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GOLDMAN EXAMINES ATLANTICIST—SOVIET POLICY, WARNS OF WAR THREAT

April 29 (IPS) — Marshall Goldman of the Harvard Russian Research Center warned in a New York Times column yesterday that if the U.S. fails to look at the overall direction of U.S.-Soviet relations, the U.S. is liable to find itself in a "major confrontation" with the Soviet Union.

In the first public critical examination of the strategic policy of the Wall Street faction linked to Democratic Party patriarch Averell Harriman, Goldman notes recent U.S. moves back to a Cold War posture, including cancellation of high-level bilateral meetings with Soviet counterparts and increasing defense expenditures. "Taken as separate moves, most of our 'retaliation' makes sense," Goldman observes. "Indeed, I have strongly supported most of them. But what makes particular sense may cause general overall disaster. Before our international game of chicken goes too far, both sides should stop and contemplate where our actions are taking us."

EXPOSE MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY AS RIGHT WING PROVOCATEURS

April 29, (IPS) — In a full-page ad in the left-leaning Mexican daily El Dia yesterday, the Popular Socialist Party (PPS) denounced the "anti-Communist onslaught directed, pushed and financed by imperialism" against the PPS and blasted the agent-controlled Mexican Communist Party (PCM) "who with its mistaken tactics objectively serves these forces." "How curious it is," says the PPS ad, "that the right-wing press pushes the candidacy of Valentin Campa (the PCM's presidential candidate) and that the PCM has struck a coalition with the Trotskyites..."

This is the first time the pro-Soviet PPS has openly attacked the PCM as right-wing agents. The attack follows by days another attack on the PCM by the progressive left organization, the PST, who denounced the PCM for failing to support the pro-development

policies of Mexican President Luis Echeverria. These unprecedented attacks come in a context shaped by the Latin American Labor Committees who for over a year have been publically exposing the PCM for their connections to the CIA-directed right and White Communist organizations such as the so-called Spanish Communist Party.

PROXMIRE SETS UP CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE ON SCHLESINGER DOCTRINE

April 29 (IPS) — Senator William Proxmire (D-Wisc) provided a forum for a reopened "debate" on the Schlesinger Doctrine of limited nuclear war at the Joint Committee Defense Production hearing yesterday. Proxmire, who is Vice Chairman of the Committee, summed up the testimony of Schlesinger Doctrine proponents and opponents by stating that "we're in the midst of a major revolution in strategic thinking" which has moved us in the last few years from "detering any type of nuclear war to deterring escalation after nuclear war has begun." The U.S. in order to close the civil defense gap between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, may have to choose to "embark on a massive civil defense program that will encompass the entire country," he stated.

Paul Nitze, currently a member of the advisory body of the John Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies, backed Schlesinger-style regional confrontations in his testimony explaining how this necessitated a nearly four-fold increase in next year's civil defense spending from 80-million to 300-million dollars. Hudson Institute crazy Herman Kahn agreed, adding that the Soviets will only use a limited strike against the U.S. rather than a doomsday "countervalue" strike. IBM executive Richard Garwin, and particularly, Stanford University think tanker Wolfgang Panofsky, who is a strong opponent of the Schlesinger Doctrine and a backer of a SALT agreement, attacked Kahn's testimony as "nonsense." Panofsky argued in favor of maintaining the present civil defense budget with only minimal increases.

Proxmire predicted that a major strategic policy "debate" would ensue in the next two months centered around massive arms spending versus renewed drive for arms limitations.

GAULLIST FAVORS "PRIMARY" ELECTIONS; ATTACKS ARMY REORGANIZATION SCHEME

April 29 (IPS) — In an interview on French radio two days ago, Gaullist leader Alexandre Sanguinetti stated that he favors a system of "primary" run offs between candidates from the majority coalition, in a new move to undercut the presentation of Atlanticist President Giscard's Independent Republican party. The Gaullist Party (the UDR) is already the largest party in the coalition.

In a statement to the French daily Le Monde yesterday, Sanguinetti also attacked a government proposal for reorganization of the land army as "an imposter with a corporatist tendency," aimed at creating illusions of grandeur and power among top officers. "The new divisions of the land army are in fact large brigades of which most are without material, without support and without communication equipment," Sanguinetti writes.

BHUTTO: INDIA-BANGLADESH CLASHES WILL AFFECT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN

April 29 (IPS)—Speaking to reporters at the conclusion of the recent Central Treaty Organization (CENTRO) meetings, Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto stated that the recent border incidents between India and Bangladesh "might introduce certain new elements into the situation" regarding discussions of normalization of relations with India. "It would be incongruous for us to be talking with India about normalizing relations when there is fighting taking place," Bhutto stated.

An Indian delegation is expected to arrive in Islamabad, Pakistan next week to begin discussions with Pakistani officials on Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's proposal for a resumption of diplomatic, trade and

transport relations between the two countries. Bhutto has further indicated that Pakistan is ready to negotiate with India on the Kashmir border dispute.

Bhutto's latest statements come at the same time as renewed activity by pro-Pakistan Muslim fanatics in Bangladesh is increasing communal tensions in Bangladesh.

CHINA SLASHES STEEL IMPORTS, ELIMINATES SOYBEAN EXPORTS, IN FURTHER SIGNS OF ECONOMIC COLLAPSE

April 29 (IPS) — China notified Japan this week that China will be able to export only 5,000 tons of soybeans to Japan in May, an 88 percent drop from the expected 40,000 tons, and probably none at all for at least the next two months, according to the Journal of Commerce. The Chinese gave no explanation for the sudden cuts, which have sent Japan rushing to purchase replacement supplies from the U.S. Three days ago, the New York Times reported that China had also cut its steel imports for the first half of 1976 by 75 per cent, from 2.27 million tons in the second half of 1975 to 550-560,000 tons through June of this year. Both of these drastic cutbacks reflect the rapidly deteriorating situation of the Chinese economy which was first signalled by the abrupt announcement February 97 that oil shipments to Japan would be cut in half, and the calling off, in early April, of talks with Japanese steel makers about increasing steel shipments by 2 million tons.

NORTH KOREA HITS FORD CALL FOR JAPANESE REARMAMENT

April 29 (IPS) — Rodong Sinmun, the official paper of the Korean Workers Party, the ruling party of North Korea, charged two days ago that statements by President Ford supporting Japanese military rearmament are part of "preparations for the provocation of a war of aggression in Korea" and are a "high-handed interference in the internal affairs of the Japanese people who aspire after independence and peace, and a grave threat to peace in the far east and other parts of Asia." The Korean commentary referred to remarks made by President Ford in an interview with radio reporters in Indianapolis on April 22 in which he termed the Japanese defense program "minimal" and stated that the united states "will favor the acceleration of military rearmament in the future on the part of Japan."

SUHARTO CALLS ON ASIAN BANK TO PLAY ROLE IN THIRD WORLD DEVELOPMENT

April 29 (IPS) — Indonesian President Suharto speaking at the opening of the 9th annual conference of the Asian Development Bank called on the developed sector to "take heed to its obligations" to develop the Third World. The development of the Third World "will ultimately constitute an absolute step for the salvation of humanity and for the prosperity and justice of the world," Suharto stated.

Vietnam also attended the conference, claiming the seat previously occupied by the Thieu government prior to the communist victory. According to the April 26 Wall Street Journal, Tran Duang, the Vietnamese delegate and governor of the Bank of Vietnam said that "the unification of our country will have no effect on our relations with the ADB." The Vietnamese request for loans from the bank will pose the question of whether the U.S. will contribute to them, since the U.S. maintains a trade embargo on North and South Vietnam, as well as Cambodia.

THINKTANKER LAYS OUT CIA STRATEGY TO DESTABILIZE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT

New York, April 29 (IPS) — The CIA strategy to destabilize the Angolan government involves fostering a sense of paranoia among Angolan leaders and between divergent tendencies in the nation's leadership, while giving support to the narrowest nationalism, according to a think tank source with ties to Princeton Institute for Advanced Studies. This is designed to force the Cubans and Soviets out of Angola and keep Angolan President Neto off balance, the source explained.

He pointed to a column by black militant Eldridge Cleaver in the May 3 Newsweek, in which Cleaver says that "the white racist Castro dictatorship is more insidious and dangerous for black people than is the white racist regime of South Africa" and accuses Cuban Premier Castro of sending black Cubans to fight liberation wars in Africa to get "rid of wave after wave of militant black leaders who constitute an ever-present pressure and danger to his continued rule." "Did you see that wild piece in Newsweek by Eldridge Cleaver where he said Castro sent black Cubans to be killed in Angola just to get rid of them," the source asked. "Cleaver must be on the (CIA) payroll."

ROCKEFELLER APOLOGIZES FOR "COMMENTS"; SENATE ACCEPTS WITH HEARTFELT APPRECIATION

April 28 (IPS) — Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller formally apologized in the Senate yesterday for engaging "in unsubstantial speculation" that two members of the staff of Senator Henry Jackson had Communist ties, according to today's New York Times. Rockefeller told the Senate, "Obviously it was a mistake to have engaged in unsubstantiated speculation about two members of Senator Jackson's staff, even though I made no charges against anybody, and even though it was a private discussion. Therefore, I also apologize to them." Rockefeller's apologies and excuses were fully accepted by Senator Jackson and leaders of the Senate, all of whom declared the matter closed.