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## I. PRIORITIES

### IL MONDO PUSHES ITALY TO BYPASS MULTINATIONAL OIL COMPANIES

FEB. 20 (IPS)—THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE WEEKLY IL MONDO, PARTIALLY CONTROLLED BY PRO-DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIALIST EUGENIO CEFIS, CONTAINS THREE MAJOR ARTICLES STRESSING THAT ITALY MUST BYPASS THE THREAT OF AN OIL BOYCOTT BY THE MULTINATIONAL OIL COMPANIES BY SEEKING DIRECT RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES IN THE CONTEXT OF BROAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COMMON MARKET, OF WHICH ITALY IS A MEMBER, AND THE OIL PRODUCERS.

IL MONDO PRINTS AN INTERVIEW WITH GIOVANNI BATTISTA ZORZOLI, A PHYSICIST AT MILAN UNIVERSITY AND AUTHOR OF A BOOK ENTITLED "THE ENERGY DILEMMA," IN WHICH HE "ASSAILS THE INTERNATIONAL OIL MONOPOLY" AND UNDERSCORES THE NECESSITY OF "DIRECT RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE PRODUCER COUNTRIES BASED ON AN ORGANIC PROGRAM OF EXCHANGE OF RAW MATERIALS, KNOWLEDGE, AND TECHNOLOGIES." ATTACKING THE DEMAND BY THE OIL COMPANIES FOR A PRICE INCREASE TO COMPENSATE FOR THE RECENT FALL IN THE VALUE OF THE LIRA, ZORZOLI STATES: "THE BIG PROFITS MADE BY THE MULTINATIONALS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS DON'T JUSTIFY AN INCREASE IN OIL PRICES, AND IT WOULD SUFFICE TO MAKE A GOVERNMENT WORTHY OF THE NAME TO FORCE THE COMPANIES TO MODERATE THEIR POSITION."

IN A SECOND ARTICLE, SR. IPPOLITO, A FORMER PROMOTER OF FUSION POWER DEVELOPMENT WHO WAS WATERGATED BY THE OIL COMPANIES IN A SCANDAL TEN YEARS AGO, STATES IN A REVIEW OF A BOOK ENTITLED "OPEC IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY": "TO REALIZE A REAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EEC (COMMON MARKET) AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES, WE HAVE TO ORGANIZE AN INSTITUTION FOR THE REGULARIZATION OF EXCHANGE, BUT ALSO TO PUSH AND TO FINANCE PROJECTS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES, AND, MORE IN GENERAL, IN AFRICA."

IN A THIRD ARTICLE, SR. DIDO, NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE CGIL TRADE UNION FEDERATION AND LEADER OF THE ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY, CALLED FOR ITALY TO SEEK DIRECT RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE OIL PRODUCERS AND ACCUSED THE MULTINATIONAL OIL COMPANIES OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RUN ON THE LIRA.

### IL FIORINO HAILS CUBAN/MONTEDISON AGREEMENT

FEB. 20 (IPS)—CUBAN PRESIDENT DORTICOS AND SR. RATTI, WHO HEADED A JUST-ENDED FOUR-DAY VISIT IN HAVANA BY A DELEGATION FROM ITALY'S

MONTEDISON INDUSTRIAL GIANT, HAVE REACHED AN ACCORD TO MAINTAIN "TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE REALIZATION OF PROGRAMS OF JOINT RESEARCH IN THE SECTORS OF COMMON INTERESTS, AS WELL AS LOCATING NEW SECTORS FOR COLLABORATION, PARTICULARLY IN THE INDUSTRIAL FIELD," ACCORDING TO TODAY'S IL FIORINO, THE ITALIAN FINANCIAL DAILY.

FIORINO COMMENTED THAT "THIS TYPE OF AGREEMENT IS THE FIRST SIGNED BY CUBA OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST SECTOR." THE PAPER ADDED THAT "THE RELATIONS BETWEEN CUBA AND MONTEDISON HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED FOR SOME TIME BY THE COMMON DESIRE TO WIDEN THEIR RECIPROCAL UNDERSTANDING. IN 1975, MONTEDISON SOLD CUBA PRODUCTS WITH A VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY 5 BILLION LIRA."

RUEFF DEFENDS WAGE INCREASES, CALLS FOR GOLD CONVERTIBILITY

FEB. 20 (IPS)—JACQUES RUEFF, INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN ADVOCATE OF A RETURN TO A GOLD STANDARD IN INTERNATIONAL MONETARY POLICY AND FORMER PRIVATE MONETARY POLICY SPOKESMAN FOR GAULLIST LEADER MICHEL DEBRE, TODAY ISSUED A STATEMENT TO THE FRENCH DAILY LE MONDE ATTACKING THE "KEYNESIAN" IDEA THAT WAGE INCREASES ARE THE CAUSE OF PRICE INCREASES AND DECLINING PRODUCTIVITY. INSTEAD, RUEFF ASSERTS THAT WAGE DEMANDS "ONLY TEND TO PROTECT THE STANDARDS OF LIVING OF WORKERS AGAINST CONSTANT CUTS." SIMULTANEOUSLY, RUEFF INSISTED ON THE NECESSITY OF RESTORING THE DOLLAR'S CONVERTIBILITY INTO GOLD AS THE ONLY MEANS FOR FINANCING LONG-TERM, PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENTS WHICH WOULD BOLSTER LIVING STANDARDS WORLDWIDE.

COUVE SAYS TINDEMANS EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PROPOSAL VIOLATES FRENCH CONSTITUTION

FEB. 20 (IPS)—FORMER FRENCH PRIME MINISTER AND GAULLIST FOREIGN POLICY EXPERT COUVE DE MURVILLE SUBMITTED A FOUR-PAGE DOCUMENT CRITICIZING THE ATLANTICIST TINDEMANS PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BASED ON UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE THIS WEEK AT AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GAULLIST UDR PARTY. ACCORDING TO COUVE, THE REASONS GIVEN TO JUSTIFY CREATING SUCH AN INSTITUTION ARE "NOT CONVINCING." MOST OF ALL, HE STRESSED THAT SUCH A CHANGE IN THE EXISTING STATUTES OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WOULD DEMAND A FRENCH CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM CARRIED OUT BY "POPULAR REFERENDUM."

FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF THIS REPORT, THE UDR EXECUTIVE DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO PRIME MINISTER JACQUES CHIRAC, AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE SENTIMENTS OF THE GAULLISTS ON THE ISSUE.

SCHORR MADE WHIPPING BOY FOR SECRECY ACT

FEB. 20 (IPS)—THE HOUSE YESTERDAY APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 269-115 A RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY REP. SAMUEL STRATTON (D-NY) INSTRUCTING THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE TO BEGIN A PROBE OF CBS INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER DAN SCHORR FOR HIS ROLE IN THE VILLAGE VOICE'S PUBLICATION OF THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

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ACCORDING TO AN AP DISPATCH CARRIED IN TODAY'S BALTIMORE SUN, STRATTON, A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF SEN. HENRY JACKSON, SUGGESTED THAT THE ETHICS COMMITTEE TAKE ACTION TO VOID SCHORR'S PRESS CARD OR CITE HIM FOR CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, INCLUDING THOMAS O'NEILL (D-MASS) AND BOB ECKHARDT (D-TEXAS) OPPOSED THE INVESTIGATION, WHICH ECKHARDT TERMED AN "INQUISITION."

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST REPORTS THAT CBS HAS REMOVED SCHORR FROM HIS NORMAL ASSIGNMENT COVERING THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. ONE "SENIOR CBS NETWORK EXECUTIVE" CLAIMED THAT SCHORR'S ACTION HAS UNDERMINED CBS NEWS MANAGEMENT'S INTEGRITY. "IT COULD REINFORCE THE CONVICTION THAT SOME OF OUR CONSERVATIVE AFFILIATES HAVE THAT (CBS) REPORTERS...WEAR THEIR HEARTS ON THEIR LEFT SLEEVES," THE CBS EXECUTIVE STATED.

#### EX-CIO ORGANIZER JOINS LODF ADVISORY BOARD

AKRON, FEB. 20 (IPS)—RAY SULLIVAN, FORMER LOCAL PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED RUBBER WORKERS AND FIRST HEAD OF THE AKRON CHAPTER OF THE CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS (CIO), ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY HIS COMMITMENT TO JOIN THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE LABOR ORGANIZERS DEFENSE FUND (LODF). SULLIVAN JOINED THE LODF VOICING HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE CURRENT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ATTACK AGAINST LABOR PARTY ORGANIZER AND CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE JOHN SEKALA, WHO IS BEING THREATENED WITH EXPULSION BY THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS UNDER ANTI-COMMUNIST STATUTES.

"IT'S THE BEGINNING OF FASCISM IN THE U.S.," SULLIVAN SAID YESTERDAY, REFERRING TO THE ATTACK ON SEKALA AND THE RECENT RULING OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD WHICH RESURRECTS THE ANTI-COMMUNIST STATUTES OF THE 1950S SMITH ACT. "IT SOUNDS LIKE THE ATTACKS THAT WORKERS WERE SUBJECTED TO FOR BEING IN THE RUBBER WORKERS UNION IN THE EARLY 1930S."

(ANOTHER LODF ADVISOR AND PROMINENT CIVIL LIBERTARIAN MAX DEAN ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY HIS INTENT TO OVERSEE AND COORDINATE THE FIGHT AGAINST MCCARTHYITE WITCHHUNTS AGAINST WORKERS WHO DECLARE THEIR SUPPORT AND ORGANIZE WITH THE LABOR PARTY.)

SINCE HE HAD DECLARED HIS OPEN SUPPORT FOR THE LABOR PARTY PROGRAMS, SULLIVAN HAS HIMSELF BEEN SUBJECT TO ATTACK BY THE AKRON BEACON-JOURNAL AND PRO-AUSTERITY TRADE UNIONISTS LIKE PHIL LEONARD, THE PRESIDENT OF THE AKRON CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL. NONETHELESS, SULLIVAN HAS SUCCESSFULLY INTRODUCED THE LABOR PARTY'S EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT ACT FOR ENDORSEMENT BY THE PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS EXECUTIVE BOARD WITH A VOTE EXPECTED OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS. ADDITIONALLY, SULLIVAN HAS ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTIONS TO RUN AGAINST REP. SIEBERLING IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ON A PRO-EEA PROGRAM.

#### ST. LOUIS USLP'ER ARRESTED ON WAY TO MEET WITH DEM LEADER

ST. LOUIS, FEB. 20 (IPS)—U.S. LABOR PARTY ORGANIZER GERALD BERG WAS ARRESTED YESTERDAY WHILE HE AND OTHER LABOR PARTY ORGANIZERS WERE ON A WALKING TOUR OF AN ITALIAN COMMUNITY HERE.

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WHEN ARRESTED THE ORGANIZER WAS ON HIS WAY TO A MEETING WITH THE LOCAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HEAD BERRA. WHEN LABOR PARTY MEMBERS ARRIVED AT HIS HOUSE, MR. BERRA'S WIFE TOLD THEM THAT SHE HAD JUST RECEIVED A CALL FROM A "NEIGHBOR" SAYING THAT THE LABOR PARTY WAS SLANDERING HER FAMILY AND WERE ON THE WAY TO THE HOUSE "TO THROW BRICKS THROUGH THE WINDOW."

BERG, WHO WAS CHARGED WITH "DISTURBING THE PEACE" AND MAKING "UNNECESSARY NOISE," WAS LATER RELEASED ON 50 DOLLARS BAIL AFTER CALLS BY LAWYERS. BAIL WAS ORIGINALLY SET AT 100 DOLLARS.

REPRESENTATIVE PLEADS "SEPARATION OF POWERS"  
TO JUSTIFY FAILURE TO ACT ON OGDEN FRAME-UP

WASHINGTON, D.C., FEB. 20 (IPS)—REP. DAVID SATTERFIELD (D-VA) HID BEHIND THE CONSTITUTIONAL DOCTRINE OF SEPARATION OF POWERS TO JUSTIFY HIS REFUSAL TO TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF ALAN OGDEN, U.S. LABOR PARTY CANDIDATE FOR THE U.S. SENATE FROM VIRGINIA. OGDEN HAS BEEN INCARCERATED IN A RICHMOND, VA. JAIL FOR EIGHT DAYS FOLLOWING HIS LEAA-ORDERED ARREST AND FRAME-UP CONVICTION ON CHARGES OF "TRESPASSING" AT A PUBLIC MEETING AND "RESISTING ARREST." HE IS BEING HELD ON 2,000 DOLLARS BAIL.

SATTERFIELD TOLD A LABOR PARTY REPRESENTATIVE WHO CONTACTED HIM THIS AFTERNON, "SIR, YOU ARE ASKING ME TO VIOLATE THE SACRED SEPARATION OF POWERS AS OUTLINED BY THE U.S. CONSTITUTION....THE LEAA IS IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH NOT THE LEGISLATIVE....INFORMING ME OF THIS SITUATION (THE LEAA-ORDERED ARREST AND JAILING OF OGDEN) IS A THREAT TO ME."

LABOR PARTY REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE CIRCULATING A BRIEF ON THE HISTORY OF THE BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE USLP'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO THE ENTIRE VIRGINIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.

KISSINGER'S CENTRAL AMERICAN SUMMIT FLOPS

FEB. 20 (IPS)—U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT HIS SCHEDULED SUMMIT WITH CENTRAL AMERICA'S SIX HEADS OF STATE HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOLLOWING THE "PULL-OUT" OF THREE OF THE SIX PRESIDENTS FROM THE MEETING. ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON POST AND OTHER PRESS SOURCES, KISSINGER'S ANNOUNCEMENT FROM LIMA WAS CONFIRMED BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WHO REVEALED THAT THE PRESIDENTS OF GUATEMALA, EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS HAD ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING THE MEETING.

ONLY PRESIDENT DANIEL ODUBER OF COSTA RICA, THE MEETING'S ORGANIZER, HAD CONFIRMED THAT HE WILL ATTEND THE SUMMIT, WHILE TORRIJOS OF PANAMA AND SOMOZA OF NICARAGUA HAVE YET TO ANNOUNCE THEIR DECISION. KISSINGER, MEANWHILE, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL STILL GO TO COSTA RICA ON FEB. 23 AND THAT HE PLANS TO MEET WITH TORRIJOS AND SOMOZA "IF THEY CHOOSE TO COME."

DESPITE COUNTERORGANIZING, DEBT MORATORIUM HANGS OVER WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D.C., FEB. 20 (IPS)—DESPITE MASSIVE COUNTERORGANIZING AGAINST THE U.S. LABOR PARTY'S INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK

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AND DEBT MORATORIUM PROPOSALS, THE SENSE OF THE INEVITABILITY OF DEBT MORATORIA IS HANGING HEAVY OVER THIS CAPITAL CITY OF THE UNITED STATES. CONVERSATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT AND FIGURES OUT OF GOVERNMENT TODAY REFLECTED THIS NEW REALITY.

A REPUBLICAN STAFFER ON THE HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE TODAY AGREED THAT THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IS EXTREMELY SEVERE, ADDING THAT "DEBT MORATORIUM HAS SOME MERIT, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THIS WILL OCCUR WHETHER WE AGREE WITH IT OR NOT."

A STAFF MEMBER ON THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTED: "DEBT MORATORIA....WE MAY HAVE TO GO AHEAD WITH IT. WE WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE THE WHOLE (ECONOMIC) SYSTEM DESTROYED."

AT A JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM ON THE "NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER" TODAY, A JAMAICAN UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSED THE DEBT MORATORIUM PROPOSAL WHILE JOHNS HOPKINS THINK TANKER ROBERT TUCKER, WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY ENDORSED U.S. INTERVENTION INTO THE MIDEAST, WAS FORCED TO ADMIT THAT HE WOULD "RATHER SEE DEBT RESCHEDULING, BUT DEBT MORATORIUM IS INEVITABLE."

REFLECTING THE GROWING RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL CREDIT INSTITUTIONS, A WHITE HOUSE SOURCE YESTERDAY CHARACTERIZED THE WORLD BANK AS AN "AUTOCRATIC, INDEPENDENT, INTERNATIONAL BUREAUCRACY THAT IS GENERALLY RESPONSIBLE TO NO ONE."

YESTERDAY IN THE SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, A COUNTERORGANIZING SESSION AGAINST DEBT MORATORIA AND THE IDB WAS HELD FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR STAFFS BY LEADING MEMBERS OF THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION, INCLUDING C. FRED BERGSTEN, THE OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, STAFF MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, INCLUDING GEORGE INGRAHAM, SEN. JACOB JAVITS' AIDE FRANK BALANCE, SEN. MCGEE'S AIDE DICK MCCALL, AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PAUL BOEKER. THE MEETING EXPLORED THE APPROACH OF RAISING COMMODITY PRICES OR LOWERING OIL PRICES SO DEBTS COULD BE PAID, BUT DID NOT DISCUSS DEBT MORATORIA.

TO PREVENT FURTHER MOTION TOWARD DEBT MORATORIA AND THE IDB, A SIMILAR SESSION IS BEING HELD FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS TODAY AND TOMORROW. KEY IN SLOWING THIS MOTION FROM WITHIN THE BLACK CAUCUS IS REP. CHARLES DIGGS (D-MICH), A SUPPORTER OF DEBT REPAYMENT WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY NUMEROUS CAUCUS STAFFERS AS MAKING POLICY.

END OF PRIORITIES FOR LATE IPS FOR 2/20/76