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I. Priorities

FORD BANS USE OF WORD "DETENTE," TERMS U.S. POLICY "PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH"

Mar. 1 (IPS)—President Ford declared today that he will no longer use the word "detente" because "Ronald Reagan has made it a code word in the primaries," according to CBS news tonight. In a radio interview with WCKT in Miami, Ford also stated, "this does not mean we are abandoning the concept of detente, but expanding it." He explained: "We will talk with the other superpowers," naming the Soviet Union and Communist China, and termed this a continuation of "our policy of peace through strength."

ITALIANS ON U.S. UPSWING: "COLLAPSE CERTAIN"

MILAN, Mar. 1 (IPS)—A representative of the Bank of Naples said today that the Italian banking community puts absolutely no credence in reports of a U.S. economic "upswing." Among Italian bankers, he stated, "there is certainty on the collapse of the U.S. economy," adding that traders here expect "repercussions on the (value of the) dollar" soon.

RECOVERY NOT BELIEVED IN WEST GERMANY

WIESBADEN, West Germany, Mar. 1 (IPS)—Although the Atlanticist-controlled West German press has dutifully reported Atlanticist claims of an "upswing" in the U.S. economy, these claims do not find credence here, according to a highly-placed West German financial official. The source said today that he does not believe the reports, and emphasized that Chancellor Helmut Schmidt does not believe them either.

This authoritative private assessment contrasted sharply with the West German press today. The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung ran a short article on the U.S. balance of trade deficit under the headline "Trade Balance Shows Upswing," while the right-wing Die Welt was profuse in its description of the U.S. economy as "accelerating further" despite a lag in Western Europe and Japan.

Closer to the actual opinion of West German financial layers was the report of the financial daily Handelsblatt, which published a brief summary of the latest U.S. economic figures with the comment "disappointing."

LES ECHOES DISPUTES "RECOVERY"--PCF HAILS "MINI-UPTURN"

Mar. 1 (IPS)--France's major economic daily, Les Echos, which has recently tended to reflect the viewpoint of France's Gaullists, today expressed scepticism about talk of an economic upswing. In an article on the recent GATT report on world trade, Les Echos expressed "extreme pessimism" about the possibility of an upturn in the near future.

In contrast, L'Humanite, the daily of the agent-led French Communist Party, reported Feb. 26 that "there is a mini-upturn in the capitalist world." However, L'Humanite noted, France "is slightly behind" this upturn, and its economy will "remain depressed."

MOSCOW WILL PURGE THE WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES, SAYS FAZ

Mar. 1 (IPS)--Harry Hamm, a top editor of the West German daily Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, today writes that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is preparing a purge of the anti-Soviet Western European Communist Parties of their agent leaderships. In an editorial titled "Moscow Strikes Back," Hamm states that a purge of the Italian and French Communist Parties is now "logical and inevitable," and further says that the agent leaders of the two parties, Enrico Berlinguer of the PCI and Georges Marchais of the PCF, do not have the support of their members in the fight with Moscow. "For decades the governing policies of the Soviet Communist Party have been uncontested and exemplary," Hamm states. "For many the new Marxism is something akin to cooperating with the Common Market and NATO, that is to say pure heresy. Moscow is taking that into account in its offensive."

Hamm writes that Moscow will carry out the offensive "even at the price of the communist parties not being able to participate in West European governments," so that "Berlinguer and his comrades must dissolve the dependence upon Moscow in internal party affairs and prepare themselves for the break with Moscow."

BALTIMORE SUN RECOGNIZES NEW SOVIET HARD LINE

Mar. 1 (IPS)--Warning that the Soviets have launched an offensive against Western European Communist Parties which have demanded an "independent" road to socialism, an article in today's Baltimore Sun quotes "Western analysts" who "infer that Moscow purposely sabotaged the conference (of European Communist Parties) by putting forward unacceptable ideas."

"What they were getting out of gathering everybody together wasn't worth what they were giving up to do it," said "one European student of Communist affairs" quoted in the article.

An accompanying editorial on detente terms Soviet Party leader Leonid Brezhnev's support for national liberation movements a "bleak prospect" and expresses the hope that continuing pressure on "bilateral relations" may discourage Moscow's commitment to an international "dictatorship of the proletariat."

BREZHNEV REAFFIRMS SOVIET COMMITMENT TO PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM, HOLDS MEETINGS WITH BERLINGUER, CUNHAL

Mar. 1 (IPS)—Soviet Communist Party head Leonid Brezhnev, addressing the Party's 25th Congress in Moscow today, reaffirmed his stated commitment to proletarian internationalism: "This is our policy," he said, "and we won't deviate from it." His remarks were carried by the Cuban wire service Prensa Latina.

Brezhnev met today with Italian Communist Party head and NATO agent Enrico Berlinguer, and the two issued a terse protocol statement. Yesterday Brezhnev met with the pro-Soviet leader of the Portuguese Communist Party, Alvaro Cunhal, and expressed his "deep sympathy and brotherly ties" with the PCP, according to today's Neues Deutschland, the official newspaper of the German Democratic Republic.

PCI DARES SOVIETS TO EXPEL THEM FROM COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Mar. 1 (IPS)—In an interview with the Italian daily Stampa Sera today, NATO agent and Italian Communist Party spokesman Giancarlo Pajetta in effect stated that the agent-led PCI would continue to use its standing as the largest Communist Party in the Western world to attack the Soviet Union unless the Soviets move to force an open break. Stating that "the problem is not to break" with the Soviets, Pajetta said that the PCI intends to maintain its "criticism from the exterior" against the Soviets, while warning the Soviets that the PCI is "against interference" in its support for NATO and its efforts to gain entry into a pro-austerity Italian cabinet. Pajetta also assailed the Soviets for barring dissident physicist Sakharov from travelling to Norway to receive his Nobel prize.

In an example of the "criticism from the exterior" that Pajetta has in mind, founding PCI member Umberto Terracini attacked the Soviet Union as totalitarian in an interview published in yesterday's La Stampa. Speaking of the Stalin years, Terracini denounced "the horrors of that regime...the bureaucratization, the dogmatism, the grave limitations of freedom. Much of it still survives," he continued, "and it is strongly noticed when one goes to Moscow or any other Soviet location."

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PCF CONTINUES ATTACKS ON SOVIETS

Mar. 1 (IPS)--Continuing attacks on the Soviet Union by leaders of the French Communist Party, PCF Politburo member Jean Kanapa stated at a press conference in Moscow yesterday that Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid "Brezhnev was completely wrong" in his evaluation of the French government's foreign policy in his address to the ongoing 25th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party.

Kanapa, following other PCF spokesmen, was pointing to a passage in which Brezhnev stated that a tradition of summit-level Franco-Soviet relations begun under French President De Gaulle had continued under the subsequent presidents, Georges Pompidou and Valery Giscard D'Estaing. Brezhnev said that the "positions of both countries have drawn closer together on various policy questions," stressing that this had met with "broad support from the French people and the majority of the political parties in France." PCF critics of Brezhnev's statement have stressed the PCF's own difference with the foreign policy of Giscard, although they have not stressed what those differences are.

Also in opposition to Brezhnev, Kanapa reiterated the PCF's recent decision to repudiate the "dictatorship of the proletariat," adding that "our position on this problem is no longer negotiable."

Kanapa's remarks were reported in today's Le Figaro.

BRANDT SAYS WATCH OUT FOR COMMUNISTS, GAULLISTS, CHRISTIAN
DEMS, AND BRITISH CONSERVATIVES

March 1 (IPS)--West German Social Democratic Party (SPD) chairman and Atlanticist agent Willy Brandt this weekend defended his "information contacts" to other West European parties including communist parties, stating: "I have to know what's going on with the Christian Democracy, with the Conservatives in England, with the Gaullists in France, as well as in countries where the communist parties have a large part of the working class, the middle class and the intelligensia behind them. I think it is stupid to walk through the European landscape with blinders on," Brandt added.

In an interview with Deutschland Funk radio yesterday which was covered widely in the West German press today, Brandt also said that there are numbers of reliable Atlanticists in the West German Christian Democratic Union who "could carry out a rational foreign policy," with the SPD and its Free Democratic coalition partner, but said the CDU as a whole is not reliable enough to represent Western policy "with respect to the East." Brandt claimed that the present SPD coalition with the FDP led by staunch Atlanticist and present Foreign Minister Genscher is better "than any other conceivable combination."

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BRANDT MOOTED AS NEXT WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR

Paris, Mar. 1 (IPS)—Atlanticist and NATO circles are considering replacing West Germany's present Social Democratic Chancellor Helmut Schmidt with former Chancellor Willy Brandt, according to authoritative and well-placed sources here. If this scheme is adopted, Brandt, who stepped down as Chancellor following a scandal in 1974 to make way for Schmidt, would stand as a candidate in West German Federal elections scheduled for November.

GAULLIST BLASTS EUROPE'S SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

Paris, Mar. 1 (IPS)—Gaullist leader Alexandre Sanguinetti today targetted the European Social Democracy as the primary force behind NATO's drive to create a "Europe of parties" through a European parliament based on universal suffrage -- a proposal of the Atlanticist Tindemans Plan. Echoing the attack of General De Gaulle on the "France of the parties" of Socialist Guy Mollet in the 1950's, Sanguinetti implied that he includes agent 'white communists' in the French and Italian Communist Parties in his attack on the social democracy. Sanguinetti declared that social democracy "is the only form under which socialism ever manifested itself in Western Europe."

YOUNG BACKS DOWN, OPENS HEARING UP TO PUBLIC

Mar. 1 (IPS)--Detroit Mayor Coleman Young has backed down from an earlier firm stand to hold closed hearings on his proposed budget. The hearings start tomorrow evening and will be open to the public. U.S. Labor Party senatorial candidate Peter Signorelli will testify and will call for the city to declare a debt moratorium.

The decision to open the hearings came shortly after the New York investment firm of White-Weld revealed that "Detroit, they're not going to get any money. You know why? Because they defaulted in 1933." Detroit needs 64 million dollars in loans on March 15, and Mayor Young hopes to be able to produce sufficient austerity in the budget to appease investment bankers.

ALAN OGDEN KEPT IN JAIL THROUGH HARASSMENT AND BAIL MANIPULATION

Richmond, Va., Mar. 1 (IPS)--A 300 hundred dollar bail commitment which would have secured U.S. Labor Party United States Senatorial candidate Alan Ogden's release from jail was withdrawn by a bondsman this morning in the continuing series of blatant interference and harassment operations against the USLP electoral campaign here. Ogden has been denied release on bail in a series of incidents starting with his arrest Feb. 27 on phoney assault charges pressed by a provocateur.

This increased harassment of Ogden has come despite a Federal General Accounting Office report which claimed that the FBI would not be involved in surveillance of electoral campaigns. On Feb. 27 as the USLP and a bondsman were securing Ogden's release on the assault charge, a 300 dollar appeal bond from a previous case was withdrawn by a bondsman claiming Ogden had violated the bond stipulations by being arrested. The following night, after the Labor

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Party raised 300 dollars to replace the withdrawn bond, Magistrate McKinney refused to accept the money stating in defiance of the law, tht the value of the withdrawn bail would be reset and keeping Ogden in jail until today.

Immediate measures, including Federal Court action, are under-way to overrule the local court and police moves — engineered by the FBI -- to keep Ogden in jail.

Yesterday Alan Ogden was nominated as Congressional candidate by the Richmond USLP nominating convention, in spite of his attendance being prevented.

III. INTERNATIONAL

NORTH VIETNAM DECLARES SUPPORT FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN REVOLUTION

Mar. 1 (IPS)--Communist victories in Indochina and U.S. setbacks in the area have combined to the point that "time has never been so good in Southeast Asia for revolt," according to Nhan Dan, the North Vietnamese Communist Party newspaper yesterday. The North Vietnamese went on to declare that they would "fully support" national liberation struggles in the area.

At the same time, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam condemned the U.S. bombing of the Cambodian town of Siem Reap last week. According to the Cuban News agency Prensa Latina, the statement also assailed "Thai reactionaries" for cooperating with the U.S. in supporting Cambodian reactionaries who are engaging in acts of sabotage against independent Cambodia from bases inside Thailand.

According to the Washington Post today, 10,000 Cambodian soldiers rallied in Phnom Penh to protest the bombings.

SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA WILL NOT INCLUDE DAM PROJECT

Mar. 1 (IPS)--The government of South Africa is ready to withdraw its troops from Angola, but this does not include withdrawal from the Calueque Dam project inside the angolan border, according to an article in today's French daily Le Monde.

The Associated Press quoted Radio Luanda as having said yesterday: "Sooner or later, it will come to new confrontations with the South Africans in which we will throw out the South African forces, because we cannot permit any small area of our country to remain occupied."

SUDAN ACCUSES ETHIOPIA OF AIR ATTACKS

Mar. 1 (IPS)--The Sudanese Foreign Ministry has issued a statement accusing Ethiopia of repeated air attacks on Sudan's border areas over the last year, according to reports in today's New York Times and Washington Post. The statement said that the Sudan will take all necessary measures to protect its territory.

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PCP RECRUITING CHUNKS OF SOARES' SOCIALIST PARTY

Mar. 1 (IPS)—Over the past two weeks, the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) has made significant inroads in united front organizing aimed at recruiting sections of the Socialist Party (PSP) away from the policies of its general secretary CIA-agent Mario Soares.

*PCP and PSP youth delegations met in the town of Moscavide and issued a joint communique stating that "agrarian reform, the nationalizations, the workers and dwellers commissions and workers' control are conquests that are necessary to be defended with firmness," according to the Lisbon daily O Diario of Feb. 19.

*70 Socialists in the northern city of Viana do Castelo left the party because of the right-wing policies of the leadership, according to the Feb. 23 issue of the same newspaper.

*Socialist and Communist workers expelled Maoist leader Arnaldo Matos from a factory where he was to have held a meeting, reports the Oporto daily Jornal de Noticias of Feb. 26.

*PCP and PSP youth delegations meeting in the town of Castanheira do Ribatejo put out a joint communique demanding that the government take measures against rightwing terrorism and also called for "the consolidation and advance of agrarian reform" according to the Lisbon daily O Seculo of Feb. 28.

Threatened by such widespread splits, especially in its youth organization, the PSP has pressured a youth leader to put out a communique ordering that PSP youth members not engage in "any contact or talks with the Union of Communist Youth." The PSP has also suspended the Socialist leaders who helped block the factory meeting of Maoist Matos, reports O Diario of Feb. 28.