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## WALL STREET DEMS ATTACK KISSINGER'S STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY

April 13 (IPS)--Addressing the American Society of Newspaper Editors today, Atlanticist Democratic Party leaders George Ball, Zbigniew Brzezinski and Paul Warnke attacked Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's step-by-step diplomacy and his provocations in the Mideast and South Africa.

Former Under Secretary of State Ball described how Kissinger's Mideast policy had created a situation where the "moderate" Arab leaders were faced with nearly uncontrollable "radicalized" layers beneath them. Ball, who now heads the International Division of the Lehman Bros. investment house, noted that Egyptian President Sadat, because of Kissinger's Sinai pact, may be in danger of replacement by someone "more Pan Arab and xenophobic." The solution, Ball said, is an immediate "comprehensive settlement" to be worked out, possibly under UN Security Council resolution.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, Director of the Trilateral Commission, reiterated Ball's position on the Mideast and then turned to analyzing what he called the "great dangers" posed by a Soviet invasion of Yugoslavia following President Josip Tito's death. "We will then have Soviet troops on the borders of Italy and at that point the possibility of an independent Italian Communist Party in the government is almost zero."

## BALL-HARRIMAN ADVISERS CALL FOR ARMS AID CUTBACK TO ISRAEL, AND CONSULTATION WITH SOVIETS

April 13 (IPS)--A panel of Democratic Party foreign policy advisers closely tied to the Averell Harriman-George Ball faction of Atlanticist bankers has issued a report calling for unilateral U.S. restrictions on the supply of sophisticated weapons to Israel, according to today's New York Post.

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Organized by the United Nations Associations of the U.S., the panel especially assailed the Israeli warhawk faction of Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Shimon Peres, attacking the official Israeli request for U.S.-made Pershing missiles, which are "designed solely to carry a nuclear warhead." The group further called for a ban on some already approved U.S. arms sales to Israel including the sale of missiles, and for U.S. consultation with the Soviets on any arms sales in the Middle East and a joint U.S.-Soviet freeze on advanced arms sales to the Arab states and Israel.

Among the participants in the panel were former Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul Warnke; Columbia University professor Richard Gardner; former Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus Vance; and top oil company executive Thornton Bradshaw.

#### SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY WARNS SOVIETS NOT TO INTERFERE IN VITAL U.S. INTERESTS

April 13 (IPS)--Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass) in a major foreign policy address yesterday before the Overseas Press Club, declared that U.S. interests were at stake "in Western Europe, Japan the Middle East and Latin America" and warned the Soviet Union that America would defend these vital interests. "We must know the difference between important challenges to our interests and actions by the Soviets that do not have a significant impact on those interests," Kennedy told the journalists. The Senator attacked large defense budgets, declaring that no country could win a nuclear confrontation. He proposed instead to divide the globe into well-defined Soviet U.S. spheres of influence using commercial and economic relations with the Soviets "as part of a long-term effort to shape Soviet foreign policy in benign ways." Kennedy also warned U.S. policy makers that the U.S. was losing Western Europe by an ambivalent policy towards its allies and called for stronger economic and political ties to European countries. He described the post-war Marshall Plan, as a model for U.S. policy towards both Western Europe and the Third World.

#### SYRIA UPS OCCUPYING TROOPS IN LEBANON TO 17,000

April 13 (IPS)--Syria has deployed a total of 17,000 disguised and undisguised troops across the Lebanese border according to CBS radio today. Armored Syrian troops are moving to surround the centrally located Bekaa Valley, an area under firm control of leftist guerillas in the Lebanese Arab Army, and have recaptured the Christian town of Zahle from the left.

Syrian troops have also taken control of the three major highways leading into Lebanon toward Tripoli, Beirut and the southern town of Sidon, and are patrolling the Beirut airport and all the major seaports but the Christian port north of Beirut. Today's Washington Post reports that Syrian "interest groups" have seized control of all Beirut radio stations making anti-Syrian broadcasts.

## STATE DEPT: ASSAD'S CHANCES OF SURVIVING COUP 65 - 75 PER CENT

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 13 (IPS)--Syrian President Hafez Assad has a 65-75 per cent chance of surviving a pro-Iraqi coup, according to a State Department evaluation today, and Syria's intensifying military invasion of Lebanon to contain the Lebanese left has discredited him both in Lebanon and at home where his political base is crumbling.

According to a State Department source: "Assad's days might be numbered in the long run, if he doesn't take decisive action in Lebanon. It has become embarrassing for Assad, that he has been unable to sell a Syrian peace plan to the Lebanese... The great nuisance for Assad is the stubbornness of the left in Lebanon... so what can Assad do? Charge in and smash the left?"

The source indicated that in view of the immense opposition to a full-scale military intervention by Assad, the Syrian leader will "trickle troops" in the country, supplying State Department affirmation that at the present time Syrian troops are still crossing the border. This tactic is designed to put quite but maximum pressure on the left to accept a U.S.-imposed settlement.

## KISSINGER ATTACKS NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER; OFFERS BILATERAL DEALS INSTEAD

April 13 (IPS)--In the face of Mexican President Luis Echeverria's continued drive for a New World Economic Order, Secretary of State Kissinger has reiterated United States' opposition to Echeverria's Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States -- considered by the Third World as the basis for the new order.

In response to inquires by William Higgs, head of the Committee for an Open Society, on the U.S. position on the Charter, Kissinger's assistant William H. Woodroff stated in a letter to Higgs that the U.S. government opposes the Charter because it disavows "...the rights of (foreign) investors to quick, adequate and full indemnization for expropriated property." The State Department letter was published in full yesterday by Mexican daily Excelsior, which characterized Woodroff as "a Kissinger man."

While attacking the New World Economic Order, the letter implicitly offers bilateral arrangements like those established with Brazil during Kissinger's recent visit to that country. The U.S.-Brazil deals give Brazil a type of most favored nation status viz-a-viz the U.S. At the same time, the Woodroff letter offers that "the U.S. government is prepared to initiate a new round of negotiations to make the Charter...a more balanced and acceptable document."

## WASHINGTON POST CALLS FOR "PAINFUL, SEVERE" AUSTERITY IN ITALY

April 13 (IPS)--Speaking of the expected change of government in Italy, a lengthy Washington Post editorial today states: "whoever governs must confront the prospect of a severe and painful

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drop in Italy's standard of living, as the accounts are finally balanced."

The editorial, "Italy and its Communists," tentatively endorses Italian Communist Party participation in the government. "The most useful course for Americans, rather than stamping and kicking, would be to wait and see," the Post states. "If that government (with the PCI) -- ed.) continued to behave well on matters of interest to this country ... it might well be acceptable if not warmly welcome.

#### WASHINGTON POST COLUMNIST CALLS FOR "MORE ACTIVE CONTAINMENT POLICY"

April 13 (IPS)--Washington Post columnist Joseph Kraft, in a commentary on the Chinese "succession crisis," writes today that "if the Soviet Union is to be contained, accordingly, the U.S., and its allies will have to undertake a more active policy than has recently come easily. ...The Chinese can no longer be expected either too weigh in so heavily in direct pressure on Moscow, or to play so large a part in balancing Russia's influence in the rest of the world," Kraft states.

In the light of expanding East-West trade, Kraft suggests that "The time is ripe -- now that the Lockheed scandal is forcing development of a code of behavior among multi-national companies -- for the advanced countries to work out a common set of rules for the export of high technology to both the Communist and underdeveloped worlds."

#### BROOKINGS INSTITUTION DEMANDS END TO MINIMUM WAGE, MASSIVE RECYCLING

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 13 (IPS)--Charles Schultze, chief economist at the Brookings Institution, told the American Society of Newspaper Editors here yesterday, that the minimum wage for "marginal groups" (i.e., the unemployed, elderly, youth, and welfare recipients -- ed.) must be "destroyed." "We can't do anything about unemployed," Schultze railed, "until we get rid of the minimum wage." Schultze cited the example of Florida construction workers who voluntarily accepted a pay cut in order to keep their jobs as the model all U.S. workers must follow, and openly admitted that he and his union-busting cohorts are "encouraging cities to hire non-union labor."

#### ITALIAN OIL IMPORTS DROP BY 40 PER CENT

April 13 (IPS)--Italian oil companies have reduced their imports of crude oil by 30 to 40 per cent in comparison to "normal" times, reports yesterday's edition of Avanti, the daily of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI). The situation has developed to a level short of an emergency, with many regions in the country having already exhausted their supply of oil reserves.

Several press reports over the past two days have also indicated that the National Electrical Energy Agency (ENEL) is being forced to go to the international markets to buy approximately 800,000 tons of crude, since its own supply has already been affected by the import cutbacks of the oil companies.

While the government has not issued any official statement on the import cuts, it has issued calls for the conservation of energy both by industry and by the public, as part of its economic austerity package.

#### WAGE CUTS TO FOLLOW WEST GERMAN TRADE UNION DEFEATS

April 13 (IPS)--The European Commission of the European Common Market has published resolutions calling for wage cuts throughout Western Europe and has warned that unless these measures are taken, inflation and unemployment are inevitable. The Commission's resolutions, reported today in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, follow a 5 per cent wage settlement for West German public service and railway trade unions.

At the same time, Ludwig Poullain, president of the Deutschebank, spoke to the German chamber of Commerce in Salzburg, Austria, and demanded wage cuts for the same reasons. The Institute for Finances and Taxation in Bonn has also called for lower consumption.

#### WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT, PRESS COORDINATE "ECONOMIC BOOM" CLOWN

April 13 (IPS)--The group of five independent economic advisors to the West German government, the "Five Wise Men," today released their prognosis that West Germany's economic "upswing will continue." All West German press reported hopefully on the prognosis and the government's official spokesman, Gruenewald, added that despite "all attempts to make people insecure," the government has achieved the "economic upswing...by an international coordination of policy."

Even the neo-Nazi chairman of the Bavarian Christian Social Union, Franz Josef Strauss, claimed that he believes "the upswing is coming" but urged increased levels of austerity to overcome "certain shadows on the upswing," according to Die Welt.

#### BALTIMORE CITY HALL SHOOTOUT LEAVES COUNCILMAN DEAD

BALTIMORE, April 13 (IPS)--A leading organizer of the Baltimore's Black Tenants Rights organization today held two City Councilmen hostage at City Hall and then engaged in a shootout with police that left City Councilman Dominic Leone dead and another City Councilman, a police officer, a mayor's aide and the gunman all wounded.

The U.S. Labor Party is presently investigating the possible connections of the now-hospitalized gunman, Charles Hopkins, to John Hopkins University Metro Center brainwashing methadone programs and the Military Intelligence-created maoist grouping, Youth Against War and Fascism. It has been learned from associates of Hopkins that he went through a marked personality change four to five months ago.

At a Board of Estimate hearing yesterday on the current city budget crisis, a black male who has now been identified as Hopkins

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broke into the chambers demanding to speak to the Mayor and screamed, "What are you going to do about my home?"

Nine months ago, three Baltimore City Council candidates running against the Metro Center's Walter Orlinsky, the City Council President, held a televised press conference announcing that all the candidates except for Orlinsky had received death threats. Five months ago, numerous politicians in Baltimore who were considering the Labor Party's Emergency Employment Act legislation were subjected to gun and knife-point assaults and repeated death threats.

#### FRISCO PICKET LINES STILL UP DESPITE COURT INJUNCTION

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13 (IPS)--Despite a court injunction against San Francisco's striking municipal craft unionists handed down late last night, the picket lines which have been up since the strike began here fifteen days ago remained up this morning. The injunction was handed down by a Judge Benson who said, "The rule is, public employees don't have the right to strike against employers." The injunction orders penalties of 500 dollar fines and/or 5 days in jail.

According to the Strike Coordinating Committee, Central Labor Council leaders have been meeting with Mayor Moscone to discuss the injunction, which has not yet been served on any picketers.

At the same time, Quentin Kopps, President of the Board of Supervisors, has made the striking city workers an offer of five cents an hour salary increase, but only after the 5.7 million dollar pay cut stipulated by Proposition B is subtracted from the total wage package. This offer was accompanied by a demand from Kopps that the increase be placed on the November ballot.

An offer by federal mediator James F. Sears to enter the dispute has apparently been rejected by the Board of supervisors.

#### HARRISON GOLDIN ATTACKS DEBT MORATORIUM AS "RADICAL CHIC"

April 13 (IPS)--New York City comptroller Harrison Goldin yesterday "defended the record amount of debt service in the coming city budget (over 2.3 billion dollar in a 13.8 billion budget)," according to today's New York Times. Goldin attacked proposals for debt moratorium, which he termed "using debt-service money to pay for more city services for residents," as a "radical chic" notion. Goldin also threatened that a city declaration of bankruptcy would affect the "city's pension systems and their retirees."

#### NEW YORK BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPOSES DEBT MORATORIUM

NEW YORK, April 13 (IPS)--the New York City Board of Education is now proposing a debt moratorium as a solution to the education budget crisis. According to yesterday's New York Post, the Board urged in meetings with Governor Hugh Carey, Mayor Abraham Beame,

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and members of the State's Emergency Financial Control Board, "that some of the additional 90 million dollars now planned to go for debt service in next year's city education budget be used instead for instructional purposes."

#### ROCKEFELLER APPARATUS BATTERS DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 13 (IPS)--Rockefeller-operative and special prosecutor Maurice Nadjari's investigation into Democratic party state chairman Patrick Cunningham has now extended to allegedly illegal campaign contributions to New York's Democratic Governor Hugh Carey from his brother, Edward Carey, the head of the New England Petroleum Co. State Tax Commissioner James Tully, according to today's New York Post, disclosed that he had been questioned extensively about Gov. Carey and his brother.

The Post also reports State Democratic Party chairman Patrick Cunningham today refused to waive immunity from prosecution in testimony before a Nadjari Grand Jury investigating the sale of judgeships. Refusal to waive immunity is grounds for mandatory removal of Cunningham from his chairmanship and he has filed a federal injunction to prevent his removal from the party post. Cunningham has challenged the law mandating his removal for refusal to waive immunity as unconstitutional.

Yesterday's New York Times termed Gov. Carey's inability to hold anti-austerity Democratic forces in the state legislature in line, the "disintegration of the party structure."

#### DETROIT REHIRES LAID OFF CITY WORKERS AT REDUCED WAGES

April 13 (IPS)--Detroit has used 49 per cent of money allocated to the city under the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Program (ETA) to rehire laid off municipal workers at reduced salaries today's New York Times reports. Detroit yesterday won a Federal court case which allowed them to use a large percentage of their CETA funds for rehiring laid off workers. The city plans to rehire two-thirds of the 1181 workers fired from the city payroll last week because of "budget crisis" with CETA money.

#### U.S. FORMS BASE FOR COMMANDO RAIDS ON MEXICO ECHEVERRIA DENOUNCES RAIDS

April 13 (IPS)--A paramilitary organization, the American Escape Committee, has been formed to stage commando raids on Mexican prisons in order to free the 532 U.S. drug-runners currently held captive. two armed men have already taken over a small jail on the U.S. border town of Piedras Negras and freed 15 prisoners according to an article in the April 11 Washington Post. The Escape Committee includes ex-Vietnam mercenaries, drug smugglers, and members of agent-controlled left-and right-wing groups. The organization's weapons were ostensibly purchased with funds from the parents of the prisoners.

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Mexican President Luis Echeverria said today that Mexico will use the full weight of the law against such raids, in remarks widely reported in the Mexican press today.

#### PRAVDA SUPPORTS PCI AUSTERITY PROGRAM

April 13 (ips)—The April 11 Soviet Party daily, Pravda endorsed the fascist austerity programs of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) by reporting "broad positive response to the PCI proposals for solving the economic and social problems of the country" at a Turin rally addressed by PCI leader Giancarlo Pajetta.

Pravda emphasized its support for the NATO-directed measures by reiterating that "the workers met with warm ovation... the speech of Giancarlo Pajetta, who explained the meaning and goals of the proposals of the Communist Party."

#### NATO EXERCISES OFF PORTUGAL TO BACKUP PLANNED ELECTORAL FRAUD

April 13 (IPS)—NATO will hold air-naval exercises code named "Open Gate" in the Gibraltar area from April 26 to May 3, coinciding with the Portuguese elections for a legislative assembly to be held on April 25. Participating in the "exercises" will be forces from the U.S., Canada, Norway, the Netherlands, Britain, West Germany and Portugal itself. During that period, the NATO forces will make use of two Portuguese airbases at Montijo and Porto Santo and will carry out bombing exercises at the Alcochete military range in the center of the country.

At the end of the maneuvers, the NATO troops will disembark in Lisbon for a "rest period" according to combined sources. Similar right-wing parties were mobilizing to prevent the pro-Communist trade union confederation, "Intersindical" from being declared the only legal confederation. This year's maneuvers come in the midst of widespread rumors of planned electoral fraud favoring the right-wing parties.

#### STATE DEPT DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF NATO MANEUVERS DURING PORTUGUESE ELECTIONS

WASHINGTON D.C., April 13 (IPS)—U.S. State Department officials at both the Portugal and NATO desks today denied all knowledge of the NATO maneuver "Open Gate" to be held in Portugal from April 26 to May 3 coincident with national elections scheduled for April 25.

The maneuver was publicly announced at a Lisbon press conference by the adjunct chief of staff of the Portuguese Armed Forces.

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