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I. PRIORITIES

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE EXPERT SAYS BURMA PLAGUE OUTBREAK IS "INTERNATIONAL CALAMITY"

WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 9 (IPS)--COMMENTING ON THE 974 CASES OF PLAGUE WHICH HAVE HIT MANDALAY, BURMA, A PLAGUE EXPERT AT THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE SAID TODAY THAT "AN EPIDEMIC OF THIS SIZE UNDOUBTEDLY MEANS PROGRESSION FROM THE BUBONIC TO THE PNEUMONIC FORM. PNEUMONIC PLAGUE IS MUCH MORE DEADLY AND EXTREMELY CONTAGIOUS AND COULD EASILY SPREAD TO RANGOON, BANGLADESH, INDIA, AND BEYOND." HE TERMED THE BURMA PLAGUE SITUATION "AN INTERNATIONAL CALAMITY."

ACCORDING TO A RECENT WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION STUDY, 10 PER CENT OF THE HUGE RAT POPULATION IN RANGOON HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE INFECTED WITH PLAGUE, BUT THE WHO HAS STILL NOT MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE EXISTENCE OF THE SITUATION.

WEST GERMAN THINK TANK SAYS PERU COUP PROBABLE

HAMBURG, W. GERMANY, APRIL 9 (IPS)--A PERU EXPERT AT THE LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE, A WEST GERMAN THINK TANK HERE, SAID TODAY THAT A RIGHT-WING COUP IN PERU WAS "PROBABLE," ADDING THAT "IF THE U.S. WANTS TO MAKE A COUP, THEN YOU CANNOT DO ANYTHING AGAINST IT WITH (DEBT) MORATORIA."

WEST GERMAN OFFICIAL HAILS PERU'S RIGHTWARD SHIFT

BONN, W. GERMANY, APRIL 9 (IPS)--A WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PERU TODAY PRAISED PERUVIAN PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ' REPUDIATION OF HIS COUNTRY'S LEADERSHIP IN THE FIGHT FOR THE NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER, SAYING THAT MORALES BERMUDEZ' NEW POLICY WAS "VERY PROMISING" AND A "REALISTIC POLICY." THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE NATIONAL BUDGET HAS BEEN CUT AND THAT THE STRIKE INTENTIONS OF THE MINERS HAVE BEEN COOLED DOWN.

BY CONTRAST, THE OFFICIAL SAID, "THE MEASURES BEING TAKEN IN MEXICO ARE RESEMBLING RUSSIA TOO MUCH."

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ATLANTICISTS AFFIRM BACKING FOR MEXICAN FASCIST INSURRECTION

APRIL 9 (IPS)--IN A STATEMENT WHICH LENDS STRONG SUPPORT TO THE RIGHT-WING INSURRECTIONISTS OF MEXICO'S SO-CALLED MONTERREY GROUP, THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN MEXICO (CAMCO) STATED YESTERDAY IN MEXICO CITY THAT THE U.S. PREFERS BRAZIL OVER MEXICO BECAUSE MEXICO HAS NOT YET REACHED BRAZILIAN "LEVELS OF TRANQUILITY." THIS STATEMENT COMES ONLY A WEEK AFTER MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA OPENLY ATTACKED THE U.S.-LINKED MONTERREY GROUP FOR PLOTTING AGAINST HIS GOVERNMENT WITH THE AIM OF IMPLEMENTING THE "BRAZILIAN MODEL."

THE CAMCO FURTHER DEFENDED U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO JOHN JOVA, WHO SEVERAL WEEKS AGO GAVE THE MONTERREY GROUP THE GO-AHEAD FOR THEIR INSURRECTIONARY DRIVE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT BY CALLING PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S ADMINISTRATION "MONARCHICAL." JOVA HAD NO INTENTIONS OF OFFENDING THE COUNTRY, CAMCO STATED, ADDING THAT JOVA IS THE U.S. AMBASSADOR WHO HAS ATTRACTED THE MOST U.S. INVESTMENTS INTO THE COUNTRY.

IN A RELATED MOVE, THE WORLD BANK HAS RELEASED A REPORT PRAISING RIGHT-WING MEXICAN FINANCE MINISTER BETETA'S 1976 BUDGET FOR ITS "AUSTERITY AND DISCIPLINE." THIS, ACCORDING TO THE WORLD BANK, IS ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS WHY MEXICO HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST FOREIGN CREDIT RATINGS.

THE CAMCO AND WORLD BANK STATEMENTS WERE WIDELY REPORTED IN TODAY'S MEXICO CITY PRESS.

WALL STREET ATTACK ON EUROPEAN CURRENCIES BACKFIRES:
DOLLAR UNDER FIRE.

NEW YORK, APRIL 9 (IPS)--THE WALL STREET ATTACK ON EUROPEAN CURRENCY VALUES--AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE THROUGH DEVALUATIONS AND AUSTERITY--HAS BACKFIRED INTO AN ATTACK ON THE DOLLAR, ANALYSTS REVEALED TODAY. THE ANALYSTS ESTIMATED THAT THE FEDERAL RESERVE MAY HAVE SPENT AS MUCH AS 9.2 BILLION DOLLARS TO SUPPORT THE DOLLAR OVER THE PAST WEEK--THE AMOUNT THE FED ACQUIRED THROUGH THE SALE OF 9.2 BILLION DOLLARS IN U.S. GOVERNMENT DEBT THIS WEEK. IN ADDITION, THE BANK OF JAPAN ALONE HAS BOUGHT 350 MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS IN DOLLAR SUPPORT OPERATIONS.

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SOURCES AGREED THAT SUCH MASSIVE SUPPORT OF THE DOLLAR INDICATES THE EMERGENCE OF ONE OF THE WORST DOLLAR CRISES IN THE POST-WAR PERIOD, PROVOKED BY THE WALL STREET SPECULATION AGAINST WEAKER EUROPEAN CURRENCIES THAT HAS CAUSED THE DUMPING OF TENS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON A MARKET ALREADY FLOODED WITH UNWANTED DOLLARS. TRADERS IN FRANKFURT SAID YESTERDAY THAT THEY EXPECT A FULL-BLOWN MONETARY CRISIS BY EASTER.

WHILE THE DOLLAR APPRECIATED SLIGHTLY TODAY AGAINST THE DEUTSCHEMARK AND THE SWISS FRANC AS A RESULT OF THE MASSIVE FEDERAL RESERVE SUPPORT BUYING, THE ITALIAN LIRA DECLINED TO 880 TO THE DOLLAR AND THE BRITISH POUND STERLING WAS HELD IN THE 1.83-1.84 DOLLARS RANGE BY BANK OF ENGLAND INTERVENTION ON ITS BEHALF.

ILLINOIS COMPTROLLER TO LEGISLATURE:
PAY EITHER BANKS OR SOCIAL SERVICES

CHICAGO, APRIL 9 (IPS)—IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE ILLINOIS STATE LEGISLATURE THIS WEEK, STATE COMPTROLLER GEORGE LINDBERG STATED THAT THE STATE HAS LIMITED FUNDS AND THAT "YOU (LEGISLATORS) MAKE THE CHOICE" BETWEEN GIVING STATE MONEY TO THE BANKS OR MAINTAINING SERVICES. HIS MESSAGE WAS REPORTED IN TODAY'S CHICAGO DAILY NEWS.

FOLLOWING LINDBERG'S MESSAGE, AN INFLUENTIAL ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE HAS AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR ASSEMBLYMAN LEON'S INTRODUCTION OF THE EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT ACT AND DEBT MORATORIUM LEGISLATION INTO THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE SAYS TO "TAKE A BATH IN NEW YORK BONDS"

CHICAGO, APRIL 9 (IPS)—NEW YORK STATE WILL EITHER NOT PAY ITS EMPLOYEES OR GO BANKRUPT, ACCORDING TO A FRONT-PAGE CHICAGO TRIBUNE ARTICLE TITLED "TAKE A BATH IN NEW YORK BONDS" BY JACK MABLEY TODAY. MABLEY SAYS THAT FOR THE BOND HOLDERS WHO MAY NOT BE PAID, "THOSE ARE THE RISKS INVOLVED." POINTING TO THE OVER 40,000 NEW YORK CITY LAYOFFS IN POLICE, FIRE, HOSPITALS, SANITATION, ETC., THE TRIBUNE SAID THAT THREE-FOURTHS OF THE SAVINGS FROM THESE SERVICE CUTBACKS HAVE GONE TO PAY INCREASES IN INTEREST RATES ON TAX-FREE BONDS, SOME NOW AS HIGH AS 18 PER CENT. AT THE SAME TIME, IN AN ARTICLE TODAY ENTITLED "WHICH WAY WILL IT GO," THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS POSES THE FUTURE FOR NEW YORK CITY: EITHER THE CITY WILL DEFAULT, SAYS THE DAILY NEWS, OR SOCIAL SERVICES WILL BE SLASHED FURTHER.

QUEBEC AUSTERITY MEASURES PROLONG TYPHOID EPIDEMIC

APRIL 9 (IPS)—THE REGION OF ST. GABRIEL DE BRANDON, QUEBEC, IS LIKELY TO SUFFER AN EXTENDED EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID FEVER DUE TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO MOVE THE TOWN'S MEDICAL LABORATORY FACILITIES AS PART OF AN AUSTERITY PROGRAM WHICH WILL CONSOLIDATE 12 SUCH LABS ACROSS THE PROVINCE. AN EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID ERUPTED IN THE TOWN ABOUT A MONTH AGO BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT FILTRATION OF THE TOWN'S WATER SUPPLY AND HAS ALREADY NECESSITATED THE HOSPITALIZATION OF OVER 200 PEOPLE. NEW CASES CONTINUE TO APPEAR AT A LEVEL OF ONE TO TWO DAILY.

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WHEN THE EPIDEMIC BEGAN, THE NOW CLOSED REGIONAL LABORATORY HANDLED ABOUT 1,800 ANALYSES, WITH MEDICAL STAFF WORKING DAY AND NIGHT, ACCORDING TO THE MONTREAL LA PRESSE YESTERDAY. ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF DOCTOR INVOLVED IN THE TYPHOID CONTROL PROGRAM, IF THE ANALYSES HAD CONTINUED, THE EPIDEMIC WOULD HAVE BEEN UNDER CONTROL WITHIN THREE WEEKS. THE CLOSING OF THE LAB MEANS THAT THE DISEASE WILL CONTINUE IN EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS, HE PREDICTED.

ZACCAGNINI SWITCHES TO ANDREOTTI ANTI-AUSTERITY FACTION OF DC

APRIL 9 (IPS)--IN A MAJOR POLITICAL SHIFT, ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (DC) SECRETARY GENERAL, BENITO ZACCAGNINI, TODAY REJECTED THE ECONOMIC AUSTERITY PROGRAM PRESENTED YESTERDAY TO THE GOVERNMENT BY THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI). PRIOR TO ZACCAGNINI'S ANNOUNCEMENT EARLY TODAY, ATLANTICISTS WITHIN THE DC'S SO-CALLED LEFT WING HAD MOOTED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PCI PROGRAM, AND, BASED ON HIS PREVIOUS SUPPORT FOR THE DC'S ATLANTICIST GROUPING, ZACCAGNINI WAS EXPECTED TO FOLLOW SUIT.

IL GIORNALE, A ROME NEWSPAPER, TODAY CITES ANGRY DC LEFTISTS AS SAYING: "ZACCAGNINI LET HIMSELF BE 'INFLUENCED' AT THE LAST MINUTE BY (PRO-DEVELOPMENT) BUDGET MINISTER GIULIO ANDREOTTI AND FACTION LEADERS PICCOLI AND BARTOLOMEI." ACCORDING TO IL GIORNALE, ANDREOTTI'S, PICCOLI'S AND BARTOLOMEI'S FACTIONS HAD OPPOSED THE PCI PROGRAM BECAUSE THEY CONSIDER IT AN ANTI-SOCIALIST PARTY MOVE BY THE PCI.

PCI RENEWS AUSTERITY PUSH

APRIL 9 (IPS)--IN A MEETING TWO NIGHTS AGO, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) DREW UP NEW AUSTERITY PROPOSALS FOR THE NATION.

THE PROPOSALS CALLED FOR RATIONING OF GASOLINE AND A SO-CALLED DOUBLE MARKET PRICING STEM (I.E., RATIONING COMBINED WITH A LEGALIZED BLACK MARKET-ED.). THE PCI ALSO ASKED FOR "SELECTIVE" FISCAL AUSTERITY MOVES AND ASKED THAT THE CURRENT ABORTION LAW CONTROVERSY BE SETTLED WITHOUT A PUBLIC REFERENDUM, WHICH WOULD LIKELY TOPPLE THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF ALDO MORO AND WRECK THE PCI'S EFFORTS TO ENTER HIS AUSTERITY CABINET AS A COALITION PARTNER.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE PCI-LINKED CGIL TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION YESTERDAY PROPOSED AUSTERITY MEASURES, INCLUDING ABOLITION OF THE GOVERNMENT DEFICIT BY REDUCTION OF SO-CALLED ADMINISTRATIVE "WASTE" (I.E., SOCIAL SERVICES-ED.) AND GASOLINE RATIONING, AND SAID THAT THE NATION'S "INDEBTEDNESS DEMANDS AN EXPORT POLICY WHICH FORCES IMPORT REDUCTIONS."

BOTH PROPOSALS WERE REPORTED IN YESTERDAY'S PCI PAPER, UNITA.

AGNELLI CALLS FOR REAL, NOT VERBAL, FASCISM IN ITALY

APRIL 9 (IPS)--GIANNI AGNELLI, FIAT OWNER AND PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF ITALIAN INDUSTRIALISTS, TODAY REITERATED HIS CALL FOR FASCIST AUSTERITY FOR ITALY, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S CORRIERE

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DELLA SERA. "THE GAINS OF THE ITALIAN UNIONS," AGNELLI SAID, "WILL INCREASE THE INFLATION RATE...AND THE SACRIFICES DEMANDED OF THEM ARE ONLY AIMED AT REDUCING INFLATION." ALTHOUGH AGNELLI SAID HE AGREES WITH SOME POINTS OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S ECONOMIC AUSTERITY PROGRAM, HE SAID HE WOULD DISAGREE WITH OTHERS UNTIL HE IS SATISFIED THE PCI IS REALLY SINCERE IN ITS SUPPORT FOR AUSTERITY: "WE WANT TO KNOW IF THIS IS A MATTER OF SUPERFICIAL POLICIES LIKE THOSE ADOPTED BY GOEBBELS OR IF IT IS A MATTER OF GETTING TO A CONSUMPTION POLICY THAT BRINGS ABOUT LESS EXPENSES FOR THE BALANCE OF PAYMENT."

"I WARN GIANNI AGNELLI," SAYS LAROUCHE

APRIL 9 (IPS)--U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LYNDON LAROUCHE TODAY DIRECTED A PERSONAL WARNING TO ROCKEFELLER ALLY GIANNI AGNELLI, WARNING AGNELLI TO IMMEDIATELY END HIS FORCES' CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES AGAINST MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE LABOR COMMITTEES.

LAROUCHE WARNED AGNELLI, "EITHER MR. AGNELLI AND HIS FASCIST FRIENDS SUCCEED IN THEIR PRESENT EFFORTS TO DESTROY ITALY AND OTHER NATIONS, OR THERE WILL BE A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER. IN THE FIRST CASE, GENERAL THERMONUCLEAR WAR BEFORE THE END OF 1977 IS ALMOST CERTAIN, AND ECOLOGICAL HOLOCAUST ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN. IN THE SECOND CASE, I SHALL BE IN A POSITION OF GREAT POWER IN THE USA WITH POWERFUL FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WHERE, THEN, WOULD THE POWERFUL AND CRUEL GIANNI AGNELLI RUN TO HIDE FROM THE HOUNDS OF OUR JUSTICE? THERE WOULD BE NO PLACE IN THE WORLD OBSCURE ENOUGH TO HIDE HIM.

"LET HIM BE CAREFUL, THEREFORE. HE MIGHT SUCCEED, TOGETHER WITH HIS NEW YORK BANKER FRIENDS, IN DESTROYING THE HUMAN RACE IN THERMONUCLEAR AND BIOLOGICAL HOLOCAUSTS, BUT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY--WHETHER HIS EVIL DESIGNS FAIL OR SUCCEED--IN WHICH HE COULD ESCAPE THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS CRIMES."

LAROUCHE REFERRED TO TWO MOST IMMEDIATE CRIMES BY AGNELLI-LINKED FORCES AGAINST LABOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

THE FIRST WAS THE ISSUING OF A FRAUDULENT LEAFLET, WHICH PURPORTED TO BE A STATEMENT BY THE ITALIAN LABOR COMMITTEES, SUPPOSEDLY ENDORSING AN AGNELLI "POLITICS OF TENSION" ATROCITY COMMITTED AT ONE FACTORY. THIS WAS DONE BY A KNOWN AGNELLI NETWORK AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN OF TERRORISM UNLEASHED BY AGNELLI FORCES DURING THE RECENT PERIOD.

THE SECOND WAS A HOOLIGAN ATTACK BY AGNELLI-ALLIED FASCISTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MILAN, AN ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE IN THE VICINITY OF A PUBLIC MEETING IN MILAN.

"THIS," LAROUCHE EMPHASIZED, "IS MERELY THE MOST RECENT IN A LONG LIST OF CRIMES COMMITTED BY AGNELLI-ALLIED FORCES, FORCES WHICH INCLUDE UGOLINO LA MALFA, RICCARDO LOMBARDI, BASSETTI, AMENDOLA, AND THE MSI. THE CRIMES INCLUDE KIDNAPPING, TORTURE, MALICIOUS PERSECUTION, BEATINGS, DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, AND BRAINWASHINGS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE LABOR COMMITTEES.

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"THESE ARE NOT THE WORST OF AGNELLI'S AND LA MALFA'S CRIMES, OF COURSE," LAROCHE ADDED. "THERE IS AN EPIDEMIC OF BLACK DEATH IN THE CITY OF MANDALAY, WITH OVER 970 CASES ALREADY REPORTED. IF THIS HITS RANGOON, WITHIN A FEW WEEKS IT WILL BE UNSTOPPABLE BY EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES. THEN, A SINGLE SHIP, CARRYING RATS WHICH HAVE SOMEWHERE MET RATS COMING FROM RANGOON, MIGHT ENTER THE HARBOR AT NAPLES OR GENOA. UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS, AGNELLI'S AUSTERITY WOULD HAVE BROUGHT THE BLACK DEATH INTO ALL OF ITALY WITHIN THIS PRESENT YEAR. BUT, ALL THE SAME, I WARN AGNELLI PERSONALLY THAT HE WILL BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE FOR ANY FURTHER CRIMES BY HIS MINIONS AGAINST LABOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS."

MORE SYRIAN TROOPS ENTER LEBANON

WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 9 (IPS)--FOUR HUNDRED SYRIAN ARMY TROOPS HAVE ENTERED LEBANON OVER THE PAT 12 HOURS, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE IRAQI NEWS AGENCY, THE CAIRO-BASED MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY, AND THE PALESTINIAN NEWS AGENCY, Wafa.

COMMENTING ON THESE REPORTS, A STATE DEPARTMENT MIDDLE EAST EXPERT SUGGESTED THAT THE ENTRANCE OF THE TROOPS "MAY LEAD TO NEW FIGHTING TOMORROW" BETWEEN THE SYRIAN FORCES AND LEFTIST MILITARY UNITS IN LEBANON.

A LEBANESE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE LATER REPORTED THAT FIGHTING HAS ALREADY BROKEN OUT IN EASTERN BEIRUT BETWEEN SYRIAN UNITS AND FORCES UNDER THE COMMAND OF LEBANESE ARMY REBEL LEADER COL. AHMED KHATIB.

U.S. ENVOY IN LEBANON PROVOKES LEBANESE RIGHT, ARAB DIPLOMAT CHARGES

WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 9 (IPS)--L. DEAN BROWN, THE ENVOY DISPATCHED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO SECURE U.S. INTERESTS IN LEBANON, HAS DIRECTLY PROVOKED THE LEBANESE FASCIST RIGHT-WING INTO ADOPTING AN INTRANSIGENT POSTURE IN TOMORROW'S SCHEDULED PARLIAMENTARY NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW PRESIDENT AND POSSIBLY INTO INITIATING NEW ROUNDS OF INTENSIFIED FIGHTING, AN ARAB DIPLOMATIC SOURCE CHARGED TODAY. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, BROWN SUDDENLY INSISTED TODAY IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RIGHT THAT LEBANESE PRESIDENT SULEIMAN FRANJIEH, A HERO OF THE RIGHT, RESIGN FROM THE PRESIDENCY, EVEN THOUGH RIGHT-WING LEADERS HAD AGREED YESTERDAY TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF FRANJIEH'S RESIGNATION TOMORROW.

OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS, THE FASCISTS HAVE RECEIVED ENORMOUS ARMS SHIPMENTS INTO THE RIGHTIST-CONTROLLED PORT OF JUNIEH, INCLUDING AT LEAST 30 TANKS AND SEVERAL THOUSAND ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, AND ARE PREPARING NEW ASSAULTS AGAINST THE LEFT, ACCORDING TO PALESTINIAN AND EAST BLOC SOURCES.

LEBANESE LEFT TENTATIVELY AGREES TO EXTEND THE CEASEFIRE

APRIL 9 (IPS)--LEFTISTS LEADERS IN LEBANON HAVE "IMPLICITLY AGREED" TO AN EXTENSION OF THE 10-DAY CEASEFIRE BEYOND ITS MONDAY DEADLINE, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST. THIS IS SEEN AS AN INDICATION, SAYS THE POST, OF SLIGHTLY IMPROVED HOPES FOR A QUICK SETTLEMENT OF LEBANON'S YEAR-LONG CIVIL WAR.

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BOUMEDIENNE ATTACKS U.S. SABOTAGE OF THIRD WORLD DEVELOPMENT
IN EGYPTIAN LEFTIST PRESS

APRIL 9 (IPS)--COMMENTING ON THE CAPITULATION TO U.S. BANKERS' DEMANDS BY EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT, ALGERIAN PRESIDENT HOUARI BOUMEDIENNE THIS WEEK STATED THAT "WE WELL KNOW THAT THE IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES ARE TRYING TO LOOT THE RESOURCES OF THE THIRD WORLD STATES AND TO SUBJUGATE THEM TO THEIR OWN POLICY."

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE EGYPTIAN LEFTIST MAGAZINE, ROSE EL-YOUSSEF, BOUMEDIENNE FURTHER INSISTED THAT "NO ONE CAN NAME A SINGLE COUNTRY WHICH THE USA COULD HELP CONSTRUCT A NATIONAL INDUSTRY OR COULD HELP IMPLEMENT PROJECTS WHICH WOULD AID SOCIAL PROGRESS."

BOUMEDIENNE'S COMMENTS WERE CARRIED IN THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA APRIL 4.

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL REFUSES COMMENT ON PERU COUP PLANS
AT PORTLAND FORUM; IDB DOMINATES SESSION

PORTLAND, ORE., APRIL 9 (IPS)--SPEAKING BEFORE AN AUDIENCE OF 250 AT THE NORTHWEST FOREIGN POLICY FORUM SPONSORED BY THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF OREGON AND THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS WILLIAM SCHAUFLE, JR., REFUSED TO COMMENT WHEN ASKED BY U.S. LABOR PARTY CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF PORTLAND CRAIG SCHULZE WHETHER THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS PLOTTING A COUP IN PERU TO ENSURE COLLECTION OF PERU'S DEBT. BUT IN HIS SUMMATION, SCHAUFLE, A CLOSE CONFIDANT OF SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, SAID THAT DEBT IS THE MAJOR PROBLEM IN THE WORLD AND THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO COLLECT IT IF THE WORLD BANK AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND ARE TO CONTINUE TO EXIST."

ONE SESSION OF THE FORUM WAS SUBSTANTIALLY DEVOTED TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ON THE USLP'S INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK PROPOSAL PUT TO USLP SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE ROY HARVEY BY ONE OF THE PANELISTS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERAMERICAN AFFAIRS WILLIAM LUERS. LUERS ASKED: "WHERE DID THE IDB COME FROM? WHO DEVELOPED IT? WHO PAYS, WHO SUFFERS? ARE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE GOING TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF ALLOCATING THE CAPITAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS? WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING TO COME FROM TO EXTEND THE LOANS TO THE DEVELOPING NATIONS? WHAT EFFECT WILL IT HAVE ON THE U.S. ECONOMY? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO OR SAY TO THE COUNTRIES WHICH WANT TO BUY MILITARY PRODUCTION?" LUERS TOOK NOTES ON EACH OF HARVEY'S ANSWERS AND, FROM THE PODIUM, HANDED HARVEY ONE DOLLAR FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COPY OF THE IDB, COMMENTING, "DEBT MORATORIUM IS CERTAINLY AHEAD OF US."

AN AREA MINISTER THEN ASKED LUERS, "WILL THE DEBT MORATORIUM REALLY BE CONSIDERED? MOST OF THE DEBTS ARE OWED TO ROCKEFELLER'S CHASE AND FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANKS. AND SINCE ROCKEFELLER IS IN THE WHITE HOUSE, HOW CAN THE STATE DEPARTMENT GET AROUND IT?" "DEBT MORATORIUM IS A HOT ISSUE," LUERS REPLIED.

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THE GENERALLY PRO-DETENTE AND PRO-EAST-WEST TRADE SENTIMENTS OF THE ATTENDEES WERE TYPIFIED BY A DELEGATION OF OREGON FARMERS WHO DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS DEMANDING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT REMOVE ALL RESTRICTIONS ON GRAIN SALES TO THE SOVIETS.
