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## LATE EVENING NEWS ROUND-UP

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### I. SPECIAL REPORT

#### STATE DEPARTMENT DEFENSIVE, SAYS IT IS LAUNCHING "IMMEDIATE" INQUIRY INTO POLICE KIDNAPPINGS IN VENEZUELA

WASHINGTON, NOV. 17 (IPS)—STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TODAY DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE POLICE KIDNAPPING OF THREE IPS CORRESPONDENTS IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA, AND SAID THEY WERE LAUNCHING AN "IMMEDIATE" INQUIRY THROUGH THE U.S. EMBASSY IN CARACAS INTO THE CASE. THOMAS SONANDREZ, A DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ON VENEZUELAN AFFAIRS, TOLD IPS THAT HE HAD ISSUED AN "IMMEDIATE" CABLE TO THE EMBASSY REQUESTING A "STATUS REPORT" ON THE CASE FROM POLICE AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS. MR. SONANDREZ SAID HE REMEMBERED THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAD BEEN CREATED IN A SIMILAR CASE IN MEXICO, WHICH LED TO THE BREAK BY MEXICAN PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA FROM HENRY KISSINGER.

HE SAID IT WAS NOT THE INTENTION OF THE U.S. TO CREATE A SIMILAR DISTURBANCE IN VENEZUELA, AND THEREFORE HE SAID HE WISHED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS NOT CONNECTED TO THE KIDNAPPING. MR. SONANDREZ SAID THAT THE U.S. HAS "NO POLICE ADVISERS" IN VENEZUELA AND THAT A POLICY ADVISORY UNIT HAD BEEN DISSOLVED AND PULLED OUT OF THAT COUNTRY THIS PAST SUMMER.

#### DICK GREGORY DEMANDS PRESS COVER ASSASSINATION THREATS

BOSTON, NOV. 17 (IPS)—COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY JOINED THE U.S. LABOR PARTY AT A PRESS BRIEFING TODAY TO DEMAND PRESS COVERAGE AND A GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION THREATS AGAINST USLP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LYNDON H. LAROCHE, JR. BY THE CIA-RUN MANSON FAMILY.

GREGORY TOLD THE THREE MAJOR TV STATIONS, CAMPUS NEWSPAPERS AND 60 WORKING-CLASS ORGANIZERS, "IN RESPECT TO THE THREATS AGAINST LAROCHE...I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE AN INVESTIGATION SO THAT WE CAN TELL THE LABOR PARTY, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THE WORLD THAT THERE IS NOT GOING TO BE ANY VIOLENCE IN THIS ELECTION. I AM VERY CONCERNED FOR THE LABOR PARTY BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION THEY HAVE BEEN PUTTING OUT, INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN MAKING PEOPLE IN SOME GOVERNMENT AGENCIES VERY UPSET....IF THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT GONG TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION, THEN I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO SAY TO THE LABOR PARTY, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THE WORLD WHY NOT."

GREGORY CASTIGATED THE PRESS FOR ITS BLACK-OUT OF THE ASSASSINATION THREATS: "I HAVE ONE MORE THING TO SAY TO THE MEDIA HERE

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TODAY," HE SAID. "WHEN SOME THINGS START HAPPENING IN AMERICA, IT'S GOING TO EMBARRASS YOU MORE THAN IT'S GOING TO EMBARRASS THE FBI, MORE THAN IT EMBARRASSES THE CIA....NEVER AGAIN, IF WE SURVIVE THIS, CAN THE WORKING PRESS ALLOW A FEW FAMILIES THAT RUN THIS COUNTRY TO DICTATE TO YOU WHAT YOUR STORIES ARE....THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF PEOPLE KILLED IN THIS COUNTRY WHO WOULD BE ALIVE TODAY IF THE PRESS DID WHAT IT USED TO."

NEW YORK TIMES EDITOR KILLS MANSON STORY

NEW YORK, NOV. 17 (IPS)—AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES HAVE INFORMED IPS THAT NEW YORK TIMES METROPOLITAN DESK EDITOR MIKE LEVITAS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KILLING A STORY WRITTEN BY A NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER ON FBI HARASSMENT OF THE U.S. LABOR PARTY AND THE THREATENING LETTER WRITTEN BY PSYCHOTIC MURDERER CHARLES MANSON THREATENING THE USLP AND ITS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LYNDON H. LAROCHE, JR.

WHEN IPS ASKED LEVITAS WHY HE HAD KILLED THE STORY, HE DENIED EVER HAVING HEARD OF IT. PRESSED BY THE IPS REPORTER, LEVITAS BEGAN TO YELL, "WHO TOLD YOU THIS? HOW DO YOU KNOW?"

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, JOE FEUREY, NEWS EDITOR FOR NEW YORK'S WNEW-TV WHO KILLED A PROMISED STORY ON THE LAROCHE ASSASSINATION THREAT, COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT TODAY. THERE HAS BEEN NO NEW YORK PRESS OR MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE THREAT TO USLP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LAROCHE'S LIFE.

II. INTERNATIONAL PRESS

WORKING-CLASS MOBILIZATION IN PORTUGAL CONTINUES

NOV. 17 (IPS)—FOLLOWING THE NOV. 14 DECISION BY PORTUGAL'S NATO-DOMINATED AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT TO GRANT A 40 PER CENT WAGE INCREASE TO CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WHO HAD HELD PREMIER AZEVEDO PRISONER IN LISBON'S GOVERNMENTAL PALACE FOR 36 HOURS, OTHER SECTORS OF THE PORTUGUESE WORKING CLASS HAVE MOVED TO SYSTEMATICALLY DISMANTLE SWEEPING AREAS OF THE PREMIER'S NATO-DICTATED AUSTERITY PROGRAM.

FISHERMEN HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL DUMP THEIR DEAD FISH IN THE RIVER THAT RUNS PAST THE GOVERNMENT PALACE IN LISBON TO DRAMATIZE THE NEED FOR THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL REFRIGERATION NETWORK. SOLDIERS OF THE LEIRIA ARTILLERY REGIMENT IN CENTRAL PORTUGAL—FORMERLY A RIGHT-WING UNIT—SENT A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND SAID THAT IF GUNS HAD TO BE USED, THEY WOULD BE USED AGAINST GOVERNMENT AGENTS, NOT WORKERS.

THE WORKERS AT THE INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMERATE CUF, A MAJOR PRODUCER OF FERTILIZERS, HAVE BLASTED THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTEMPT TO TURN OVER FUNDS WHICH HAD BEEN SET ASIDE FOR PURCHASE OF FERTILIZER FOR SMALL FARMERS BY THE PREVIOUS PRO-WORKING-CLASS GONCALVES GOVERNMENT TO LANDLORDS AND MIDDLEMEN. WORKERS HAVE ALREADY DRAFTED GOVERNMENT TRUCKS TO DELIVER FERTILIZER SUPPLIES DIRECT TO FARMERS IN THE ALENTEJO WHEAT BELT, SHORT CIRCUITING THE GOVERNMENT'S CREDIT SABOTAGE.

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AGENT GOVERNMENT MEMBERS FLEE TO OPORTO

NOV. 17 (IPS)—TWO HUNDRED OF 250 MEMBERS OF PORTUGAL'S CIA-DOMINATED CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY HAVE NOW ARRIVED IN THE NORTHERN CITY OF OPORTO, ACCORDING TO AN ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH IN TODAY'S BALTIMORE SUN.

LEADERS OF THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY (PSP) AND TWO OF THE COUNTRY'S OTHER RIGHT-WING PARTIES, THE PPD AND THE CDS, BEGAN THE EXODUS FROM THE CAPITAL AT LISBON TWO DAYS AGO WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN OPORTO ON THE EVE OF THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY'S DEMONSTRATION OF 300,000 WORKERS AND THEIR ALLIES IN LISBON. THE THREE PARTIES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MOUNT SIGNIFICANT DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE DYING AGENT-LED SIXTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IN ANY OF PORTUGAL'S LARGER CITIES.

U.S. WEAPONS FOUND ON DEAD FNLA TROOPS IN ANGOLA

NOV. 17 (IPS)—JOURNALISTS HAVE FOUND AMERICAN WEAPONS AND CHINESE UNIFORMS ON DEAD MEMBERS OF A NATIONAL FRONT (FNLA) COLUMN DESTROYED NEAR QUIFANGANDO, ANGOLA, BY ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT FORCES LAST WEEK, ACCORDING TO JANE BERGEROL, WRITING IN THE LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES NOV. 15.

THAT U.S. WEAPONS ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE NATIONAL FRONT INDICATES A POSSIBLE MAJOR VIOLATION OF LAW AND FLOUTING OF CONGRESS BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER. U.S. LAW FORBIDS A GOVERNMENT RECEIVING ARMS SAID FROM THE U.S. TO TRANSFER THE ARMS TO TRANSFER THE ARMS TO A THIRD PARTY WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF CONGRESS. U.S. ARMS AID TO THE FNLA IS FUNNELLED THROUGH ZAIRE, ACCORDING TO "FOUR OFFICIAL SOURCES IN WASHINGTON" CITED BY THE NEW YORK TIMES SEPT. 25.

CIA DUMPS WILLY BRANDT

NOV. 17 (IPS)—WILLY BRANDT WAS OBLIGED TO DEVOTE HIS FIRST REMARKS AFTER RE-ELECTION YESTERDAY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE WEST GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO DENYING REPORTS BY THE WEEKLY PRO-ATLANTICIST MAGAZINE DER SPIEGEL OF A DEEP ESTRANGEMENT BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE SPD'S POWERFUL PARLIAMENTARY LEADER, HERBERT WEHNER. DER SPIEGEL RUNS EXCERPTS FROM A NEW BIOGRAPHY OF BRANDT BY NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER DAVID BINDER, WHICH IS ALSO COVERED TODAY BY THE TIMES ITSELF AND BY THE RIGHT-WING PRO-U.S. WEST GERMAN DAILY DIE WELT. DIE WELT AMPLIFIES ITS DISCREDITING OF BRANDT BY REPORTING ON A SECOND BIOGRAPHY WHICH DOCUMENTS THE AMERICANS' OFFICIAL CLASSIFICATION OF BRANDT AS AN "INFORMER" FOR THEM DURING HIS WORLD WAR II RESIDENCE IN SCANDINAVIA.

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III. CONTINENTAL PRESS

ECHVERRIA SQUASHES RAND SCENARIO FOR CENTRAL AMERICA,  
CALLS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF REGION

NOV. 17 (IPS)—PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA OF MEXICO, CONCLUDING A THREE-DAY STATE VISIT TO GUATEMALA ON NOV. 15, CALLED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN REGION AS THE SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT CONFLICT OVER THE STATUS OF THE BRITISH COLONY, BELIZE, ACCORDING TO SEVERAL MEXICAN PRESS SOURCES. BOTH MEXICO AND GUATEMALA MAINTAIN TERRITORIAL CLAIMS OVER THE COLONY, WHICH ITSELF HAS CALLED FOR SELF-DETERMINATION OF ITS FUTURE.

ECHEVERRIA SAID THAT "THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE GUATEMALANS, THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE, AND THE MEXICANS, ARE SO GREAT THAT WE HAVE TO THINK OF DEVELOPMENT, OF POPULAR EDUCATION, OF THE POORER SECTORS." HE WARNED THAT OTHERWISE THE AREA COULD BE TURNED INTO A "MIDEAST" WHERE "FOREIGN INTERESTS" COULD MANIPULATE THE CONFLICT.

A RECENT RAND CORPORATION REPORT CALLED FOR A U.S. POLICY OF ARMING RIVAL STATES IN LATIN AMERICA, STIMULATING DIVISIVE WARS AND CONFLICTS, AND THEN IMPOSING U.S. "PEACEKEEPING" ARRANGEMENTS ONCE CONFLICT BROKE OUT.

IV. INTELLIGENCE

IMF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONFIRMS JAPANESE CALL  
FOR NEW CREDIT INSTITUTION AT RAMBOUILLET

WASHINGTON, D.C., NOV. 17 (IPS)—AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF) TOLD IPS TODAY THAT "THE MAIN ISSUE AT RAMBOUILLET (THE JUST-CONCLUDED SIX-POWER MONETARY SUMMIT) WAS WHETHER TO HAVE A NEW INTERNATIONAL CREDIT INSTITUTION OR LIVE WITH THE IMF. JAPAN SUPPORTED THE FORMER, WHILE THE U.S. WANTED TO STICK WITH THE IMF. THE GERMANS HAVEN'T MADE UP THEIR MINDS YET." ALTHOUGH THIS OUTCOME FOR THE SUMMIT WAS WIDELY PREDICTED, IT HAS BEEN COMPLETELY BLACKED OUT OF THE U.S. PRESS ON ORDERS FROM SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER.

A TOP CHICAGO-BASED INDUSTRIALIST ALSO CONFIRMED THIS ACCOUNT OF THE PROCEEDINGS. ASKED IF HE FAVORED THE JAPANESE IDEA, THE INDUSTRIALIST REPLIED, "WELL, YES. I WILL GO ALONG WITH ANYTHING THAT IS CONSTRUCTIVE IN THAT DIRECTION."

MEANWHILE, A SOURCE CLOSE TO WEST GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY PARLIAMENTARY FRACTION HEAD HERBERT WEHNER TOLD AN IPS INTERVIEWER IN WIESBADEN THAT CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT HAS NOT YET MADE A DECISION ON THE ISSUE, BUT IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THE JAPANESE ALTERNATIVE TO THE IMF, AS WELL AS THE SOVIET TRANSFER RUBLE AS THE NEW INTERNATIONAL RESERVE CURRENCY.

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STATE DEPARTMENT REVIEWING MCCARRAN ACT APPLICABILITY  
TO NATIONAL CAUCUS OF LABOR COMMITTEES

WASHINGTON, D.C., NOV. 17 (IPS)—U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN THE VISA OFFICE TODAY BEGAN A REVIEW OF THE APPLICABILITY OF THE U.S. IMMIGRATION CODE (MCCARRAN ACT) TO THE NATIONAL CAUCUS OF LABOR COMMITTEES AT THE REQUEST OF THE NCLC. SECTION 286 OF THE CODE WAS RECENTLY APPLIED TO NCLC MEMBER POLLY SKINNER JOHNSON, A CANADIAN CITIZEN MARRIED TO A U.S. CITIZEN, AS GROUNDS FOR DENYING HER ENTRY INTO THE U.S.

U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD LEVI HAS CLASSIFIED THE NCLC AS A "VIOLENT ORGANIZATION...BENT ON THE OVERTHROW OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT," UNDER SECTION 286. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE ROBERT INGERSOLL, WERE INFORMED THAT ALL NCLC LITERATURE DIRECTLY CONTRADICTS THIS CATEGORIZATION AND THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS PARTICIPATING FULLY IN THE U.S. ELECTORAL PROCESS.

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICES WERE ALSO REMINDED OF THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT THAT A REVIVAL OF THE MCCARTHY-ERA MCCARRAN ACT WOULD HAVE ON JAPANESE, THIRD WORLD AND EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES TOWARD U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN ARRANGEMENTS ALONG THE LINES OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK TO EXPAND TRADE AND PRODUCTION.

IN RESPONSE TO NCLC QUESTIONING ON THE FACT THAT THE ENTRY OF FORMER PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT ANTONIO SPINOLA INTO THE U.S. VIOLATED THE PROVISIONS OF THE MCCARRAN ACT WHICH PROHIBIT THE ENTRY OF "FASCISTS" INTO THE UNITED STATES, A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID THAT SPINOLA'S VISA HAD BEEN DECIDED AT "THE HIGHEST LEVEL."

NEW YORK CITY APPEALS FIRST AMENDMENT RULING IN FAVOR OF USLP

NEW YORK, NOV. 17 (IPS)—IN RAUCOUS PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE U.S. SECOND CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS TODAY, ATTORNEYS FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND THE U.S. LABOR PARTY ARGUED THE CITY'S APPEAL OF A PRECEDENT-SETTING FIRST AMENDMENT RULING HANDED DOWN BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT FEDERAL COURT IN USLP VS. MICHAEL CODD (THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE COMMISSIONER) LAST YEAR. THE FEDERAL COURT RULED THAT A CITY ORDINANCE WHICH REQUIRED A \$5 "SOUND DEVICE" PERMIT FOR POLITICAL RALLIES AT WHICH BULLHORNS WERE USED VIOLATED THE USLP'S FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS AS A POLITICAL PARTY, SINCE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE WOULD HAVE BANKRUPTED THE USLP DURING A CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

EMPLOYING A BIZARRE LEGAL STRATEGY IN THE CITY'S APPEAL, CITY CORPORATION COUNSEL HENRY DEWITT ARGUED THAT THE FEDERAL COURT HAD ERRED IN BASING ITS RULING ON THE QUESTION OF THE USLP'S FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS RATHER THAN THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE USLP IS AN "INDIGENT" ORGANIZATION. "WHERE DOES THIS ORGANIZATION GET ITS MONEY?" DEWITT REPEATEDLY SHOUTED, SHATTERING THE TRADITIONAL COURT DECORUM. "WHY DID YOU NOT THEN BRING THIS CASE AS AN INDIGENT ORGANIZATION?"

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SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THAT THIS LEGAL STRATEGY WAS DICTATED TO THE CITY BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICIALS WHO ARE PREPARING TO PROSECUTE THE USLP AS A "SUBVERSIVE" ORGANIZATION UNDER THE SMITH ACT. THESE OFFICIALS ARE SAID TO BELIEVE THAT ANY MAJOR LEGAL RULING WHICH HOLDS THAT THE USLP IS PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT, WHICH GUARANTEES FREEDOM OF SPEECH, WOULD EFFECTIVELY WRECK THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR A SMITH ACT CASE.

THE SOURCES SAID THAT THE KEY OPERATIVE IN TRANSMITTING THE CITY'S OTHERWISE INEXPLICABLE LEGAL STRATEGY FROM THE FEDERAL OFFICIALS WAS MICHAEL BRENNAN, A LIEUTENANT IN THE CITY'S POLICE RED SQUAD WHO WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE POLICE LEGAL AFFAIRS BUREAU AS SOON AS THE CITY BEGAN ITS APPEAL PROCESS. THE RED SQUAD IS AN ARM OF THE NYPD INTELLIGENCE DIVISION WHICH HAS BEEN CRITICIZED FOR ITS ILLEGAL TIES TO THE CIA BY HIGH CITY OFFICIALS.

IN AN INDICATION THAT THE CIRCUIT COURT HAS DECIDED TO RULE IN FAVOR OF THE CITY'S APPEAL, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE MURRAY GERFINE ENDED THE PROCEEDINGS WITH THE COMMENT THAT "THE NEXT STEP IS TO BRING SUITS SO THAT PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE TO PAY THEIR SUBWAY FARES."

BOTH SIDES HAVE VOWED TO APPEAL AN UNFAVORABLE RULING TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

POLICE STATE BILL TO HIT SENATE FLOOR WITHIN THREE WEEKS

WASHINGTON, D.C., NOV. 17 (IPS)—AN AIDE TO SEN. BIRCH BAYH (D-IND) REVEALED TODAY THAT THE HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL POLICE-STATE BILL, S. 1, WILL BE REPORTED OUT OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ONTO THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE WITHIN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. BAYH'S OFFICE ALSO REVEALED THAT THE STRATEGY WHICH S. 1 SUPPORTERS ARE EMPLOYING TO INSURE ITS PASSAGE IS TO DROP THOSE PARTS OF THE BILL THAT WOULD MOST CURB FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. THE STRATEGY SEEKS TO PACIFY MANY OF THE BILL'S LIBERAL OPPONENTS, INCLUDING THE MEDIA, WHILE PRESERVING THE BILL'S LESS PUBLICIZED BUT EQUALLY FASCIST DESTRUCTION OF OTHER CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED CIVIL RIGHTS.

END OF LATE IPS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1975

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