

major speech Feb. 27 in Madras in which she accused high-ranking members of her own Congress Party of plotting to overthrow her and join with J.P. Narayan, CIA agent and (Mahatma) Gandhist demagogue.

According to the Yugoslav daily Politika (yesterday), Gandhi identified the opposing Congress faction as critical of her foreign policy and her increasingly close ties to the Soviet Union, commenting that the faction has "no alternative economic and foreign policy.

#### NEW YORK TIMES SELLS SIHANOUK FOR CIA

March 2 (IPS)-- Admitting that Phnom Penh is about to fall to the communist United National Front of Cambodia, the New York Times openly pushed a most recent CIA line -- that Norodom Sihanouk, now in exile in China, is the only legitimate successor to the Lon Nol government.

#### ESCALATION IN MIDEAST

##### FRANCE: \$9 BILLION ARMS DEAL WITH SAUDIS UNDERWAY?

Feb. 25 (IPS)-- According to the Feb. 24 French weekly Le Point Saudi Arabia is currently negotiating a 37 billion franc (\$9 billion at present rates) arms deal with France.

##### WEST GERMAN ARMS SUPPLIES TO GREECE AND TURKEY TO TAKE PLACE "IN THE CONTEXT OF NATO."

Feb. 25 (IPS)-- Die Welt reports today that Greek presidium Minister Rallsi is in Bonn, West Germany, talking with foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher about West German supplies of arms to Turkey and Greece.

##### PRAVDA REPORTS ON ANTI-EAST-WEST TRADE HYSTERIA IN THE WEST

Feb. 25 (IPS)-- The Soviet daily Pravda Feb. 23 reported on the hysterical reaction of bourgeois newspapers to the proposal in the Finnish social-democratic newspaper Demari for a northern Europe Economic consolidation with the Soviet Union. Pravda's Helsinki correspondent, Y. Kuznetsov, commented that the wild criticism of the Demari proposal stems from the cold war policy of trying to force Scandanavia, and especially Finland, to break economic ties with the Soviet Union in favor of NATO and the common market. Recent articles in the Soviet press have strongly criticized the Swedish social-democratic government of Olaf Palme for violating its neutrality through cooperation with NATO.

#### FRANCE SUPPLIES ARMS TO GREECE

Feb. 26 (IPS)-- French Foreign Minister Sauvagnargues, meeting with his counterpart in Greece, is working out the possibility for France to re-supply the Greek army with Mirage F-1 fighters and AMX-30 tanks.

#### DAILY TELEGRAPH: IRAN "SURROUNDED" BY REDS"

Feb. 27 (IPS)-- In a frantic red-scare at the Soviet Union and Iraq, the CIA-linked London Daily Telegraph, in an editorial entitled "Russia presses southward," cites the growing isolation of CENTO partners Iran and Pakistan as India, pro-socialist Iraq and the Indochinese communist movement forge growing links along the boundaries of the Shah's grandiose New Persian Empire.

#### GREEK "COUP PLOT" FOILED

Feb. 25 (IPS)-- According to today's Washington Post and New York Times, the Greek government has placed its troops on alert around Athens after yesterday putting down an alleged "conspiratorial movement" of followers of the old Greek junta.

#### SOVIETS RIDICULE KISSINGER'S "STEP-BY-STEP" APPROACH TO MIDEAST CRISIS

Feb. 25 (IPS)-- The weekly news review in the Soviet daily Pravda, Feb. 25 and an accompanying feature article on the Mideast, criticized and ridiculed U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's recent trip through the Mideast.

#### DAILY TELEGRAPH SIGNALLING ESCALATION OF KURDISH WAR AGAINST IRAQ

Feb. 25 (IPS)-- In response to the growing Mideast initiatives of Soviet ally Iraq over the past weeks, London's rightwing Daily Telegraph of Feb. 24 headlines "Russia and Iraq try to Starve 500,000 People."

#### ISRAEL DECLARES NEW AUSTERITY WAR BUDGET

Feb. 25 (IPS)-- The Israeli government today announced an austerity budget and massive new taxes. The \$9.8 billion budget including 40 per cent for defense and 18 per cent for debt service, calls for drastic reductions in government services, while taxes take 64 per cent of the national income.

#### SCOTT INTRODUCES BILL TO RESUME ARMS SHIPMENT TO TURKEY

Feb. 27 (IPS)-- Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) introduced a bill yesterday allowing President Ford to resume military aid to Turkey.

#### WALL STREET JOURNAL LIES SET THE STAGE FOR WAR AGAINST IRAQ

Feb. 27 (IPS)-- In the latest series of CIA-planted press slanders against the pro-Soviet socialist government of Iraq, today's Wall Street Journal claims that Iraq has expansionist designs against Iran and Kuwait.

#### IRAQ CHARGES SYRIA AIDS KURDS

Feb. 27 (IPS)-- Agents of the Syrian Intelligence Service are actively aiding the CIA-instigated rebellion of Kurdish tribesmen in Northern Iraq, according to reports in the pro-Iraq newspaper Beirut cited by Washington Post writer Jim Hoagland today.

#### FRANCE TO SELL ARMS TO TURKEY

Feb. 27 (IPS)--Following a major arms deal with Greece, France is to engage in supplying armaments to Turkey as well, joining West Germany in the Kissinger plan for a new Mideast flareup. Le Monde reported Feb. 26 that French Foreign Minister Sauvagnargues flatly declared in Greece that "it is not impossible that conversations are going on between the Turkish government and French (arms) suppliers. We will act to prevent these contacts from having bad consequences on the political level."

#### SYRIA, PLO WAR-MONGERING OVER SADAT-KISSINGER COLLABORATION

March 2 (IPS)-- Syria and the CIA-controlled Palestine Liberation Organization attacked Secretary of State Kissinger and warned Egyptian President Anwar Sadat about the dangers of a partial settlement with Israel in an effort to use the Kissinger-Sadat collaboration as an issue to stir up arab nationalist frenzy.

#### SECOND INTERNATIONAL AND ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY MOVE BEHIND ROCKEFELLER FASCISM

#### WAR GAMES IN STOCKHOLM TO "PREVENT A COUP D'ETAT"

Feb. 26 (IPS)-- A front-page photograph in the conservative Stockholm daily, Svenska Dagbladet, Feb. 24, shows a Swedish