RAW MATERIALS UNDER THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS CONDITIONS," CORRIERE STATES, ADDING THAT "THE CREATION OF A MANAGEMENT COMPANY COORDINATING THE ACTIVITY OF ALL THE SHIP COMPANIES SHOULD PERMIT THE MOST FLEXIBLE USE OF THE SHIPS."

IN A DEVELOPMENT WHICH CORRIERE TERMS "QUASI-INCREDIBLE," A LEADING PRIVATE SHIPPING MAGNATE, ANGOLO COSTA, HAS BEGUN SECRET TALKS WITH GIOIA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT PUBLIC-PRIVATE COMPANY TO HANDLE TRADE WITH MEXICO.

A MEXICAN DELEGATION IN MEXICO ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE AN OIL DEAL OUTSIDE THE BOUNDS OF THE ROCKEFELLER-DOMINATED SEVEN SISTERS OIL CARTEL, HAS PINPOINTED LACK OF ADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION AS THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO SUCH A DEAL.

ANDREOTTI WINS DEAL WITH GETTY; PCI TIES TO SEVEN SISTERS HIT

FEB. 19 (IPS) — ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC BUDGET MINISTER GIULIO ANDREOTTI YESTERDAY SECURED THE APPROVAL OF RECALCITRANT, PRO-ATLANTICIST MINISTER OF INDUSTRY DONAT-CATTIN FOR THE BUILDING OF A

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REFINERY BY THE J. PAUL-GETTY-OWNED SANGROCHIMICA COMPANY ON THE ADRIATIC COAST. ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S CORRIERE DELLA SERA, DONAT-CATTIN HAD BEEN HOLDING UP THE DEAL.

AT THE SAME TIME, CORRIERE ADDS, THE AGENT-CONTROLLED ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CAME UNDER ATTACK FROM ANDREOTTI ADVISOR LUIGI CAPPUGI, WHO BLASTED OPPOSITION TO THE SANGROCHIMICA DEAL FROM THE AGENT-CONTROLLED ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. SPEAKING AT A MILAN MEETING OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, CAPPUGI ACCUSED THE PCI OF "DISLOYALTY" AND DISTORTING THE FACTS OF THE DEAL.

ALSO YESTERDAY, IL POPULO, THE PAPER OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, ACCUSED THE PCI OF HAVING RECEIVED MONEY FROM EXXON, A CHARGE WHICH EXXON CONFIRMED YESTERDAY.

ITALIAN SMALL INDUSTRIALISTS HIT KICK-BACKS TO PCI

ROME, FEB. 19 (IPS) — A FOREIGN TRADE REPRESENTATIVE FOR A GROUP OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ITALIAN CONTRACTORS SAID YESTERDAY SMALL INDUSTRIES WHICH HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AS THE PRICE FOR HAVING TRADE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE SOVIET UNION NO LONGER WISH TO ACCEPT THIS SITUATION.

THE TRADE REPRESENTATIVE SPOKE LESS THAN A WEEK AFTER A LEADING SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIAL, BORIS BORISOV, SAID IN MILAN THAT THE SOVIETS ARE SEEKING INVOLVEMENT OF SMALLER ITALIAN COMPANIES IN WHAT THE SOVIETS SEE AS A VASTLY EXPANDED POTENTIAL FOR ITALO-SOVIET TRADE. "JUST COME TO US AND THEN WE CAN ORGANIZE IT," BORISOV SAID.

AMERICANS MUST SACRIFICE LIVING STANDARDS TO IMPROVE NATIONAL DEFENSE: WALL STREET WEEKLY

FEB. 19 (IPS) — AN ARTICLE IN THIS WEEK'S MONEY MANAGER, THE WIDELY-READ WALL STREET WEEKLY, SAYS THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MUST BE WILLING TO "MAKE SACRIFICES" SO THAT THE COUNTRY CAN PLACE ITS NATIONAL DEFENSES ON A PAR WITH THE SOVIETS.

"THE U.S. MUST BUILD A MILITARY FORCE CAPABLE OF DETERRING SOVIET AGGRESSIONS," MONEY MANAGER'S JOHN GERRITY WRITES, "EVEN IF THAT SHOULD MEAN A GENERAL LOWERING OF THE LIVING STANDARD FOR ALL."

CITING AN ARTICLE IN THE JANUARY 1976 QUARTERLY, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BY FORMER UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE PAUL NITZE, GERRITY CLAIMS THAT STATISTICS REVEAL THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BUILT UP A SUPERIOR DEFENSE POSTURE AND THAT AN IMMEDIATE BUILDUP OF AMERICAN FORCES IS NECESSARY.

SENATE REJECTS AMENDMENT TO ARMS SALES BILL

FEB. 19 (IPS) — BY A 44 TO 36 VOTE, THE SENATE REJECTED, FEB. 17, AN AMENDMENT MILITARY SALES BILL WHICH WOULD HAVE DELETED PROVISIONS IN CURRENT LEGISLATION THAT FORCES COMPANIES INVOLVED IN SALES OF ARMS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS. THE AMENDMENT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED BY SEN. JOHN TOWER (R-TEX.), A SPOKESMAN FOR SOUTHWEST AEROSPACE INTERESTS.

THE ENTIRE MILITARY SALES BILL AUTHORED BY SEN. HUBERT HUMPHREY (D-MINN.) HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY PRESS SOURCES AS "THE MOST SIGNIFI-

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CANT PIECE OF LEGISLATION IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE POLICY SINCE 1954." THE BILL IS STILL BEING DEBATED.

THE BILL WOULD REDUCE SALES TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES BY U.S. FIRMS BY SOME 50-75 PER CENT, ACCORDING TO INDUSTRY ESTIMATES. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MARKET WOULD THEN BE DIVIDED UP AMONG WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS NOW SUPPORT ARMS SPENDING

FEB. 19 (IPS) — THE FEB. 17 DETROIT FREE PRESS REPORTS THAT NORMALLY "DOVISH CONGRESSMEN LIKE KENNEDY, PROXMIRE, AND ASPEN..." HAVE SUDDENLY REVERSED THEIR PUBLIC POSITIONS AND ARE NOW SUPPORTING INCREASED ARMS SPENDING>

ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN THE PRESS, SEN. KENNEDY'S (D-MASS.) OFFICE HAS RELEASED A POLICY "WHITE PAPER" WHICH ADVOCATES MILITARY SPENDING ALONG THE LINES OF THE 110 BILLION DEFENSE BUDGET SUBMITTED BY DEFENSE SECRETARY DONALD RUMSFELD.

MEXICAN LABOR PARTY URBANISM CONFERENCE BEGINS TODAY

MEXICO CITY, FEB. 19 (IPS) -- OVER 200 TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD TO WORKERS FROM VARIOUS FIELDS TO ATTEND THE MEXICAN LABOR PARTY (PLM) URBANISM CONFERENCE, "THE BATTLE FOR LABOR POWER: THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MEXICO'S CITIES," TO BE HELD HERE TODAY AND TOMORROW, A PLM SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE URBANISM CONFERENCE.

THE CONFERENCE'S TASK, THE PLM SPOKESMAN SAID, IS TO CONCRETELY PLAN THE COMPLETE REBUILDING OF MEXICO'S CITIES AS PART OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER THROUGH THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK AND DEBT MORATORIA.

"THE CENTRAL ASPECT OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE A POLEMIC AGAINST DE-CENTRALIZED DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES," THE SPOKESMAN STATED. "SUCH HETERONOMIC CONCEPTIONS HAVE ALREADY RESULTED IN THE DESTRUCTION OF LABOR POWER AND THE GENOCIDAL TRIAGE OF "MARGINAL" POPULATIONS.

TORONTO SUN SLANDER: LABOR PARTY IS SOVIET'S "BOLSHEVIK FRONT"

FEB. 19 (IPS) — IN A CONVOLUTED EFFORT TO DISCREDIT STRONG LABOR PARTY ORGANIZING AMONG CONSERVATIVE BUSINESS LAYERS HERE, THE RIGHT-WING TORONTO SUN PUBLISHED A 500-WORD PIECE FEB. 16TH DESCRIBING THE LABOR PARTY AS A "SOVIET FRONT." THE ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY FASCIST EASTERN EUROPEAN EMIGREE LUBOR ZINK, A MEMBER OF THE PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, WHICH REPRESENTS MOST OF THE INDUSTRIALIST INTERESTS IN ONTARIO.

ACCORDING TO ZINK, THE SOVIET UNION HAS UNLEASHED ITS "BOLSHEVIK FRONT", THE LABOR PARTY, WHICH HAS BEEN PANICKING THE NORTH AMERICAN POPULATION WITH MOBILIZATIONS AROUND THREATS OF NUCLEAR WAR. THE ARTICLE DESCRIBES AT LENGTH THE LABOR PARTY'S MOBILIZATION AGAINST NATO'S HILEX '75 SCENARIO FOR NUCLEAR WAR, INCLUDING EXTENSIVE QUOTES FROM THE "MASS PSYCHOLOGICAL INNOCULATION BULLETINS" DISTRIBUTED BY THE LABOR PARTY IN DECEMBER. ZINK EXPLAINS THAT THE "DEVIIOUS"

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SOVIETS OFTEN ACCUSE THEIR OPPONENTS OF THEIR OWN INTENTIONS.

COURT DENIES BAIL BOND; OGDEN STILL JAILED

RICHMOND, VA., FEB. 19 (IPS) — U.S. LABOR PARTY SENATORIAL CANDIDATE ALAN OGDEN REMAINS ILLEGALLY HELD ON \$2,000 BAIL AT THE CITY JAIL HERE, SEVEN DAYS AFTER HE WAS RAILROADED INTO A 30-DAY JAIL SENTENCE ON CHARGES OF "TRESPASSING" AT A PUBLIC MEETING AND "RESISTING ARREST." THE WELL-KNOWN USLP CANDIDATE HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO MORE THAN A DOZEN ARRESTS IN THE COURSE OF HIS ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNING.

WHEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LABOR PARTY ATTEMPTED ON FEB. 17 TO FREE OGDEN BY POSTING A \$2,000 PROPERTY BOND, THEY WERE TOLD BY THE JUDGE WHO JAILED THE CANDIDATE THAT THEY MUST POST \$1,000 OF THE BAIL IN CASH TO COVER "COURT COSTS." OGDEN'S ATTORNEY, MICHAEL WEISS, YESTERDAY FILED AN APPLICATION FOR A REDUCTION OF BAIL WHICH IS PENDING. IF IT IS DENIED, THE USLP WILL DEMAND A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS ORDERING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO FREE OGDEN.

WHICH WAY WILL THE ACLU GO?

FEB. 19 (IPS) — FRANK ASKIN, A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, ISSUED AN URGENT CALL TO THAT ORGANIZATION JAN. 27 TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN AGAINST RECENT SUPREME COURT RULINGS WHICH DESTROY "THE PROCEDURAL PROTECTION PAINSTAKINGLY CONSTRUCTED DURING THE WARREN ERA TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COURTS AS AN EFFECTIVE GUARDIAN OF CIVIL LIBERTIES."

CHARGING THAT THE BURGER COURT IS MAKING MEANINGLESS "EVERY RIGHT WE HAVE FOUGHT FOR SO HARD OVER THE YEARS," ASKINS ASKS ACLU MEMBERS TO UNDERSTAND "THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE IN THE FACE OF MANY OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS THAT COMPETE FOR OUR ATTENTION."

LABOR PARTY TO SEEK NATIONAL INJUNCTION AGAINST FBI

FEB. 19 (IPS) — AN EMERGENCY INJUNCTION AGAINST FBI HARASSMENT AND INTERFERENCE IN 1976 ELECTION CAMPAIGNS WILL BE SOUGHT IN FEDERAL COURT NEXT WEEK BY ATTORNEYS FOR LYNDON LAROUCHE AND THE U.S. LABOR PARTY. THE MOTION FOR THE INJUNCTION WILL CHARGE THAT THE 1976 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN OF LYNDON LAROUCHE AND OTHER USLP ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS ARE SUFFERING IRREPARABLE DAMAGE BECAUSE OF CONTINUING FBI COINTELPRO-TYPE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE LABOR PARTY.

THE FBI HAS JUSTIFIED ITS HARASSMENT OF THE LABOR PARTY BY CITING THE BUREAU'S "INVESTIGATIONS" OF THE NATIONAL CAUCUS OF LABOR COMMITTEES (NCLC) AND THE U.S. LABOR PARTY UNDER THE SMITH AND MCCARRAN ACTS, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL LONG AGO BY THE SUPREME COURT.

CITING THE MASSIVE AMOUNT OF EVIDENCE OF FBI HARASSMENT NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE LABOR PARTY, USLP ATTORNEYS WILL DEMAND NOT ONLY AN INJUNCTION BUT A FULL "SUMMARY JUDGMENT" AGAINST THE FBI. THIS MEANS GRANTING TO THE USLP THE FULL RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE SUIT: A PERMANENT INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT AND COINTELPRO ACTIVITIES, A DECLARATION AS TO THE ILLEGALITY AND UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OF SMITH ACT "INVESTIGATIONS," AND 2 MILLION DOLLARS IN DAMAGES.

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NEW JERSEY CONSPIRACY SUIT RULED VALID DESPITE SUPREME COURT DECISION

FEB. 19 (IPS) -- IN A DECISION OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST POLICE STATE TERROR, FEDERAL JUDGE LAWRENCE WHIPPLE RULED LAST WEEK THAT THE LABOR PARTY HAD ESTABLISHED A VALID CONSPIRACY CASE AGAINST NEW JERSEY ATTORNEY GENERAL HYLAND, ELIZABETH POLICE DIRECTOR BRENNAN, AND THEIR INTEGRATED GESTAPO OF STATE AND LOCAL POLICE WHICH HAS PERPETRATED A VICIOUS INTIMIDATION AND HARASSMENT OPERATION AGAINST USLP ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNING OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS. THE JUDGE'S DECISION MEANS THAT THE LABOR PARTY CAN PROCEED WITH THE "DISCOVERY" PHASE OF THE CASE BY SUBMITTING HYLAND, BRENNAN AND THEIR UNDERLINGS TO INTERROGATION ON THEIR CRIMES UNDER OATH BY LABOR ORGANIZER'S DEFENSE FUND ATTORNEYS; AND THAT THE USLP CAN GO FOR DISCLOSURE OF THE MASSIVE STATE POLICE FILES ON LABOR PARTY MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORTERS, WHICH WOULD EFFECTIVELY WRECK THE ATLANTICISTS' POLICE STATE CAPABILITY IN NEW JERSEY.

THE JUDGE'S DECISION IN NCLC VS. BRENNAN ET AL IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IS ONE OF THE FIRST CASES IN WHICH THE FEDERAL COURTS HAVE INTERPRETED RIZZO VS. GOODE, THE RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISION INTENDED TO MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO WIN CONSPIRACY SUITS DIRECTED AGAINST THE CRIMINAL PRACTICES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. AFTER REVIEWING THE EVIDENCE ON DEFENDANTS' CONSPIRATORIAL ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE LABOR PARTY, WHIPPLE FOUND THE USLP HAD MET THE STANDARDS OF EVIDENCE LAID DOWN IN RIZZO VS. GOODE AND CITED THE USLP DETROIT SUIT GHANDI VS. DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A PRECEDENT IN RULING THE CONSPIRACY CHARGE VALID.

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