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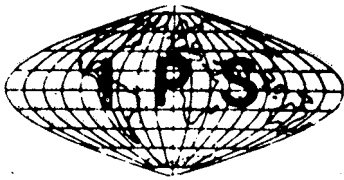
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New York Banks And Eurodollar Market Must Be Put Through Bankruptcy

April 16 (IPS) — By all standard capitalist accounting practices the New York international banks and their so-called “Eurodollar” market extension are bankrupt. The bankruptcy of these institutions is unspoken universal knowledge in the financial community on both sides of the Atlantic and among most governments.

A glance at the present condition of the world economy shows why this is the case: **the New York banks and the Eurodollar second-mortgage market are parasites who have destroyed their victims.** These include, in order of indebtedness, \$250 billion of loans to U.S. states and municipalities; \$120 billion of loans to the Third World; \$90 billion of loans to the weakest countries of Europe; plus several tens of billions in illiquid loans to U.S. industry and agriculture.

In addition, virtually all the post-1971 speculative swindles which the New York financiers mounted are choking in illiquid paper, including \$24 billion in lending for shopping malls, office buildings, and luxury condominiums, of which half was channeled through the so-called Real Estate Investment Trusts; \$35 billion in loans to oil tanker operators, mainly backed by ships in mothballs at \$20,000 a day; close to \$10 billion in lending for stockpiles of unsaleable commodities; \$5 billion of loans in the busted London real estate bubble; and others too numerous to mention.

New York banks and their Eurodollar branches are the major participants in these areas of lending, which, as a whole, are paying virtually no income to their creditors. The consensus among analysts of bank stocks in New York is that a minimum of 50 to 70 per cent of the loans of the New York commercial banks are bad paper. Since these banks normally put up \$1 of their own funds, or capital, against \$15 to \$20 of their depositors' funds to make loans, the banks' capital was wiped out long ago. Under capitalist bankruptcy law a bank is technically insolvent when its losses exceed its capital. By the conservative estimate that 50 per cent of the New York banks' loans are worthless, their losses exceed their capital by 1,000 per cent.

Not even the leading spokesmen for these insolvent institutions care to deny — in private — that the above estimates are highly accurate. There is nothing in capitalist customs and banking practices to discourage the victims of the New York banks and the Eurodollar banks from treating them as bankrupt. That means, as the first step to orderly liquidation proceedings, imposing a moratorium on further debt service payments.

The fact that bankrupt banks still enjoy the political authority to dictate terms to their creditors is the direct cause of the destruction of the world economy. The capacity

of the banks to extract payment under conditions of capitalist normality or even speculative excesses has been destroyed. As of the March 31, 1976 debt rollover period, the margin of income to the New York banks and Eurodollar market can only come from Schachtian looting.

Profitability, Nazi Style

The immediate form that the New York insolvency takes, as first quarter reports of leading commercial banks come in, is a collapse of profitability. Chase Manhattan's first quarter report shows its profits, after very limited deductions for loan losses, at less than half their previous year's level. Marine Midland Bank, whose London Eurodollar subsidiary failed last November, showed an operating loss for the first quarter, the first by a major New York bank since the depression.

These miserable results disguise a much worse situation. Not only are the New York and Eurodollar banks not earning interest on half their loans, which must be post-dated at each maturity date, but the collapse of the overall economy prevents them lending to the productive sector. Since Jan. 1 the New York banks have lost \$3.8 billion of their commercial and industrial loans, continuing a pattern that began with the 1974 industrial collapse.

During 1975 the banks reduced their lending to business and industry by close to \$30 billion, when those debtors who could repay their short-term debts — leaving the banks with an ever-increasing proportion of loans to debtors who cannot repay their loans. Again during 1975, U.S. banks shipped \$26 billion abroad to refinance their loans to Third World countries and other bankrupt debtors.

Precisely the same gigantic shift of banking assets from earning loans to non-earning “rollover” loans is taking place at the moment: during the March 31 loan rollover period, New York banks sent over \$3 billion to their “Eurodollar” branches to paper over defaulting loans, approximately the same amount they lost in loans to industry during the first quarter of this year. New York banks now have substantially more money in their foreign than in their home branches.

If normal banking practices applied, this swindle would have dissolved during the first months of 1974, the beginning of the industrial collapse. But the fantastic character of the Eurodollar market, which acts as a second mortgage, or refinancing, operation for its U.S. parents, has allowed the bankrupt institutions to keep their doors open.

The \$320 billion Eurodollar money pool, half the size of the U.S. commercial banking system, consists of deposits of money outside their country, principally U.S. dollars traded in London. As such it is unregulated by any central banking

system. Unlike New York, where the Federal Reserve ensures that banks keep a certain amount of cash on hand and put up a minimum of their own loan-money along with depositors' funds, the Eurodollar market is an unregulated monster. Banks can create unlimited amounts of new deposits by lending and re-lending the same funds back and forth to each other. Each \$1 billion sent from New York turns into \$3 to \$5 billion Eurodollars. In this fashion the Eurodollar market can paper over bad debts, it seems, indefinitely.

But the fact that the sinkhole of debt has swallowed up most of the dollars in international circulation created the conditions for a general collapse of the U.S. dollar. Each speculative attack on European currencies since the Italian lira collapsed Jan. 21 has led to a general speculative collapse of the dollar with sickening inevitability. The collapse of profitability of dollar (and pound sterling) paper investments is the immediate cause of the rush of funds this month into commodities, with immediate threats to industry. The pressure against the dollar builds continuously. Out of the blue, \$300 million were dumped against the Swiss franc on Wednesday afternoon April 14, and a run against the U.S. currency was narrowly averted through huge amounts of central bank intervention.

In short, the disguised bankruptcy of the Eurodollar market has become in daily practice the open bankruptcy of the U.S. dollar.

Accelerated Looting

Therefore, to merely keep up the appearances of the existence of a monetary system, the New York banks and their Eurodollar branches must drive for accelerated looting of their victims to gain a margin of profit atop the mass of dead paper. This takes the form of:

1) New loans to Third World countries "guaranteed" by long-term contracts for the export of commodities. The banks insist that so-called "project loans" that yield profits will make it possible to roll over their \$120 billion of largely illiquid Third World loans by creating a critical margin of income. This is the content of Henry Kissinger's proposed "International Resources Bank," which would make loans of this type with government backing.

2) Loans to European industry "guaranteed" by rationalization and layoffs, a type pioneered by the British nationalized industries (see article this page).

3) Refinancing loans to U.S. municipalities at exorbitant interest rates backed by mass destruction of social services.

The mass of illiquid debt hanging over the narrowing real profits of the dollar system produces the continuous threat of a hyperinflationary explosion, identical to the one the Nazis faced in 1938-39. The satrapies of the dollar empire, the Third World, Italy, Britain, Denmark, and others have already gone through a 1931-style bankruptcy, marked by the March 31 payments date. Now the remains of the capitalist sector face a crisis of the type of 1938 in Nazi Germany — as West German Central Bank official Helmut Schlesinger warned publicly last week. The margin of real income required to prevent the explosion of the actually-bankrupt credit system is more and more difficult to loot. In 1938 the Nazis opted for war. The Atlanticists are preparing for the same "solution."

The weakest point in the entire Atlanticist framework is the notorious bankruptcy of the financial institutions they will destroy the human race to defend Chase Manhattan, Citibank, and Morgan Guaranty, the mainsprings of the drive for Schachtian austerity, need a decent, if speedy burial. They exist at the peril of the human race, and there is no cause to tolerate them for another minute.

Kissinger "Resources" Scheme Denounced

WIESBADEN, BRD April 16 (IPS) — U.S. presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche reacted to the leak of Kissinger's "resources fund" proposal with what the candidate described as "mixed feelings."

"The proposal itself is downright genocidal," LaRouche qualified his views, "but the leaking of the proposal is extremely useful in exposing the real interests behind the vicious raw materials indexing fraud into which some credulous members of the Group of 77 have been duped by their own cupidity."

The candidate proposed that four points ought to be noted concerning the Kissinger proposal as such. "First," he stipulated, "the idea of the resources bank is a pathetic and obvious parody of Hjalmar Schacht's old Rentenmark scheme. Second, if one compares the proposal with the way Egypt was raped through the Suez Canal project, it becomes clear that the UNCTAD raw materials indexing project is nothing but the most vicious distillation of the workings of late nineteenth century imperialist looting arrangements. Third, if the proposal were carried out under conditions of the existing monetary crisis, it would have genocidal effects throughout the developing sector, and would create a monstrous catastrophe for the internal economics of Western Europe and Japan. Fourth, such a harebrained scheme is absolutely contrary to the interests of the United States economy, and would benefit only one group in the world, the bankrupt major financial interests of Lower Manhattan."

Schachtian Plan

According to a New York Times report of the leak, the Kissinger scheme will be to float bonds in the international markets, backed by the raw material wealth of the developing nations. The funds generated will then be channelled to the developing nations themselves — supposedly to increase their raw material-producing and exporting capabilities. This thinly disguised attempt to refinance old loans, now in technical default, by overt Schachtian schemes is as outrageous as the circumstances of the leak itself.

The New York Times story came out the very morning after UNCTAD Secretary General Gamani Corea and his aides had extensive discussions with Kissinger where, according to administration sources, the scheme was not discussed. Besides giving the scheme respectability by virtue of the coincidence of the UNCTAD-State Department meetings, the leak was meant to "sell" the scheme to the despondent U.S. Secretary of State, who has not yet decided on whether the resources bank is the proper means of repeating the UN Special Session "time buying" tactics while he puts together his politico-military solution to the world problems. Although UNCTAD and the Group of 77 spokesmen were unavailable for comment due to the Easter holidays, the only support from the Third World side is so far coming from an Atlanticist agent and close friend of Robinson's Venezuelan Finance Minister, Peres Guerrero. World Bank sources have indicated that Peres Guerrero is busy drumming up support especially among Latin American financial circles — most susceptible to the scheme because of their dependence on foreign investment and their close ties to Wall Street.

"The basic idea" a Princeton University economist commented today on the plan, "is to encourage a process of lending to the Third World on the basis of future raw material production, which has in fact already started as those countries have no other lending sources open to them and their debt is continuously increasing."

Why It Won't Work

Asked why the Kissinger project might not work for a short time, in the same way Schacht's 1924 implementation of the Rentenmark had worked for Germany, LaRouche replied: "Schacht's Rentenmark succeeded in maintaining a temporary partial recovery of Weimar Germany not because of the Rentenmark scheme itself, but because the United States provided Germany with massive credit relief.

"Who could play today the role the United States played for Weimar Germany during the 1924-28 period? The New York banks are bankrupt, the Eurodollar market is bankrupt, much of the assets of the International Monetary Fund are dubious paper, and most of the member nations of the IMF are in or sliding into de facto national financial bankruptcy.

"When the Bundesbank is hit with the massive effects of an Italian default on the debt to Germany, there won't be a penny of additional new credit available anywhere — which the OPEC nations, for example, will soon discover, as collapsing production levels and so forth push down petroleum consumption and payments."

LaRouche added, "Kissinger and the Brookings Institution have simply added their names to the growing list of idiots, such as Milton Friedman and Abba Lerner, who have lately gone over from preaching John Maynard Keynes to worshipping Hjalmar Schacht. I recently discussed this problem briefly with Jacques Rueff (DeGaulle's economic advisor—Ed.), who responded to this information with disbelief. Insisting that Schacht's proposals don't work; he could not accept, at first, that any professional economist would be ignorant of the relevant historical evidence.

"All Schacht's schemes, notably both the Rentenmark and the later austerity program of the Nazi regime, appeared to succeed temporarily because of some consideration external to the German economy itself. In the case of the Rentenmark, U.S. aid was the key; in the second case, Nazi Germany was impelled to forestall internal economic collapse by successively looting its neighbors and finally resorting to the slave-labor-death camp system.

"What today's Schachtians hysterically refuse to recognize is that if a Schachtian scheme is simultaneously applied to the entire economic basis of the present monetary system, there is by definition no outside sources of the kind of wealth on which the short-term success of all Schachtian concoctions depend."

LaRouche added, "I mention Jacques Rueff in this connection because of his position as a non-Marxist leading economist who has published a thorough study of Schacht's schema, and because, on the grounds Rueff takes the matter up, his analysis is entirely sound. He has characterized Schacht's austerity schemes as inflation turned inward upon the real economic base, which I must agree is an insightful image of the problems involved.

On the second implication of the Kissinger proposal's publication, LaRouche emphasized: "The leaking of Kissinger's unworkable proposal has the usefulness of corroborating my warnings to various developing sector government's representatives concerning the recent antics of UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) secretary general Gamani Corea. The proposal is essentially an old, discredited scheme originating with the

Brookings Institution, which is being pushed forward at this time as one of several ongoing tactics for disrupting the Group of 77 and UNCTAD from the inside.

"Now, since the Kissinger proposal has been leaked, any government which backs the raw materials indexing scheme at Nairobi (upcoming UNCTAD meeting in May—Ed.) will have publicly exposed itself as a conscious accomplice of the Lower Manhattan gang."

Europe Relives Nazi Economics

April 17 (IPS) — Western European and Japanese capitalists have adopted the methods of Nazi finance minister Hjalmar Schacht in the wake of the March 31 payments crisis.

Under the immediate direction of the New York banks and their Eurodollar outlets, credit to European industry is being rationed out to firms who meet the criteria of wage-busting and "rationalization," i.e., junking of "excess" plant and equipment. Immediately, European and Japanese workers face mass layoffs and a centrally-directed speedup binge.

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In the period since March 31, European industry took these giant steps toward Schachtian re-organization:

- * French steel and chemical producers began mass layoffs.
- * French steel, chemical, and auto firms began cartels for the purposes of "rationalization."
- * West Germany's largest industrial firms announced they would junk huge amounts of plant capacity and make up the difference with speedup.
- * French, German, British and Japanese capitalists issued demands for across-the-board cuts in real wages.

These are only the first steps in the Nazi economic Blitzkrieg, top Atlanticist policy makers stated this week. The West German central bank declared publicly that current economic conditions are literally those of 1939, the height of the threatened breakdown crisis that overtook Hjalmar Schacht's "miracle economy." Next week, the French parliament will vote on a point-by-point revival of Schacht's looting machine, labelled "The French Seventh Economic Plan."

"Central bank policy faces the same considerations as in 1939," declared West German Bundesbank director Helmut Schlesinger in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung April 10. The hyperinflationary 20 per cent annual rate of growth in the money supply "is virtually irreversible," Schlesinger said, "and the consequences of wage negotiations for central bank policy cannot go unnoticed."

This means: the collapse of the output, orders, and profits of European industry have forced central banks to increase the money supply at a hyperinflationary pace to refinance the debt of European economies. Money supply has been rising at annual rates of 23 per cent in West Germany, 25 per cent in France, 28 per cent in Japan, 40 per cent in Italy, and 60 per cent in Britain — sufficient to blow the roof off the European and Japanese economies. Behind this is an underlying rate of industrial collapse of 40 per cent — the rate at which unsold industrial inventories have been piling up in Europe during the past year, and the rate at which orders for major categories of heavy industry products have collapsed during the last few months.

To make up the difference in real profits and pay for the cancerous expansion of credit, the European Atlanticists demand an accelerated looting of the workforce and of means of production. This is the explicit content of the French Seventh Plan: the Finance Commission that wrote it called on April 15 for "reducing wages and related labor expenses for corporations." The Commission added, "wage costs already represent more than 50 per cent of the added value of corporate production, which is really too much." The Seventh

Plan's Development Commission added April 16, "it is absolutely necessary to reduce the costs of production through an increase in the productivity of labor ... It is necessary to organize voluntary regulation of wage revenues."

The Seventh Plan includes Brazilian-style indexation of the entire economy; shifting the tax burden from corporations to workers; and the compulsory use of workers' savings to finance state-directed investments. To a letter, this is the form and content of the Nazi economy.

Hjalmar Schacht created a "miracle economy" by milking workers' incomes through every variety of taxation swindle and controls; using massive state credit to "rationalize" industry and finance public-works and armaments production; and imposing brutal speed-up. This economic monster, always subject to inflationary explosion, broke down in 1939 and led directly to World War II.

Western Europe is turning into this monster right now.

Productivity — For What?

In West Germany today, industrial rationalization is underway according to Atlanticist demands for real wage cuts and worker productivity. "Last year, (West) Germany's real Gross National Product declined 4 per cent and the government predicts a 4 per cent rise this year," a U.S. State Department specialist on the West German economy said recently. "That's an 8 per cent jump, and how do you think they will do it, when unemployment is expected to increase? And plant capacity reduced? Productivity! A huge rise in workers' productivity. We're doing a study now."

The actual "jump" the State Department refers to will be from a 15-20 per cent fall in West German production last year to a 40 per cent collapse in 1976. But the speedup continues anyway.

Volkswagen, the state-owned industry originally set up by Schacht for Hitler, has set crash targets for "rationalization" and "productivity." Toni Schmueker, the firm's productivity expert, has announced that the breakeven point of the firm — the scale of production at which it is able to produce a profit — will be reduced this year from 70 per cent of capacity utilization to 60 per cent. To do this, he intends that units produced per worker per year will rise from the present 10 to 15. "We need a bloodletting," commented Schmueker, whose plans have been given rave notices by the NATO-linked Die Welt. Schmueker, under the postwar U.S. occupation, was the productivity expert for the Rheinstahl armaments complex, which the occupation absorbed intact from the Hitler war machine.

West German capitalists, stung on by the U.S. State Department, are demanding blood. "There must be a reduction of real wages," demanded Atlanticist banker Ludwig Poullain last week, "or there will be more inflation and unemployment." "We already have a reduction in real wages," says the chief economist for a German finance house owned by New York's Citibank, "and we're going to get more. German workers will take it — they won't go out on the streets." Adds the international economists for the government's economic think-tank in Hamburg, "One does not have to be an old Nazi to have certain feelings about the ungovernability of the European democracies."

These Nazi remnants are in virtual panic over the building explosion of inflation in "stable" West Germany. During January and February wholesale prices took off at a 20 per cent annual rate, the immediate result of huge inflows of unwanted U.S. dollars — as Bundesbank official Schlesinger admits. Most wage contracts signed so far this year have been in the range of 5 per cent.

French Debt Crisis

But the inflationary collapse is even further advanced in France, where ballooning of industrial debt and a collapse in profits are the symptoms of general industrial breakdown. The largest French industrial firms are forming cartels, duplicating the re-organization of German industry under Hitler, to enforce mass layoffs and junking of capacity.

During the past week, two ailing French automakers, Peugeot and Citroen, merged under the guidance of Lazard Freres — the investment house of Felix Rohatyn, the founder of Big MAC in New York. The two largest chemical producers, Rhone-Poulenc and Pechiney-Ugine-Kuhlmann formed an "association" to pool capacity, while Rhone-Poulenc laid off 9,000 workers, half its textiles workforce. With fertilizer sales down 50 per cent from the previous year, the two largest fertilizer manufacturers, Gardinier and Miniere et Chimie, formed a similar "association."

These layoffs and shutdowns are the direct result of French industry's debt crisis (see chart). Of 156,000 French steel workers, 70,000 are already on short hours. French steel output fell by 22 per cent in 1975 and 23 per cent in January and February. The industry's debt is 125 per cent of its annual sales.

Already, the French government is the main financier, with backup from Lazard and the Eurodollar banks, for "rationalization." The steel and chemical shutdowns will be paid for with government grants of 1.5 billion French francs and 150 million French francs respectively. The government's Fund for Economic and Social Development will play for 40 per cent of steel's operating costs this year.

French Government to Revive Nazi Institutions

If the French parliament votes up the Seventh Plan next week, these modest efforts will give way to an all-out effort to Nazify French industry.

Under the plan the government will increase deductions from workers' incomes for pensions, unemployment insurance, health insurance, and so on, precisely what Schacht introduced in 1934. Meanwhile, payments to workers for unemployment, health costs, and pensions will be reduced.

Previously, the government-owned savings bank system made virtually all its loans for housing and municipal services. These sectors will now be discarded in favor of an "orientation of savings toward corporations." Workers' savings, under the Seventh Plan, will henceforward be used to purchase stocks in the industrial firms, to finance "rationalization." Further tax breaks will be given to private investors in stocks, adding a further burden to working-class taxes.

On the industrial side, the government has already removed all ceilings on wholesale prices, while maintaining retail price controls — an attempt to squeeze out the entire retail sector. The Seventh Plan will do more than allow firms to raise prices: it introduces Brazilian indexation of industrial capital. Companies will be able to upvalue the paper worth of their plant and equipment with inflation. This stupendous swindle will be paid out of the savings of workers.

In Japan, where "corporate debt is becoming a big problem" according to the April 10 New York Times, Koki Twata, Research Director of the Economic Planning Agency, told the press that Japanese factories are "suffering from a million surplus workers and excess inventories." The EPA, whose Director, Takeo Fukuda, is a close personal friend of David Rockefeller, decried the "sharp drop in productivity of Japanese factory workers... (which) registered a 5.5 per cent drop in 1975," according to an April 15 Journal of Commerce article, subtitled "Too Many Employed." The EPA recommends the situation be quickly reversed, to "keep exports competitive."

Denmark: National Bankruptcy

This across-the-board government bailout of industry is the content of the currency crisis. In Denmark, where direct government corporate bailout is yet to come, but where the Central Bank has been taking on banks' bad corporate debts, the result this week was national bankruptcy. Out of a Danish kroner 19.5 billion government bond issue, only 500 million kroner were sold, and some of that dumped back on the secondary market. In other words, the IOU of the Danish state is worthless and no one will take it.



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Price Inflation Threatens New Ratchet Collapse Of U.S. Industry

NEW YORK, April 17 (IPS) — A new round of hyperinflationary price increases by producers of industrial materials threatens to quickly trigger the next ratchet in the collapse of U.S. industry. The price hikes, which are occurring despite continued pileups of unsold inventories and a lack of increased demand from industrial users, could force industrialists to shut down what remains of U.S. capacity, throwing millions in the U.S. out of work.

In the last three business days, the Journal of Commerce index of 15 industrial materials galloped ahead at an annual rate of 120 per cent. The price hike trend began in mid-March. Since then lead prices rose 22 per cent while copper prices rose 11 percent since late March. This week U.S. Steel announced plans to increase prices an average of 6 per cent on certain lines May 1.

The price increases will be catastrophic for the corporations which impose them. Steel producers who specialize in sheet steel are operating at 100 per cent capacity, but barely breaking even. If they raise prices to recover profitability, however, they will snuff out the auto "recovery" — their primary market.

With the market for capital goods depressed and construction at a near standstill, the only basis for an increased demand for primary metals would be a speculative inventory buildup, in anticipation of an inflationary spiral. Precisely this sort of speculative bubble is already occurring in copper.

Dept. I Industries Squeezed

Department I industries (producers of semi-finished industrial materials and capital goods) are feeling the severest effects of the profits crisis. The expansion of consumer credit, tax rebates, recovery propaganda, and sales gimmicks which gave a slight boost to consumers industries, had only a marginal effect on industrial materials producers by stimulating demand from manufacturers of autos and some home appliances. They have squeezed out dwindling profits by cannibalizing their workforce along with existing plant and equipment. In the effort to recover profits some steel, copper, and other primary metals producers have permanently shut down idle plants which are old and uncompetitive under current market conditions.

The next step is to go for price increases — at the expense of setting off an inflationary collapse. There is talk of a 10 per cent increase for primary aluminum ingots by mid-1976 despite the fact that producers' inventories reached an incredible 6 billion pounds in 1975 and are not expected to reach the so-called normal level until late 1977. The aluminum industry is producing those huge inventories although it is operating only at about 75 per cent capacity.

Nevertheless the industry has to raise its prices to stay afloat. April 14, Kaiser reported a 62 per cent drop in its first

quarter profits from 1975. The next day, Alcoa announced a 21 per cent profits drop, despite the fact that sales were up 13 per cent. Alcoa attributed the decline to the high cost of carrying both inventories and a 25 per cent idle smelter capacity — factors which are plaguing the whole of the primary metals sector.

Speculative Boom

The 11 per cent rise in copper prices since late March has nothing to do with increased demand for the material for industrial use. World stockpiles of copper are at a record 500,000 tons. The source of the rise in U.S. producers' prices to over 70 cents a pound is entirely the speculative boom on the commodities market, kicked off in early March by the collapse of the British pound sterling and other currencies. Since that time the price of copper on the London Metals Exchange has soared by 30 per cent, approaching 1974 record levels, while copper traders point out that they still have not heard anything about a recovery in electrical appliances or housing. To the extent that there has been some buying by manufacturers, it has been out of fear that prices will soar further. U.S. copper producers took advantage of this spectacular rise on the metals exchange to boost their lagging profits.

U.S. Steel announced price increases averaging 6 per cent on certain pipe and tubing products and about 7 per cent on standard steel rails April 15. Various industry analysts said U.S. Steel is cautiously "testing the waters" for possible increases on higher volume items such as flat rolled steel, weighing the market and Washington. Other steel companies are reportedly "studying" the move. Some industry analysts have already warned, however, that the price increases might not stick. American Iron and Steel Institute statistics show that shipments of these products during January and February 1976 were off 34 per cent from the previous year.

The last time the steel industry attempted to raise prices substantially, in September 1975, it was warned from all quarters that the "recovery" was not yet strong enough. Six months later the industry needs the price increases even more desperately but the "recovery" has yet to gain two legs to stand on.

A New Commodity Bubble

Due to currency speculation, wars, and weather disasters, the prices of major commodities are now rising uncontrollably — without any evidence of recovery-instigated demand. While there has been some buying by manufacturers, it has been at minimum levels and largely due to fears that the prices will rise even higher. The Financial Times of London devoted major editorial page coverage to the boom on April 14 warning of the inflationary pressures it would exert in the industrialized countries. This is the first time in two years that the prices of tin, copper, lead, zinc,

coffee, and cocoa have taken off. In general, the prices are still nowhere near their 1974 highs, but there are also no signs of the price increases slowing down.

In response to the "boom," seven unregistered offshore funds have been launched in recent months for the explicit purpose of speculation on the London market. This week's Barron's reported that some of the funds are managed or advised by high price Wall St. firms like N.M. Rothchild, Merrill Lynch, and S.G. Warburg, as well as some go-go commodity brokers. "Whatever they do," Barron's reports, "investors buy their shares in order to protect themselves from currency depreciation and from inflation, while hoping to make a profit by playing the commodity cycle."

This sort of speculative activity takes place at the end of every capitalist business cycle when confidence in currency is at a low point — viz. the famous South Sea Bubble, in which everyone involved lost their shirts.

Here are a few of the most dramatic price rises so far:

***Copper** has risen from 500 pound sterling per ton metric in

1975 to 600 pounds in 1976 to 800 pounds last week. Copper in particular is the traditional hedge against sterling. Copper's price started to zoom as soon as sterling began its plunge in early March. The unlikelihood that new supplies will be leaving Zaire and Zambia in the next few months is the other factor pushing up the price.

***Coffee** prices have zoomed from 400 pounds sterling per metric ton in 1975 to 900 pounds at the beginning of 1976 to over 1200 pounds in the past month. Last year's Brazilian frost reduced the largest coffee exporter's product from 27 million bags (of 60 kilos each) to 8 million. The civil war in Angola, an earthquake in Guatemala, and a poor crop in Columbia are also helping to push the price to historic highs.

***Cocoa** prices have risen from below 500 pounds sterling per metric ton in 1975 to over 900 pounds this month as producers cannot keep up with demand; Debt burdened Ghana, the world's largest producer, has been unable to replenish its cocoa trees or provide irrigation and fertilizer.



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Rockefeller's Reemerge in Control of U.S. Policy

WASHINGTON, D.C. April 17 (IPS) — On April 14, the day that Congress recessed for Easter, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger stepped before the Senate Appropriations Committee and informed a score of shocked Senators that the Rockefeller-engineered crisis in the Mideast could explode momentarily. Kissinger reported that the "situation (the Lebanese crisis) could blow-up tomorrow ... we're walking through a mine field."

Following his testimony before the Senate, Kissinger elaborated the broader Rockefeller foreign policy in a Friday speech before the Phoenix, Ariz. Rotary Club. Reintroducing the deposed Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger's "limited nuclear war" concept, Kissinger reported his bosses intention to use "regional" war scenarios as a gun to enforce Wall Street debt collection. The Kissinger Phoenix speech had followed the sudden public reincarnation of James R. Schlesinger last week as a foreign and defense policy spokesman.

The renewal of the Kissinger-Schlesinger insanity reflects the desperate Rockefeller drive to consolidate war machine capabilities in order to sack all remaining "marginal profitabilities."

By week's end, Vice President Rockefeller and his puppet Henry Kissinger had emerged in control of the political levers required to carry out their policy of provoking confrontations. In the Lebanese situation in particular, their ability to control such crises once they reached a certain point is entirely a different question.

The opposition faction of Wall Street financiers centered around Democratic Party patriarch Averell Harriman and investment banker George Ball had demonstrated over the last three weeks an indecisiveness and lack of coherent policy that enabled the Rockefeller gang to reign control. Now, despite the at least partial recognition among Harriman-Ball people and the Kennedy wing of the Democratic Party that the insane Rockefeller's were moving towards a likely thermonuclear war with the Soviet Union, these layers floundered about, seemingly unable to move against Rockefeller or his various Frankenstein creations.

New York Times columnist James Reston, in what amounted to a new set of marching orders from Wall Street, told Harriman-Ball-Kennedy opposition that they should cease and desist from their empty criticisms of the Secretary of State. Reston revealed that weeks-long Harriman coordinated harassment campaign met with uniform concurrence on the part of broad-ranging institutional forces opposed to confrontationist adventures. ICLC offices were barraged with call-backs from Congress, State Department, National Security Council, and the New York Council on Foreign Relations and key spokesmen for the Ball-Harriman group.

At this point, the forces around President Ford and Rumsfeld and the grouping associated with Harriman have been alerted to the danger of the acknowledged Rockefeller-Kissinger coup. This week these forces will have to make a decision — either follow the Rockefeller beast to certain annihilation or move in the direction of the new world economic order.

Sections of Congress, operating under intense constituency pressure, indicated that they were prepared to take the first step towards dumping the Rockefeller option in favor of the USLP's International Development Bank (IDB) and debt moratorium. Rep. Andrew Young (D-Ga) became the first congressman to support "the abolition of Third World debt payments" and stated further that this would benefit the U.S.

Young's statement before the Black Students Assn. at Chicago State University last April 15 is a reflection of the intense debate in the congressional Black Caucus around Rep. Ron Dellums' (D-Calif) pending debt moratorium legislation.

Rocky Re-Emerges To Build Nazi War Machine

Following Kissinger's announcement at the Senate hearing meeting that the Mideast was "about to blow up", subcommittee chairman, Senator Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) hurriedly called back the Labor Party office in New York to get a thorough picture of the Lebanon set-up. He hysterically acknowledged that the situation is a time-bomb which could readily escalate militarily. Senator Adlai Stevenson's (D-Ill) office in Chicago reported that the Senator was irrate at Kissinger's eleventh hour revelations and conceded that Secretary of State and his henchmen in the State Department have "effective control" of the situation.

While Harriman allies stood in a state of shock, moaning that they had "no influence" over the situation, Kissinger escalated his provocations with his Phoenix policy statement yesterday. The Secretary of State justified a SALT II agreement on the grounds that under such an arrangement the U.S. could stabilize its strategic arsenal and pay more attention to beefing up its conventional forces for use in "regional" conflicts. Kissinger emphasized that "the global strategic balance is stable" and that "no crisis since 1962 which has called into use our strategic forces," instead he "reported" the danger lies in "regional instabilities" and it is there that the U.S. must stand prepared. Openly referencing Southern Africa, Kissinger's policy also clearly encompasses the Mideast situation and the mooted "War of the Pacific" Rand scenario for South America. The Secretary of State then warned the Third World and others "As the world's strongest power, the U.S. can best service an era of economic warfare."

Kissinger's implicit endorsement of former Defense Secretary Schlesinger's "limited nuclear war" doctrine in the form of "regional confrontations" followed Schlesinger's cold war pronouncements in the nationally televised "Issues and Answers" program April 10. Schlesinger proclaimed the "end of detente," and proudly proclaimed the world had stepped backward in history back into heyday of the Cold War with the Soviets. Schlesinger who is advising all major presidential candidates, also reported that military aid to the Mao regime in China was being discussed at "the highest levels of the Administration" and said that he would not reject such an option. Schlesinger warned that the loss of China, Rockefeller's favorite "quasi" ally out of the U.S. orbit would tip the balance of power overwhelmingly in the Soviets favor.

The "Cold War" brinkmanship policy defined by Kissinger and Schlesinger is the back-up Rockefeller requires to enforce debt collection by the New York banks. Such schemes as highlighted by the April 16 New York Times report that Kissinger will soon reveal a proposed "International Resources Bank" are unworkable without the threat to use NATO and U.S. military might.

Illusion Ridden Harriman Forces Flounder Without a Policy

The illusion prevalent among Ball-Harriman policy makers that they could strike a temporary bargain with the soft-Brezhnev faction of the Soviet leadership, that would carry the world into Soviet and U.S. "spheres of influence" was thoroughly thrashed by Times Columnist James Reston yesterday. This move reflective of a shift in Times editorial policy, portends a decided shift of Atlanticist forces in favor of the Kissinger line.

Reston told leading Harriman spokesman George Ball, Zbigniew Brezezinski and Paul Warnke that "the leading Democratic Party spokesmen" should stop their criticisms of Kissinger because they themselves lack any alternative foreign policy. The three had uniformly denounced a Kissinger speech earlier in the week as provocative. In a telephone conversation, John J. McCloy, Sr., a long-time henchmen of the Rockefeller family indicated who had dictated Reston's script. "The Reston piece was very intelligent," the 86 year old former High Commissioner in Germany said. "These people have been trying to attach a skunk to Kissinger. George Ball's criticisms of Kissinger are unfounded." Picking up Kissinger's cues McCloy declared that U.S. policy in Lebanon should be "no concessions."

Harriman spokesmen and stringers in Congress in the New York Council on Foreign Relations and in Washington all concurred with USLP analysis of the Mideast situation but also reported that they had no way of reaching the levers of power. Close Harriman associate Cyrus Vance took a full briefing from the Labor Party on the Middle East and then situated that he was so distanced from immediate sources of intelligence that he lacked a clear understanding of what was going on in the world. New York Council on Foreign Relations Vice-President John Swing called back Labor Party offices to moan, "We have no influence in the situation."

Congressional aides on Capitol Hill called to get the latest update on the situation to Senators and Congressmen who evacuated Washington on Wednesday for the Easter recess. By Friday, all the key institutions of government and policy making had been fully briefed on the danger.

Their inability to perceive of themselves as being able to act decisively in the present crisis has led members of the Harriman-Ball-Kennedy grouping to delude themselves that they can act in their normal slow, plodding ways and somehow salvage the situation. They are, however, acting in another universe: the rapid fire succession of events this week have left them dragging far in the rear

Thus while their spokesmen were, like Sen. George McGovern (D-SD) readily willing to admit that the Mideast situation was out of control of Kissinger, they stupidly boasted that their people, including Sen. Eagleton (D-Ma) and Abourezk (D-SD), were deployed to the hot spot to probe for "some comprehensive Geneva settlement." With war at hand, Harriman people were stupidly looking for a long-term tactic.

Their policy — or non-policy towards the Third World — is similarly a deluded long-term tactical approach based on a cowardly refusal to deal with the current world situation. But perhaps their biggest escape from reality is their continued pursuit of a "spheres of influence" policy soft-containment approach to deal with the Soviets, a policy which is by no means acceptable to a majority of the Soviet politburo or to the opposing Wall Street factions.

In short, Harriman policy is pure fantasy. Thus while an 86 year old Harriman is being wheeled about Europe and close Harriman associate Alex Smith is in Moscow tilting various forms of windmills, the Rockefellers, whose policy is pure insanity, have seized control in Washington — almost by default.

Ford-Congress-Government Factions Resist

Following President Ford's campaign speech in Texas April 9 in which he pledged that his Administration would seek to avoid points of confrontation with the Soviets that "would leave the world in ashes," offices in Ford associate Rumsfeld's Defense Department opened briefing lines to the Labor Party about the Kissinger created Lebanese hot-spot. As further indication of awakening of Ford-Rumsfeld forces of the immediate war danger, several offices in the Defense Department and in State asked for copies of the Labor Party's presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche's statement on the "Frankenstein principle" to circulate. The Frankenstein document will also be circulated at both the Policy Planning and the Inter-American Affairs division of the State Department, where emerging anti-Kissinger sentiment was picked up. Sen. Stevenson's office in Chicago has mapped out a joint campaign with the USLP to bring the pressure of Chicago's industrial faction to push Ford and Rumsfeld against the Rockefeller madmen.

This initial resistance to the Rockefeller reemergence converges with both the North American and Mexican mass strike activity and the open rumblings in the U.S. Congress to bring the question of debt moratorium to the floor of the House. Reports from the office of at least four members of the Congressional Black Caucus including Young (D-Ga.), Burke (D-Cal), Jordan (D-Tex.) and Clay (D-Mo.) reveal that the pending debt moratorium legislation in the hands of Rep. Ron Dellums is an "up-front discussion issue" on the caucus' upcoming agenda. According to several offices, Dellums will ask for open caucus support of the bill following the Easter recess.

Black Caucus Leader Endorses USLP Ideas On Debt Moratorium, International Development Bank

CHICAGO April 16 (IPS)—Representative Andrew Young (D-Ga) of the Black Congressional Caucus, here yesterday ostensibly on the behalf of former Georgia governor and Democratic presidential hopeful, Jimmy Carter, used the occasion of his speech to endorse the views on debt moratorium and international development uniquely advanced by U.S. Labor Party presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

"I'm no economist," said Young in response to a question on debt moratoria legislation which colleague Ron Dellums (D-Cal) is currently preparing. "I'm a preacher, so I have some trouble understanding what you of the Labor Party have been saying... I'll relate what I think of the debt problem." Young proceeded to paraphrase sections from the Labor Party pamphlet, "How the International Development Bank Will Work," authored by LaRouche.

"Right now," Young said, "the IMF controls policy of how

currencies should relate to one another and who gets and who doesn't.... I know the large corporations have a great deal of power and can manipulate things a great deal.... I think that there have got to be some restrictions there."

The Congressman continued: "I believe that the values of currencies should be linked to the process of development. In that way, debts can be rescheduled or simply ignored, and not endanger the economy but add to the value of the currencies."

Seeming to forget Jimmy Carter's pro-Wall Street orientation entirely, young then declared: "The Labor Party performs a valuable service in putting forth its ideas. I admire them for what they are doing, even though some of their ideas, like what the civil rights movement was doing in the 1950s and 1960s, seemed like pretty hairbrained schemes like they were coming from Mars.... I will study the Labor Party program, and I am in contact with Dellum's staff, which the Labor Party is working with on this problem."

LaRouche Demands Kissinger Terrorists Be Stopped Now

WIESBADEN, West Germany, April 17 (IPS) — Angry U.S. presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche this morning denounced the editors and publishers of the New York Times for "their filthy, knowing complicity with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Attorney General Edward Levi in aiding the launching of a new, massive wave of blind terrorism against the people of the United States and other countries."

LaRouche outlined basic facts concerning the international terrorist network, and proposed that the U.S. labor and civil rights movements take certain immediate steps of mass action which could "stop this horrible nonsense."

Who's Behind the Terrorists?

"Every informed government and political party leader of every nation which whom I have discussed this problem knows and agrees with me, that the only significant controlling agency behind international terrorism waves is the U.S. National Security Council, the U.S. Department of Justice, and allied governmental and private agencies. Any leading newspaper or political official who says anything to the contrary is not merely mistaken in his opinions: he is an outright liar and knowing accomplice of the terrorism."

LaRouche added, "In my discussions with key governmental and other qualified sources, I have attempted to learn whether the Soviet KGB or other Eastern European agencies might be running at least one or two of their own operations inside the Kissinger-coordinated international terrorist network. The information I received was that the Peking regime might possibly have some complicity with Kissinger in this dirty business, but that all discovered Communist

connections to such terrorist networks had proved to involve U.S. and NATO political intelligence agents planted within Moscow-oriented Communist organizations."

A column by C. L. Sulzberger which appeared in the New York Times April 14 baldly lied that the Soviet Union's intelligence agency, the KGB, bears primary responsibility for international terrorism, claiming that Western European leaders "privately hold Moscow responsible for igniting as much trouble as possible."

"In any case," LaRouche continued, "I and my counter-intelligence units have direct evidence accounting for every one of the significant U.S. blind terrorist groups which has surfaced so far. In every case, from the 1969 Weatherman bombers through Black September and the Black Liberation Army, the funding and direction of every terrorist group comes from either high officials associated with the Eastern Establishment bankers or European and Japanese agencies allied with those bankers.

International Terror...

"For example, Italy," LaRouche said. "Through sources in privileged positions in former and present governments of Italy, it has been confirmed to us that every bit of blind terrorism conducted in Italy is linked in some way to Rockefeller ally Gianni Agnelli. This includes the famous Piazza Fontana bombings, which launched the terrorist wave in Italy, and continues down to the present moment.

"An investigation conducted on the initiative of the former Andreotti government traced an attempted fascist coup plot in Italy to Agnelli, and uncovered Agnelli links to numerous left-cover terrorist activities as well. Although chief in-

investigator following Agnelli's activities was mysteriously killed on the eve of legal proceedings, the authenticity of the information against Agnelli has been established and the essential dossiers are in existence.

"In West Germany, we have received corroboration of our own findings on the Black September affair from very highly placed sources. Our dossier on the origin and deployment of the Baader-Meinhof gang definitively traces the creation and running of those terrorists to political intelligence networks controlled by friends of certain Lower Manhattan bankers.

"In the U.S. itself, we have documented the CIA and related origins of the Weatherman bombers and the Symbionese Liberation Army, the FBI involvement behind the Ku Klux Klan bombers, the LEAA involvement behind the Black Liberation Army cop-killers, and have exposed the important connections between many of those terrorist operations and certain methadone-maintenance and related mental health program operations variously connected to the Department of Justice's Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

"We also have received and directly corroborated information linking an intended U.S. deployment of the Black September gang to Henry Kissinger, and have established the connection of that projected operation to National Security Council Canadian conduits otherwise specializing in the Peking connection, and to CIA-associated agencies based in Great Britain.

...And Its Purpose

"Furthermore, we have documentation which traces the planning of such blind-terrorist waves to the Rand Corporation, IBM's "International Association of Chiefs of Police," and similar agencies. The purpose of U.S. National Security Council deployment of blind terrorism against the U.S. and other countries' populations is technically termed the politics of tension. The purpose, according to think-tanks behind planning of such terrorism, is to create a climate of fear and instability through which the population can be induced to accept police-state measures."

LaRouche reported that he would immediately submit the "strongest arguments" to White House channels, "stating reasons why President Ford, from Ford's own moral and political standpoint," would immediately discharge Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Attorney General Edward Levi, and request Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller's immediate resignation.

LaRouche clarified, "Ford has stated that he shares with former President Nixon a strong moral opposition to adventures in thermonuclear confrontation. Nixon's firm opposition to the unthinkable was one of the key reasons Nixon was set up by Rockefeller and certain Democratic Party-linked factions for the Watergate charade.

"Do not anyone imagine that such Democratic Party-linked plumbers as Marcus Raskin of the Institute for Policy Studies, who were very active in going after Nixon, have the slightest moral grounds for objecting to dirty tricks. Right now, top layers of the Democratic Party are knowingly condoning a massive and vile plumbers operation, with some

of the Congressmen who went hardest after Nixon knowingly condoning operations far, far worse than those for which the White House plumbers went to prison.

"In any case," LaRouche continued, "President Ford knows that Kissinger's coordination of the new wave of terrorism in the U.S.A. and Western Europe is one key link in a build-up toward thermonuclear showdown with the Soviet Union. That is, incidentally, one of the reasons why the New York Times writer Sulzberger lyingly alleges the terrorist activities of Kissinger and Levi to be the work of the Soviet KGB. Ford should immediately dump Kissinger, Levi and Rockefeller, not merely because terrorism is hideous and unlawful, but because this wave of Kissinger-directed terrorism threatens to bring the U.S.A. one significant militarized police-state step closer to the brink of thermonuclear war."

LaRouche pointed out that the zombie killing of a Baltimore city councilman this week was the beginning of an unfolding pattern of "blind terrorist" deployments in the United States. The conviction of Patty Hearst, LaRouche stressed, was an "open season" hunting license for the brainwashing agencies who control zombie killers to now deploy them.

On Friday night a former mental patient went on a shooting spree in Baltimore that left one policeman dead and six others injured. Police in Seattle who have been investigating the Weatherman operations against the U.S. Labor Party report that they are being followed and that word is spreading through the police department that a new wave of cop-killings is coming — possibly to be triggered by the sentencing this week of convicted Revolutionary Union and George Jackson Brigade bank-robber Ed Meade. In Chicago, Jeff Fort, a leader of the P-Stone Nation gang, has just been released from prison; both the gang and Fort have thoroughly documented connections to gun-running and terrorism carried out under the control of the FBI and allied U.S. agencies.

You Must Act Immediately

LaRouche proposed that the labor and civil rights movements "must act immediately" to bring the most massive pressure against congressmen and others to stop this hideous Kissinger-directed crime wave.

"For example," he stated, "in addition to massive pressure on each individual congressman, newspapers which spread cover-up lies in aid of Kissinger's terrorist schemes and their advertisers should be massively boycotted, even to the point of driving such miserable creatures into bankruptcy. Organize such pressure and boycotts as if your family's lives might depend upon it; their lives might very well, in fact, depend upon such action now.

"Meanwhile," he stated, "if any slimy character, such as this or that congressman or congressional aide, tells you that he doesn't agree that Kissinger and so forth are behind this, tell that bum straight out that he is a barefaced liar, and that he better stop such lying and had better act properly if he desires to have any future career in public office."

Heuristic Applications Of The Higher Theory Of Manifolds To The Current Strategical and Subsumed Tactical Situation

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April 3, 1976 — As of March 31, the world has entered a transitional period in which old habits of judgement and orientation are useless and even contraindicated for practical evaluation of most of the emerging phenomena of the strategic and national-tactical developments. For this reason, very few persons in the world, beyond the relative handfuls of Labor Committee and Labor Party cadre-forces, are intellectually pre-trained to understand those processes which will be decisive in determining the outcome of this immediate several weeks and months directly before us.

It is essential that that hard-core does competently understand these processes.

It will also be, not so incidentally, necessary to employ this same advanced conceptual approach to competently understand certain of the abrupt tactical innovations which I, in particular, will undertake. There is nothing properly mysterious in this, no need to rely upon anything approximating "blind faith" in my powers of judgement. If you can see the world as it actually is, then everything I shall do is eminently comprehensible and predictable in terms of the higher scientific standpoint in which I understand the current situation.

This article is dedicated to emphasizing the chief features of the special method required. It is most directly addressed to the hardcore of Labor Committees and Labor Parties cadres, who are qualified to understand this more directly, and who must employ it at this juncture. On the principle that we conceal nothing from the labor movement generally concerning our methods and so forth, even though many of those persons may not immediately fully understand what I say in better than a descriptive sense, this advice should be given publicly rather than through "internal membership channels." As for the enemy agencies looking over our shoulders as we respectively write and read this, let us be amused at their simian's efforts to puzzle out what this information signifies.

The Higher Theory Of Manifolds

The significance of the terminology, "the higher theory of manifolds," is adequately qualified by combined references to the *Campaigner* issue devoted to the "transfinite," by the "Italy Lectures," by Rockefeller's *Fascism With A Democratic Face*," and by *Dialectical Economics*. Our conception of the theory of manifolds, and its anthropological basis and applicability, is adequately developed in those cited sources.

It needs to be stipulated that we are properly obliged to use the terminology, "higher theory of manifolds," to avoid confusion with the relatively simplistic (and wrong) theories

of manifolds predominating in the doctrines of physical relativity and developed notions of topological theory.

As we have emphasized, Einstein's and related work in general relativity, unified field investigations and quantum physics suffers from the blunder of seeking to analyze whole processes in terms of merely a single manifold system of fixed fundamental characteristics, plus the failure to give up aprioristic geometric corruptions in respect of "the small."

In contrast, as we have proven our case in terms of established crucial evidence, the universe is necessarily premised on systems of what may be termed "nested manifolds," each of a higher order than is mistakenly assumed in the quasi-Gaussian distortions of accredited relativity doctrines. The latter, quasi-Gaussian misinterpretation of the problem of manifolds, we have noted, necessitates the persistence of certain devastating and vicious metaphysical ontological blunders, such as those respecting the notion of "energy" itself, which suffices to preclude a coherent solution to the general field problem.

In view of the qualitatively distinct methodological and "axiomatic" features of our notion of manifolds, it is indispensable to employ the "higher theory of manifolds" to designate our own approach.

This is not simply a more advanced theory, but is the immediate basis for our political practice, the "secret" — if you wish — of our accelerating global influence despite massive "containment" programs, and of the eerie fear of our ostensibly small forces variously expressed by the Rockefeller and Harriman currents of the "Atlanticists." Without employing exactly this method, it is impossible to comprehend the varieties of actual and alternative potential political-economic transformations to which the world is presently subject even during the very short-term period, at this second quarter of 1976 crisis-juncture.

Our approach depends absolutely upon applying our energies, on very short notice and in a concentrated way, at certain momentarily crucial points of current developments. Without the conceptual approach we employ, it would be more or less impossible to predetermine which such points of access for intervention have the potentiality of translating a very small amount of concerted physical effort into a relatively massive shift in the overall political-economic situation. Without that same specialized method, it would be virtually impossible to predefine the kinds of intermediate results which are the short-term, direct goals of such interventions.

It is permissible to employ the chess analogy — within very strict limits.

The novice chessplayer approaches the game in terms of short-term "piece-exchange," and traps which are developed either through standard, memorized routines, or otherwise developed on such short notice as several moves ahead. The qualified chess player not only looks eight or so moves ahead, but plays the game as a whole as a kind of shifting Gestalt, in which subtleties of position are decisive to the ultimate result. The novice chessplayer is easily defeated by a qualified opponent precisely because the novice is merely a relatively "more practical" person, who sees chess-board reality only in terms of very immediate tangible advantages in piece exchanges and checkmate threats.

Up to that point the analogy holds for our political problem. To win the ultimate result, defeat of the Atlanticists' fascist forces, it is essential to develop a winning strategic position through the intermediation of a succession of ostensibly ill-defined and small positional-deployment gains. These gains are not actually ill-defined, but merely appear to be vague and inconclusive to the person lacking the appropriate methodological competence — just as a person still immersed in a stone-age culture would find the distinction which identifies rich ore-bearing rock more or less vague and incomprehensible.

Returning to the chess analogy, such apparent subtleties are decisive for determining who wins.

It would be feasible, at least on principle, to outline our current strategic perspectives in terms of a direct application of our version of the higher theory of manifolds. That would be useful, if we had the time and resources to develop such a portrait, and also on the condition that we had a substantial organized force capable of assimilating and applying the result in that form.

For the moment, it is sufficient to show how the conception of nested higher-order manifolds suffices to explain the current political-economic situation.

Hegel explicitly and correctly rejected the notion that a universe could be axiomatically defined in terms of **linear continuity** (e.g., simple scalar displacement in space and time), or, implicitly, in terms of a simple manifold of the sort exemplified by the quasi-Gaussian Einstein-Weyl model. The basic unit of action of any universe in a series of nested, successively-ordered universes, can only be to the transformation which develops the universe toward its successor. The significance and necessity of the particular event or thing is the change or **negentropy** of the universe associated with the existence of that event or thing within the universe as a whole. Consequently, the unit of continuity of an actual such universe is not a scalar, or continuity otherwise like that of the simplified Einstein model, but a non-linear "displacement" of the form of negentropy.

The constant feature which survives as invariant through successive transformations, from one nested universe to the next, is the only fundamental unit of action for the universe. This conception determines the notion of negentropy.

This has an explicit and eminently practical representation in real economic analysis. That demonstration is the kernel of the Labor Committees' unique original theoretical-practical contributions to scientific knowledge in general. It is for this reason that we were able to develop a unique solution to the kind of complex breakdown crisis immediately before us, whereas no other existing institutionalized agency had developed the necessary competence to effect such a result. We refer to the discoveries behind the "International Development

Bank" program and its domestic-U.S.A. "Emergency Employment Act" complement.

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The application of this theory directly to the situation now before us is as follows:

In brief, rather than employing the theory of manifolds directly to the evidence, we are applying that knowledge **heuristically** to the understanding of the practical strategical and national-tactical problems at hand.

That is the object and form of this present outline.

The Problem Of Fact

The most pervasive fallacy which must be overcome, especially on behalf of those leading strata of working-class cell and network leaders immediately associated with our full-time organizers, is the understandable blunders those broader layers around them tend to make in defining and interpreting what are termed "facts."

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For reasons we shall immediately indicate, over prolonged periods — decades or more — within the experience of this society, certain occurrences and groups of occurrences have indeed the practical significance implied by the ordinary worker's usage of the term "facts." Abruptly, as society plunges into a crisis, those habituated notions of facts cease to function; the world no longer "makes sense" in the terms of reference to which the worker has previously become accustomed. New definitions of what constitute a "fact" are urgently wanted at that point.

Either that search for the new definitions occurs through a kind of floundering-about, in which case fascism and the early end of civilization is almost certain, or a more direct approach to developing the wanted new definitions is employed, in which case we probably win — there are no absolute guarantees in any kind of warfare, political struggles included — and humanity survives quite successfully.

This general difficulty is rather more complicated for the short term immediately ahead. We are now passing through successive phases of crisis-developments, such that in each successive phase the meaning of "fact" is qualitatively altered, and then in the next, quickly succeeding period, qualitatively altered again.

This is complicated further by the fact that the next several months will represent a succession of crisis "branching points" globally, in regions, and within nations. At each point, there are two or more alternative paths which developments may take, each such pathway quickly leading to a new crisis and "branching point," each pathway determining a significantly different immediate meaning for the term "fact."

In consequence, it is impossible to prescribe a strategic or national-tactical policy for the months immediately before us if that policy is premised on anything but a knowledge of the deeper processes which determine the varying significances of the notion of "facts" for all the kinds of alternative, successive pathways history may take during the immediate weeks and months of fundamental global crisis.

From the standpoint of the higher theory of manifolds, the problem so posed is easily mastered. From any other standpoint, strict understanding is virtually impossible. This is the reason that a direct leading role by the International Caucus of Labor Committees' leadership is indispensable to ensure a

successful outcome for the period of crisis immediately before us.

As we emphasized and illustrated in treating the phenomena of bonapartism, the component forces opposed to fascist austerity and general war commitments are each viable and important within their own right, with essential qualifications of knowledge as well as organized forces which we may lack. However, by themselves, or in an aggregation which does not include us as a leading influence for the determining of strategic policies, it is probable that those forces would be crushed by the Atlanticists well before the end of 1976 in the developed capitalist sector and most of the developing sector, and war erupt before the end of 1977.

The adducible most essential reason for our indispensable importance to humanity at this time is exemplified by our mastery of the basic, preliminary notion of an applied higher theory of manifolds. The problem of "fact" most directly illustrates the nature of the difficulties involved.

"Geometry

In a truly relativistic conception of the universe as a whole, there are no abstract apriori notions of space, time and matter allowed. To compare this with the crudest interpretation of the world among today's typical merely educated person, relativism rejects the notion of the universe as involving the study of movements of physical bodies in time against a backdrop of abstract Euclidian three-dimensional space. The relativistic notion of the universe employs the term "higher geometries," precisely because of the history of the way in which these notions were developed. But the use of the word "geometry" should not be understood to signify "non-Euclidean geometry" (merely a more sophisticated version of metaphysical Euclidean ideas of apriori geometric space)' geometry in the true relativists' sense signifies those new ideas which replace the old ideas of geometry.

In the new so-called geometry, matter, time, and space are one and the same continuous substance, and geometry signifies the notion of the set of coherent universal physical laws corresponding to what are termed "invariant" features of physical developments within a continuous space-time-matter medium.

The essential fact of such relativistic geometries is a unit of action which can be assumed to have equivalent value (determined in the same lawful way) in various parts of the same space-time-matter continuum. Because of the equivalence of geometric and algebraic formulations, the algebraic expression of such invariant units of action has a geometric interpretation, such that physical space (in the relativists' sense) is characterized by an invariant method of measuring the amount of work which must be done to move from one to another local condition of physical space as a whole. That characteristic or invariant measurement of space-time-matter displacements implicitly defines what is termed an "n-dimensional geometry" of physical space (actually a space of a transfinite ordering of dimensionality.)

The fallacy of prevailing relativistic systems (as we and our collaborators have shown in other published writings on this subject), is that they attempt to interpret the physical universe in terms of a single manifold-system based on fixed invariant internal relations. This is aggravated by the perpetuation of the linear, primitive Gaussian notion of determination of invariant relations "in the small," in the sub-

atomic scale. As a consequence of these two blunders, we are burdened with the ontological metaphysics of the energy-quantum conception and the unavoidable clutter of various added field factors which is intrinsically unsusceptible of a coherent, unified interpretation within such a conceptual framework.

It is for the same reason that the existence of human free will and even life itself are essentially not only inexplicable in terms of existing physics doctrines, but are downright violations of the laws of the universe as perceived in those doctrines.

We have shown that Hegel's development of the notion of successive social orders, each of successive specific sets of internal universal laws, is a pro forma solution to the general problem encountered in relativistic physics today. We have also shown that, despite Marx's and Engel's profound want of rudimentary competence concerning physics, Marx's 1843-1845 epistemological discoveries represent the germ of a practical and crucially-conclusive solution to the extension of Hegel's pro forma solution to the real physical domain. The result corrects the otherwise obvious essential fallacies of existing relativistic doctrines, and provides a methodological approach to advances in physics which is in conformity with crucial experimental evidence — even though the explicit results so indicated have not yet been developed as physics.

More relevant to the topic immediately at hand here, this approach removes the absurdity of excluding life and human creative will from among the lawful phenomena of the physical universe properly conceived.

Our own achievements in economic theory and related political matters are a direct result of correcting the previously dominant error of omission in Marx's work, eliminating thus certain tendencies for error in the effort to apply a Marxian approach to current history. This same methodological achievement of ours is the direct basis for our ability to accurately predict the approximate timing of successive phases of the current capitalist breakdown crisis as early as the 1958-1960 period.

It is worth returning briefly to comment upon the implications of this development for scientific knowledge in general. Imagine the curious spectacle of the physicist, a human being whose profession exemplifies nothing but the achievements of the creative free will, espousing as fundamental universal law a theory of physics which absolutely excludes the existence of life, free will — and the physicist himself, therefore, — from this physical universe!

In brief, the relevant result in our hands is this. Although Hegel's conception of a predetermined unilinear ordering of historic development is a simplistic extravagance, his discovery of the notion of successive societies, each a universality internally characterized by unique "sets" of universal laws, stands as one of the most indispensable conceptual achievements of human history. From the standpoint of the theory of manifolds, Hegel's successive societies represent a nesting of successively higher order universal manifolds, analogous to the same universe's successive evolution into higher universes, with each successive universe determined by distinct sets of coherent universal laws. Moreover, and this is the kernel of Hegel's genius, Hegel solved the problem of determination of the particular, discrete phenomenon within a continuous whole taken as primary.

The application of this theory to the situation now before us is as follows.

In any relatively short interval of development of a phase of society of a definite kind, the characteristic specific feature of that society adducible from its mode of development defines the approximate equivalent of a set of universal laws specific to that phase of that society. Consequently, in the experience of persons within that society, certain forms of activity as characterized by such rules represent the effective measure of reality within that context. Consequently, certain features of life so determined have the significance of "fact" under such conditions. As facts they represent not only generally acceptable interpretations of events, but that interpretation is inseparable from an associated implicit notion of what practical action ought to be taken in response to the event. We might therefore properly term such "facts" to be "practical facts," since their conditional validity is inseparable from the effectiveness of the kinds of actions they imply; they are called "facts" essentially because the reactions they imply "seem to work" within the framework of that phase of that particular society's development.

Then, however, bring that society to a point of discontinuity, such as the present phase of capitalist breakdown crisis. The society has reached the point at which it can no longer exist on the basis of the previously dominant sets of institutions. As a result, what worked as reactions to events in the past no longer works. In a very meaningful sense, the laws of the universe have suddenly broken down insofar as relations within that society approximate a set of implied universal laws of social practice. Consequently, what was effectively a "fact" in 1971 is no longer a fact today.

The situation is more complicated, as we have already indicated.

There are two basic deliberate alternatives available to the capitalist sector today. One is the degenerated universe of Schachtian austerity and police-state rule on a virtually global scale. In this universe, an entirely new definition of facts prevails. The other is typified by the International Development Bank proposal, in which basic facts of experience are defined differently than either the world of 1971 or the Schachtian world. Finally, if neither of the two feasible universes is chosen, we have the special universe of absolute chaos.

None of the four alternative universes yet fully determines what is a fact. The old universe is dying, but it still tends to contribute to determining what a fact is. The Schachtian universe is on the verge of becoming the total replacement for the world we knew in 1971, and that emergence is already influencing the definition of fact. The International Development Bank proposal is also influencing the course of events in some nations and in the global situation as a whole. The IDB also determines therefore the significance of facts. There is also a threat of growing chaos, which also determines facts.

That is merely the overall situation. The process of moving from the existing, collapsing universe of 1971 into one of the three alternative new universes cannot occur as a simple direct leap from one into the other. The institution needed to establish one of the new alternative universes are not in place; they will come into place as the outcome of successively intervening intermediate, short-lived sub-universes, each of which immediately contribute to determining what constitutes a fact for that moment.

As we attempt to move this process of choice-filled transi-

tion toward the IDB universe, we are obliged to reach the condition at which such institutions exist through certain intermediating phases which approximate the condition of sub-universes of very short durations.

For example, throughout the advanced-capitalist sector there is no government currently in power which, in its **present policies and position**, would be politically prepared to make the treaty agreements indispensable for establishing the International Development Bank. Yet, such treaties with the Comecon and developing-sector nations are absolutely essential to the creation of credit for the bank. However, there is a process of potential successive approximations on a global scale which can affect or change existing governments to the effect that within weeks or months, the first phases of movement toward a working IDB come into place.

Consequently, if one proposed to force existing governments to directly implement the IDB, the task must seem formally an impossibility. Yet, if the possibility for a rapid succession of intermediating developments is clearly understood, no such difficulty as initially appears to prevail stands in our way. This process incurs the difficulty, however, that the definition of fact at each extremely-short-lived phase of intermediation is significantly altered.

For example, I often hear in respect to this or that force with which we have to deal, "But only yesterday you said of that ... To which I must reply that today's world is not yesterday's world; by slightly changing the correlation of forces in the world, under conditions of rapid change already independently occurring, we have changed the nature of facts. The ordinary person retorts that this all makes no sense to him. That precisely expresses the crucial problem we are treating in this article.

My Personal Situation

Through my position in this organization, I am placed at the apex of a process which intersects various governments and leading political and economic forces on a world scale.

From the standpoint of previously recorded history, this circumstance is quite fantastic: an independent and still relatively small force, which began from scratch only at the moment the current breakdown crisis began, in mid-1966, developing without a basis in fractions of even previously-existing tiny socialist groups, let alone mass organizations, developing not only absolutely without any outside support, but under increasingly aversive conditions of "political containment" by the ruling powers of the combined capitalist and developing sectors, today is situated in a keystone position, affecting governments, political parties and nations even to an extent beyond the direct comprehension of some of the leaders of the governments and parties involved.

There is no approximate precedent for this, or for the special personal situation of knowledge and responsibilities in which I now find myself. There is nothing properly mysterious in any of this, nor anything hidden from access to general public knowledge by our own publications on any significant aspect of this, yet it remains nonetheless fantastic.

I am not surprised that the leading Atlanticists are quite "freaked out" in horror to discover that we represent potentially the major source of danger to their crisis-wrecked empire. (There are indications that certain leading forces in the Comecon sector are also frightened, although in a different way, by our development.)

This circumstance strikes me with special force, because I am situated at the apex to the effect that everything of signi-

ficance to be reported or to be decided converges upon my attention and judgment from all parts of the Labor Committees' own and many other channels on a global scale. Yet, it is not unique to me otherwise, but is shared by key members in the leading executive committees, and only in a diminished degree by members in less central leadership and organizing responsibilities.

We have developed the capability, especially during the past four years, to direct our relatively tiny physical resources for activity to crucial points of the political-social process to such effect that — with increasing skill and influence — we are frequently able to so alter the course of events on national and sometimes a global scale from the course events would have otherwise followed. Because we are essentially alone, entirely dependent upon our own resources, and because we have learned that there exists no other force which would duplicate our role if we did not exist and did not see, every major development within nations of the world as a whole forces us to place that on the agenda as a matter whose outcome will be significantly affected by either our effective intervention or failure to act.

This circumstance has developed in to and in the leading strata of the organization the habit of taking personal moral responsibility for our duty respecting all major developments. The fact that we have been effective to varying degrees, in some important national and global developments, has increased our sense of practical moral responsibility for our contribution to the general fate of humanity by increasing our influence among other forces, such that our initiatives today have enormously more influence than a similar degree of effort even during the Summer or Autumn of 1975.

In this circumstance, we operate not only from a general strategic programmatic perspective, but must daily gauge the shifting composition and deployment of political and social forces on both sides of the pro-Atlanticist and anti-Atlanticist struggle, and changes in policy and factional composition of the constituent forces themselves. Every slight alteration rightly causes us to reestimate the present global correlation of forces and issues in terms of the effect of such shifts. In each case, the result is a discerned shift in the overall situation which we must exploit to advantage of the anti-Atlanticist forces, or a weakening of the position of the anti-Atlanticist forces to which we must promptly respond with a compensating countermove at some possible point of access **somewhere in the world as a whole.**

The more effectively we respond, the more influence, information and consequent moral responsibilities we incur.

As a general consequence of this experience, under the acute stresses of full-time, intense responsibilities we have experienced since the end of 1973, the leading strata of the organization have accumulated a detailed overview of the world in their heads which is in general superior in knowledge to that of any of our opponent forces' leading figures. The intensive daily briefing and associated informational procedures have been an essential part of this, but more significant has been the accumulated practical experience of our executives in developing a professional competence over several years of making strategic military-like decisions in that informational context under the most intense, stressed circumstances, in each individual case virtually without letup during the period since the end of 1973.

This is most notably the case at the top executive levels of

the organization and in key political intelligence sections, but extends with slightly diminished degree of involvement and responsibility down to the full-time field organizer, a person better-briefed than many key U.S. congressmen and many executive department officials even on matters of each congressman's and official's specialized areas of responsibility. This also bears upon the hardened professionalism of our Labor Committee cadres, to the effect that the potential new recruit finds joining the Labor Committees a leap in quality of intellectual life beyond the prerequisites of the ordinary merely-educated person.

Our situation, vis-a-vis the majority of the population, even the highly-placed typical official, is that we know not merely a few special facts, but that we understand those facts in the context of both a mass of knowledge not possessed by the ordinary person, and the experience of a method of assessing such knowledge which the ordinary person has yet to develop. In these circumstances, we are obliged to make firm judgments, which we know not only to be correct but urgent and essential, which are usually difficult for the ordinary person to independently dispute or corroborate unaided — because of the person's limited background knowledge and lack of appropriate experiences in effective analytic methods.

We have learned, by and large, now to cope with such discrepancies. We have learned to address ourselves to the potential self-consciousness of the worker (with varying effectiveness from one of our cadres to another) and to focus upon crucial evidence through which we are able to prove our conclusions to workers and others in terms of reference and judgment immediately available to them. The first duty of science is to make advanced discoveries beyond the trained capacities of the average person; the second duty of science is to determine how to make those discoveries comprehensible for practical use by the average man to whom they represent productive technology and so forth.

It is not possible, of course, to discover any "pedagogy" by which an entire science can be made comprehensible to workers in the proverbial "twenty-five words or less." Neither can one train an individual to be a competent automotive design engineer in the same time required to learn to operate an automobile. It is the second duty of science which is analogous to teaching an individual to operate an automobile. It is not possible to simplify scientific work so that anyone can simply, naturally become a competent scientist. It is possible and indispensable to develop effective, efficient and relatively straight-forward methods for teaching workers to understand the principles of useful operation of the new productive devices produced through successive scientific discovery and engineering development.

If we can not successfully transform ordinary skilled and semi-skilled workers into qualified political scientists, we do develop methods for achieving their practical comprehension of such "engineered" results of science as the International Development Bank and Emergency Employment Act — in those latter two products in which the success of our communication-effort is already demonstrated.

The task of this paper is to emphasize to our cadres the need to analyze current developments in a certain manner, a **manner for which they are pre-trained.** This type of analytical approach can not be immediately transferred as a whole to the average worker. It is the duty of the cadre to understand the successive layers of **intermediating develop-**

ments through which we are passing, and then, based on such understanding, to next make such products of understanding comprehensible in a practiced way to the workers associated with us. This is a parallel to the proper relationship of scientists and engineers generally to the skilled and semi-skilled productive worker. In this case, we have shifted the point of relationship from the productive technology per se to political work.

The March 31 Example

The abrupt transformation which occurred throughout the advanced capitalist sector on or about March 31 is a suitable illustration of the way in which general shifts in determining manifolds occur under crisis conditions. It is also an illustration of the inherent predictability of the principal feature of a crisis.

March 31 had developments which predetermined that it would be a definitive crisis-point. Primarily, March 31 marked the first-quarter-ending roll-over point for a major section of outstanding financial instruments. This coincided directly with governmental financial crises, both of national sectors and in municipal debt crises in the U.S. and Western Europe. This also coincided with impending pre-scheduled and provoked labor upsurges, labor-movement demands and self-defensive measures which ran smack into employers' resistance. The employers' resistance — whether by private corporations or governmental units was itself a direct result of the March 31 financial rollover conditions.

On March 31, it was no longer possible for the advanced-capitalist sector to continue to exist under hitherto existing institutions. Without a general 30 per cent or higher abrupt slash in levels of production, real wages and social services, it was not possible to stabilize even temporarily the bankrupt institutions centering around the major New York banks, the International Monetary Fund-World Bank, and the Euro-dollar market. Either these monetary and financial institutions had to be put through bankruptcy, and replaced by new monetary institutions, or the existing social institutions, including labor-management institutionalized relations of the past, had to be destroyed.

This, as we have outlined earlier — with a precision that has astonished so many immediately after the fact — March 31 signalled the provoked outbreak of a generalized political mass-strike upsurge radiating from the U.S. — unless the developing sector acted against the leading bankrupt monetary institutions prior to March 31.

We are now operating in a new general manifold, in which facts are determined quite differently than they were during even the weeks of March. By June 30, this present period, the present manifold-system, must come to and end one way or the other.

However, that does not mean that the three-month period from March 31 through June 30 is a fixed order. It is subject to abrupt crisis-shifts into entirely new manifold-systems. Any of several among the various possible key coup d'etats now under consideration for key nations would radically shift the world-order into a new manifold-system. Five or six key nations of the developing sector could act, virtually on a moment's notice, to shift the world manifold-system qualitatively. A crushing of the U.S. working-class upsurge would, meanwhile, probably put us quickly into a manifold-system within which general thermonuclear war before the end of 1977 is predetermined with almost absolute certainty.

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The kinds of changes which may occur, changes involving branching alternatives into new intermediating manifold-system states, are perhaps not easily foreseen by the average merely informed person. It must be understood that the Atlanticists are engaged in destroying the existing institutions of Western Europe and the U.S. (in particular), under circumstances of collapsing world trade and other shock-effects of the collapse-phase of this depression. The institutions being destroyed by the Atlanticists are nothing but the very institutions whose interdependent stabilizing effects have hitherto been the basis for institutional stability in those nations and regions. Each cracking of existing institutionalized arrangements immediately sets into motion or "unleashes" locked-up potential developments of a sort which could not otherwise become so significant so quickly. In consequence, each ratchet-stop of the Atlanticists' program of austerity for Western Europe and elsewhere represents a crisis-point, a branching-point, at which abrupt, intermediating new manifold-system states erupt.

At each point, various forces will intervene to influence the shift from one or another new alternative. In many cases, these shifts to intermediating alternatives will be determined by a relatively small amount of physical intervention into some crucial aspect of the then-current "structure" of political and related configurations.

Naturally, we are preoccupied with detecting such crucial points of intervention. Moreover, the Atlanticists, who have learned to fear our actions of that sort as the greatest source of potential danger to their interests, will intervene in the effort to inoculate against or counteract our influence. The Atlanticists' interventions against us will in fact often strengthen our effectiveness by thus emphasizing the importance they attribute to us. Therefore, a few of our actions are taken for the purpose of luring the Atlanticists to intervene in such a way as to produce an effect which we desire at that specific juncture.

The Inclusive Reality

There is admittedly, one path of development in this situation which leads through a process of provoked socialist revolutions to workers' governments in a bloodied North America and Western Europe. However, that variant is relatively improbable at this time, chiefly because of the lack of competent socialist leadership of mass-based institutions in Western Europe and so forth.

For example, the case of France. Suppose, as is possible, that a political mass strike against austerity erupts in France. This would be represented by the CGT and CFDT trade-union federations, the French Communist Party, the farmers' organizations, under conditions in which the agent-ridden Communist Party and CGT-CFDT leaderships would be incompetent to contemplate becoming the government of France. In such a case, the probable outcome would either be a new government formed by the Gaullists, or a Vichy-linked coup d'etat of the pro-New York bankers' right-wing forces. A related, if significantly distinct, condition is the case of Italy.

In summation, the best overall variant of this period is that specified by the International Development Bank program, in which anti-Atlanticist pro-capitalist and capitalist governments would bankrupt the Atlanticist institutions to form a triangular treaty organization banking system with the developing and Comecon sectors.

The particular, moment-to-moment maneuvers and so

forth which the world will take during the immediate crisis period will represent variant pathways leading either to such a result or to the Schachtian horror of general thermonuclear war and global ecological holocaust.

It is therefore proper to make a certain working distinction between strategy and tactics for this immediate crisis period. Our overall strategy is to establish the IDB within the overall strategic terms we have defined. Within that continuing contest of strategic policy, it is necessary to make short-term tactical maneuvers, often abruptly, as one would in the course of general war. Strategy involves the overall transition from the manifold of pre-March 31 to the new general manifold represented by the International Development Bank. Tactics pertains to the intermediating short-term variants situated between the overall departure and arrival points of strategy.

What we are emphasizing, therefore, is that tactics need not be considered in the simplistic terms otherwise appropriate to a fixed manifold system. Despite the fact that these maneuvers are "merely tactical" in overall historic-strategic terms, the proper determination of tactics demands the most sophisticated approach yet considered by man.

Because, as we have emphasized, the leading cadres and others of the Labor Committees have had approximately a decade of development in which to master the background

knowledge required, and because of nearly three years of the most intensive political-strategic deployments ever conducted in the history of political movements, our organization has the developed capabilities in knowledge and method to provide the "general staff" direction and field officership which the current struggle demands.

The duty of those cadres, as we enter the concluding stages of this war against the fascist thrust of the Atlanticists, is to be self-conscious of those qualifications they have developed, and also to be aware of the urgency of always making clear to the larger forces the exact kind of new intermediating manifold-systems within which our immediate tactical deployments are situated. It is only also necessary, at the same time, not to become so enamored of the richness of the immediate tactical situation's complexity that the confining reality of the strategic situation is put momentarily out of sight. To revert to the chess analogy: Do not become so enamored of the brilliancy of a particular tactical maneuver that the contest as a whole is put out of sight.

As for the rest, provided we succeed, it will perhaps be five or ten years before a large segment of the population properly understands the nature of the principles we are employing to this end. No matter; once we have victory, we shall have the leisure to clarify the theoretical side of the Labor Committees' extraordinary accomplishments.

Soviet Softliners Dumbly Provoke War

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BONN, April 16 (IPS) — Contrary to the antiquated conceits in some parts of the Harriman-Ball faction, the current appearance of a dominant soft-liner posture in the Soviet party daily, Pravda, and so forth is absolutely not a contribution toward maintaining peace. All of us from well-informed leading political circles either know or damned well ought to know what exactly the opposite is true.

That fact is most easily illustrated by referring our attention to the "Schlesinger doctrine."

The Schlesinger doctrine so-called has two basic premises. The first premise: At this time the USA and NATO forces combined could not conceivably win a thermonuclear war against the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact forces. However, Schlesinger's well-known key second premise asserts, the political leadership in Moscow is so soft and frightenable that it will capitulate without fighting under either thermonuclear confrontation or even limited thermonuclear attack.

Until recently, the Harriman-Ball faction and other USA-NATO factions understood this point more or less clearly. At the turn of the year, Averell Harriman and Ted Kennedy made a CBS-TV appearance to emphasize that the complementary confrontationist policies of the Rockefeller twins, "Mutt" Schlesinger and "Jeff" Kissinger, were outright insanity. Earlier, beginning the spring of 1975, key Harriman plus some key Republican forces proceeded from the same correct charge of Rockefeller insanity to reduce the immediate war danger and push Schlesinger out of the Defense Department.

Harriman's remarks during the cited TV appearance are most relevant. Harriman insisted that the Soviet leadership remains essentially hard-line "Stalinist," and would fight if confronted in the adventurous manner advocated either by Schlesinger or Kissinger. Harriman's argument, which is supported by most top-level military circles outside the Rockefeller "Utopian" faction, has repeatedly mobilized White House and other forces to cause a pullback from Rockefeller-directed confrontationist escapades.

Harriman's characterization of the present Soviet leadership as essentially "hard-line Stalinist," is a simplification of the reality, but otherwise, as a strategic rule-of-thumb, is a useful shorthand way of making an otherwise correct point.

Harriman's arguments prevailed during 1975 and early 1976 factional struggles because the Soviet leadership was then making very clear signals concerning its basic strategic postures. Now, the Soviet leadership is giving out political signals which seem to vindicate the Schlesinger doctrine. The immediate and inevitable consequence of such Soviet folly is to push the Rockefeller-Kissinger-Schlesinger faction back toward a dominant position, and thus to accelerate the date at which thermonuclear war becomes highly probable.

The point Harriman made in his TV address remains oversimplified but otherwise essentially correct. Every bit of

political intelligence received from the Warsaw Pact side shows that the Soviet political leadership is engaged in a massive, crash build-up of its general thermonuclear war-fighting capabilities. Relevant Warsaw Pact military publications, most notably the Soviet Army daily, Red Star, and East German military sources, emphasize that both the regular military leadership and political leaders responsible for military policy are currently conditioning Warsaw Pact troops for a prospect of winning an early "justifiable" general war. Despite the soft-liner façade being displayed by Moscow Pravda and other publications, and despite a muting of the Bulgarian and Czech party congresses under Soviet majority pressures, **underneath** the strategic policy is a very, very hard line.

The deceptive soft-line façade being shown by the Soviets thus has the effect of luring certain factions of the Atlanticists into over-confidence along the lines suggested by the Schlesinger doctrine. The inevitable consequence of this is a resurgence of the Rockefeller-Kissinger forces, and an acceleration of provocative deployments leading quickly toward probable thermonuclear war.

On The Soviet Side

In basics, the current Soviet position is simple. However, those basic facts are enormously complicated in detail once we begin to take into account certain features of a merely secondary or tertiary strategic importance. Part of the overall present problem is the fact that key Atlanticist strategic analysts have confused such complex secondary and tertiary features of Soviet internal factional developments with those considerations which remain strategically primary. The result of such confusion is an emerging misestimation of Soviet policy, a misestimation leading directly toward horrifying strategic miscalculations.

The simple fact is that Soviet policy is currently operating on two levels. The basic Soviet policy is that of preparing to win a general thermonuclear war at an early time. Meanwhile, with some echoes of *deja vu* from the period of the Hitler-Stalin pact, on the surface Soviet short-term political strategy is to grasp wildly at straws, in desperate search for some political alternative to general war.

Certain leading Soviet circles have made plain their desperate wish to believe that, at best, the Harriman-Ball and British factional forces among the Atlanticists might stop the buildup toward war, or, at worst, that Harriman-Ball, the British and so forth might at least delay the danger of war long enough to favor Soviet military buildup to a decisive of capability. This is complicated by Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev's reported new fight against illness, which coincides with a temporary muzzling of hardliners Suslov, Grechko et al., and provides a short-lived field day for the "White Communist" antics of USA-Canada Institute head Arbatov, Zagladin and other CIA-linked "submarine" forces

within the Warsaw Pact's political command structure.

Overall, this generally misunderstood mixture of sundry primary, secondary and tertiary considerations has the effect of seducing certain Atlanticist strategists into making adventures whose consequence would be actual general thermonuclear war.

The contributing stupidity on the Soviet side is the argument by the soft-line faction that a soft political posture is the preferred "non-provocative" appearance to be maintained to minimize military reactions from the Atlanticist side. Their incredibly weak-brained oversight is that such soft-line façades in fact have an effect on the Atlanticists similar to that of pornographic posturing by a woman before a sex-starved paranoid: it is the most provocative of all policies, a veritable incitement to a rape-attack. Moscow should listen more attentively to those Latin American and Portuguese Communist leaders who better understand West Hemispheric sexual practices. A display of apparent political weakness to the odd Mr. Henry Kissinger is an incitement to sodomic assault.

The Soviet Mentality

One should attempt to see the world outside the Soviet bloc as the Soviet leaders generally view recent developments.

First of all, to Moscow analysts, outside the Comecon bloc plus a few exceptions the Soviets have no direct and reliable political support but chiefly the Comecon forces. Except for Luxemburg, Austria (and possibly the Liechtenstein post office), there is not a single official Communist party of the advanced capitalist sector which is not under top-down control of capitalist political intelligence agencies. In the developing sector it is only slightly better from Moscow's standpoint.

In the developing sector, there is the Cunhal-led Portuguese Party, the Spanish Communist Workers Party led by General Lister, the Communist Party of India, and a few other notable, but less influential cases. Half or so of the Communist Party of Peru, perhaps two-thirds of the Communist Party of Colombia, most of the exiled Chilean Communist Party, and a few other Havana-oriented forces might be regarded as actually communist by Moscow's criteria. The official Communist Party of Spain under NATO agent Carrillo, the Communist Party of Mexico, the Communist Party of Venezuela, and so forth are totally under top-down control of the U.S. National Security Council and NATO intelligence.

At the same time, Moscow has lost every one of its major Middle East friends, with the exception of the Communist Party of Israel and left-wing groups among the Palestinians and so forth. Since Rambouillet and Manila, Iraq has conditionally capitulated to Atlanticist pressures, Syria is effective Kissinger-Saudi controlled, Egypt's government is in Rockefeller's pocket for the moment, and is being used as part of a complex directed against early attempted crushing of the Libyan government.

In brief, with some notable few exceptions not aggregately sufficient to be strategically significant, Moscow has politically written off almost the entirety of the world outside the Comecon-Warsaw Pact itself.

Such facts ought to send a cold chill down the spines of every leading official within the capitalist advanced and developing sector. This successful containment offensive by the Atlanticist forces has not merely driven the Moscow leadership predominantly into an Oblomovist fear and rage, but has put most of that leadership into a state of mind in

which few parts of the advanced-capitalist and developing sector are any better than a potential battlefield for thermonuclear confrontation and war between the Warsaw Pact and Atlanticist military forces.

Under these conditions, political softness among Soviet leaders quickly becomes a ferociously nationalistic fervor. To the extent that political containment of the Soviet leadership destroys its sense of identification with the working-class struggle within the capitalist sector and so forth, the inevitable consequence is to drive Soviet leadership majorities into a perfervid "Mother Russia" outlook.

These nationalists say, then: "To hell with the working class forces of the advanced capitalist sector; they have betrayed us! To hell with the realpolitiking opportunist nationalists of the developing sector, who sell out their Soviet friends on the turn of a dime! They do not care about us; then, we shall not care how many of them must unfortunately die in wars, radioactive clouds and biological catastrophe in order to save even one additional Soviet village or individual Red Army soldier's life!" Those attitudes are, in fact clearly emerging in current Warsaw Pact indoctrination of military cadres.

At the same time that a hard core of the Soviet Soviet majority proceeds to develop such world-outlooks, those leaders become the most byzantine in their diplomatic and other political maneuverings. The period from 1938 onward, following the Munich Pact among Chamberlain, Daladier and Hitler, becomes the paradigm. Drive them hard enough within the Warsaw Pact itself, and they will do almost anything to enhance the marginal strategical war-winning capabilities of the Warsaw Pact forces.

The Soviet Majority's Political Stupidity

It is notable, but not accidental that Pravda's coverage of the internal political situation within the United States has been continuously a legitimate object for ridicule by both laymen and informed persons within the USA itself. This fact typifies the circumstance that Soviet military-strategic conceptions are in fact more advanced than those of the "utopianism"-disoriented USA and NATO command structures, while Soviet political strategy toward the advanced capitalist and developing sectors is so abysmally ill-formed and even often downright stupid. It is that contradictory reality of Soviet military strategic excellence and political strategic childishness which dictates that from the Soviet side the only possible outcome, in reality, for the present crisis would be a general thermonuclear war during no later than 1977 and possibly as early as this year.

There are two complementary reasons for Soviet political incompetence concerning the United States itself. The more basic problem within the Soviet leading circles is a perfervid conservatism in adherence to a tragically simplistic mechanistic and actually pseudo-Marxian political and economic doctrine. The complicating further basic problem is a successful Atlanticist political intelligence agencies' penetration of certain leading Soviet party circles, notably through the covers of the CIA-controlled Italian and U.S. Communist parties! (To localize the CIA penetration of leading Soviet circles to those parties is something of a simplification, but nonetheless good enough as a short-hand way of putting the point.)

The latter problem can be easily identified. Zagladin, Arbatov, and a certain "economics" institute typify a hard-core of "American" agent influences around Moscow.

There is hard evidence that the political lineage of various of these characters is well known to the Soviet KGB and other Eastern European political security agencies; but there is also hard evidence that the leading political forces involved tend to misestimate the significance of such conduits. For example, despite the Czech Party's listing of the Communist Parties of the USA and West Germany under the category of most friendly parties, there is the hardest evidence that both the CPUSA and DKP leaderships are known there to be under the effective control of Atlanticist political intelligence services.

In general two things must be said concerning the current surfacing of Atlanticist "White Communist" agents in Pravda and other Soviet channels. We make direct reference to a lead item, by-lined David Shipler, in the New York Times of April 15.

As the writer of that article suggests, the surfacing of such agents as Arbatov does in fact reflect a current factional combination. If the writer had been less euphoric concerning the Harriman line, he would have examined certain internal features of the Soviet leadership prior to and during the recent 25th Congress, and juxtaposed those facts to the post-Congress military policy of key Warsaw Pact nations.

There is also an element of byzantine prankishness in Soviet licensing of such "smoke screen" displays of the "American" faction. For this, certain eerie Soviet propaganda and related postures of the 1939-spring 1941 period should be studied for reference.

We repeat this point: the "American" element within the current Soviet ostensible majority is both an actual constituent of the faction's forces and also a pack of persons known to be agents by the Soviet KGB, persons now being prominently displayed for byzantine tactical political purposes.

The broader byzantine aspects of this matter can be summed up as follows.

As Pravda has emphasized, current Soviet political realpolitik proceeds from the assumption that the Harriman, Ball, Kennedy and similar Atlanticist forces within the USA, plus certain British Atlanticist factional elements, represent the chief internal political force within the advanced capitalist sector for preventing an early thermonuclear confrontation. Although the Harriman-linked forces were impelled to check the Rockefeller pro-war faction principally because of a fear of Soviet hard-liner dominance, the Soviet leadership majority has come around to the weird judgement that the way to keep Harriman et al. "friendly to peace" is to feed Harriman et al. with the display of a Soviet soft political line.

The Soviet leadership is filling the Harriman faction's eyes with a performance which the leadership believes will "keep Averell and Company" happy — thus actually shifting the internal Atlanticist alignment within the USA and among West German "junior yankees" toward the Rockefeller faction and the "Schlesinger doctrine."

Out of such pathetic tragi-comedies of error arise those wars whose chain-reaction occurrence is inexplicable to the principals involved.

Soviet Intelligence On The USA

As we have emphasized before, a significant part of the nonsensical reporting on the U.S. in Pravda is directly a result of the delusions associated with the slogan, "Gus Hall is a personal friend of Brezhnev." The direct key to the worst

of Pravda's coverage on the U.S. internal situation is found by comparing such gibberish with the corresponding items in the CIA-controlled pages of the Daily World.

In general, the Soviet leadership has been so desperate in its concern to find friendly, peace-loving voices from within the Democratic Party and Eastern Establishment that it has foolishly gobbled up the prepared bait provided by Morgan-controlled and other channels of the Atlanticists' Eastern Establishment. The CIA penetrations of Soviet circles through such covers as the Pugwash conferences are exemplary.

On such counts, the miserable Sidney Hook and Richard Loewentals have succeeded very well in continuing the traditional efforts of their former sponsors and predecessors, Hamilton Fish Armstrong, Admiral Canaris and so forth.

This credulity of Soviet Oblomovs — an influence substantially based on Oblomovist susceptibilities defined by Tavistock's H.V. Dicks and others — is partly a Soviet reaction-formation problem and also a reflection of the professional incompetence of most leading Soviet circles on questions of political and economic theory. The simple-minded misinterpretation of U.S. internal economic and political life we meet in Pravda is not only a consequence of disinformation fed into Moscow through CIA-controlled conduits such as the CPUSA leadership, but is more readily accepted in Moscow because such disinformation is designed to coincide with the simple-minded mechanistic theoretical world-outlook which predominates among the more sentimental and "practical varieties" of Soviet official strata.

For example, the Soviet leadership, on the basis of leading published materials, is shown conclusively to lack a semblance of competence concerning the actual dynamics and political consequences of financial capitalist interests. The level of understanding of economic theory evidenced could be justly deprecated as worthy of a pre-Komsomol kindergarten class in Marxian economics.

The typical Soviet economic analysis of crisis developments in the capitalist sector is a plodding, schoolboyish recitation of one half-digested truism and shallow-minded agitational slogan after the other, without a disturbing tinge of conceptual insight into the actual processes involved. There is, overall, a pathetic resemblance to the hoary, tiresome refrains of the DeLeonist cults, concerning "the woikahs and the cap-pit-talists." In general, it is "theory" on the abysmal level of one of Kautsky's short popular tracts or Daniel DeLeon's wretched homilies.

A notable corollary of this is the absence of any genuine understanding of either dialectical method in general, or of Lenin's political method in particular, from the right-wing and center components of the Soviet leadership. The most lurid illustration of this point is Soviet publication of an article by NATO agent Robert Steigerwald on the eve of the 25th Soviet Congress.

Steigerwald's article was in fact a classical imitation of the anti-Bolshevik rhetoric of Hamilton Fish Armstrong's old tame Mensheviks. In strict conformity with the Menshevik tradition from the time of the Bolshevik-Menshevik split, Steigerwald attacks Lenin's "voluntarism" in the pages of Pravda!

The notable circumstantial feature of the publication of agent Steigerwald's piece is that the writer merely carried to an extreme the doctrine of mechanistic "objectivism" which otherwise does in fact predominate in leading right-wing and

center factional currents in the Soviet leadership. The relevance of this is that it would be sufficient crucial evidence by itself to show that the majority of the Soviet leadership lacks even rudimentary competence for understanding the dynamics of political processes and struggles within the capitalist sector.

Believing such pseudo-Marxian nonsense as they openly profess, it is not mysterious that they have been so consistently and extensively duped in such matters by Atlanticist political intelligence conduits.

Failures of 1975 Soviet Strategy

The cited feature item in the New York Times tries to reinforce the idiotic arguments actually being circulated by the current Soviet majority faction. The argument is that unduly aggressive postures by Soviet hard-liners caused significant setbacks to Soviet detente policy up to the 25th Congress. In fact, exactly the opposite is true.

First, to the extent that the hard-liners appeared to have a growing influence in the Soviet leadership, that fact conspicuously discredited the Schlesinger doctrine, a doctrine whose essential presumption was the predominance of a soft-brained centrist faction within the Soviet leadership. In fact, but for the hard line postures, there might have already been a Schlesinger doctrine-goaded general thermonuclear confrontation at some point between March, 1975 and the recent 25th Soviet Party Congress.

Second, communist setbacks in Portugal and recent massive losses of Soviet friends from within the Arab and other parts of the developing sector are directly the result of Soviet softness during 1975. The debt issue is central to this.

By September 1975, either Portugal enjoyed a financial debt moratorium or the communists in Portugal had to be, inevitably, set back in a major way or even totally crushed. Either Egypt enjoyed a financial debt moratorium, or Egypt was forced to capitulate to the Rockefeller camp. Either there was a debt moratorium or the current regime in Argentina was inevitable, Peru would face internal right-wing coups, and the "Second War of the Pacific" would become almost inevitable. Either there would be debt moratoria or the anti-imperialist faction within the Group of 77 and UNCTAD would variously be quickly crushed or capitulate. Given

the weaknesses of the bonapartists and others, and given the pro-fascist desperation of both the forces of Lower Manhattan, both the Rockefeller and Harriman factions, it was Soviet stupidity concerning the issue of developing sector debt moratoria which has in fact brought the world close to the brink of both thermonuclear war and the beginnings of an austerity-caused global biological catastrophe.

The kernel of Soviet stupidity on this point is that, given the institution of Schachtian austerity in both the advanced capitalist and developing sectors, a project Wall Street intends to be completed by June 30, 1976, no matter whether the Rockefeller or the Harriman faction is on top, within a short time the emergence of militarized Schachtian order in the capitalist sector creates the irreversible preconditions for both thermonuclear war and biological catastrophe. Soviet Oblovists; in attempting to play foolish games among the Rockefeller and Harriman factions — presumably against the relatively minor force of Southwestern-rim dinosaurs — cannot and could not accomplish any result but that of tending to make general thermonuclear war inevitable during the short- to intermediate-term period.

This pathetic Soviet blundering, which has recently been aggravated in the extreme, leaves the responsibility for saving the human race chiefly in the hands of the U.S. Labor Party and French Gaullists in the advanced sector, and a dwindling handful of courageous developing nations' governments and political forces. It is the strength of the U.S. Labor Party, on the one hand, and the sabotage of Atlanticist military and fascist schemes by the re-mobilized "pure" Gaullist forces on the other hand, which have been the recent key developments sabotaging and delaying the preconditions for the combined thermonuclear and biological extermination of civilization.

Yet, neither the Gaullists nor the Labor Party head a government at this moment! What an awful responsibility the stupidity of the Soviet leadership and the cowardice of terrified developing sector forces has placed on the fragile resources of the Labor Party, the Gaullists and a handful of developing sector nations! If those fragile forces fall, then thermonuclear war by this year or next is inevitable.



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The Ecological Holocaust

Introduction

Unless immediate emergency measures are taken to stop the spread of disease, the world will be in the midst of the worst epidemics in human history by Christmas. The Black Death, bubonic plague, now threatens to spread out of a current epidemic center in Burma, and will envelope the globe and kill tens of millions by winter. A deadly variety of influenza, known as the swine flu will simultaneously add its toll of death. Every disease of the worst hell holes on earth — typhoid, meningitis hepatitis — will rage in New York, Hamburg, Milan and Tokyo. Hospitals, vital services, food supplies will disintegrate as waves of concurrent epidemics wreck chaos on civilized humanity.

World ecology is at a crisis point. Within the next month, sweeping emergency measures must be taken to reverse the fall in food consumption, the disruption of vital services and the exponential spread of disease, or an irreversible ecological holocaust will be inevitable, a holocaust which will wipe out the human race.

Since mid-February, overwhelming evidence has accumulated to indicate that global deterioration has passed the threshold point toward an accelerating collapse. The grave outbreak of bubonic plague in Mandalay, Burma, the eruption of the potentially deadly "swine flu" influenza variety, the world wide explosion of rat populations, and the exponential rise of many infectious diseases in the advanced and underdeveloped sectors, these are all indisputable symptoms of a general break in the ability of the human ecology to sustain itself.

The collapse of the global ecology cannot be understood as a linear process, by a mere extrapolation of present rates of disease growth. In a healthy ecology, dominated by human beings and domestic animals, the functioning of an expanding economy sets up various types of barriers to the spread of disease — inherent resistance, sanitation, sewerage systems, etc. When, under the impact of depression cutbacks and austerity, these barriers begin to break down, the conditions are created for the rapid development of an entirely different ecology — a retrogressive ecology increasingly dominated not by man, but by disease, bacteria, rats and pests. Once the man-made barriers to the spread of these forms have been sufficiently destroyed by the collapse of human economic activity, the process of spread of disease becomes self-feeding.

Diseases themselves, rats and other parasites, begin to weaken remaining human resistances, larger and larger diseased populations are created, and the ability of humanity to produce the material goods necessary to reverse further

decline in consumption and disease resistance is drastically decreased. After a critical threshold is passed the mass of disease-producing organisms and disease-carrying pests begins to increase exponentially. Within a short period, this exponential increase destroys the ability of even the best-intentioned government, mobilizing the entirety of its resources to halt further spread of epidemics. At this point, the holocaust is irreversible.

We are now between those critical thresholds. The exponential spread of disease has already begun — but there still remains some few weeks in which it can be stopped.

In stating this, we in no way exaggerate of play Cassandra. Since the fall of 1974, when the International Caucus of Labor Committees first warned of an approaching ecological catastrophe, our predictions have either been borne out exactly or all too frequently, have come true even faster than we expected. We have conservatively erred on the side of Polyanna, but not that of Cassandra.

In January of 1975, in outlining the probable future direction of the holocaust, we stated that deadly new waves of influenza were likely by sometime in 1976, as estimate now confirmed by the U.S. government itself. At the same time, we estimated conditions for the spread of bubonic plague in the Third World would develop by 1978-79. Such plague has already broken out.

In October, 1975, we moved this timetable up to 1977, still short of the present actual rate of breakdown, and warned of a possible 30 per cent decline in fertilizer use, and concomitant fall in food production by mid-1976. Major French and West German producers already report declines in Third World orders for fertilizer of between 25 per cent and 40 per cent generally, typical of those for the entire world.

How Diseases Spread

The present breakdown of the earth's ecology is realized in a number of principle related modes, each characterized by the destruction of some group of barriers to the spread of disease. Most important, the resistance of the population to diseases to which they are exposed drops as nutrition levels and the general standard of living declines, opening the way to quicker infection, the spread of highly virulent organisms directly person to person and more devastating effects of any given disease. Second, the transmission of disease through parasites and pests is accelerated through the collapse of general sanitation and pest control. Third, the destruction of sewerage systems opens up channels for the transmission of diseases by the contamination of food and water with human fecal material.

Over the past two months, each of these primary routes of

disease transmission has shown unmistakable symptoms of total breakdown of barriers to disease spread, a qualitative shift to unrestricted disease proliferation. This conclusion is drawn on the basis of partial information, since domestic and international systems of disease monitoring are entirely non-functional. The diseases of which we are not aware of are probably nearly as or more extensive than those conditions covered in this report.

The gravest immediate indicator of the threat of holocaust is the outbreak within a single month of both a new and potentially deadly strain of influenza identified at Fort Dix, N.J. in mid February, and the epidemic of urban bubonic plague in Burma in mid March. These two outbreaks, of "recombinat" flu and of bubonic plague were pointed out in January 1975 as key "markers" of turning points in the development of the ecological holocaust. As in 1918, when a flu variant killed 20 million people, the outbreak of a new variety of a virulently infectious disease like influenza in conditions of general debilitations of populations poses the immediate threat of massive loss of life. Plague, generally characteristic of the most extreme phases of social and ecological breakdown, is the deadliest of all epidemic diseases, with a mortality rate in untreated bubonic cases of up to 90 per cent. In normal times under non-depression conditions the plague is limited to spread by rural rats, but in times of general famine and social breakdown, plague carrying rats penetrate into urban areas, where the disease can spread with tremendous force. As such epidemics develop, the plague can assume pneumonic form, becoming even more deadly and is spread directly from person to person like the flu. In 1348, a plague pandemic wiped out half of Europe and a quarter of the human race.

Both plague and the flu are products of a decline of general nutritional and food production levels (in South Asia particularly) below the critical point for maintenance of healthy human populations: The Fort Dix flu, like its deadly predecessor the "swine flu" of 1918 arose almost certainly in South Asia through the recombination of swine and human influenza viruses, a process made possible only through the close cohabitation of starving and low-resistant human beings and swine in large areas of South Asia.

Similar, the outbreak of the first urban plague in the world in twenty five years in Mandalay was very likely the direct result of the migration of plague-carrying rats out of the famine-stricken Burmese countryside into the cities. It was precisely this sequence of events which led to the 1918 swine flu pandemic and the 1893-1918 plague pandemic, each of which took 20 million or more lives.

The Plague

Due to stagnation or slow decline of food production throughout South Asia since the early 1970's, per capita food consumption has fallen below 1918 levels. In the case of India, current grain production is 0.18 tons per capita compared with 0.19 in 1918. In Burma, per capita food consumption has dropped to 1600 calories a day, while food production was no greater last year than in 1931!

As a direct result of the general disruption of food production relative to the subsistence needs of the growing population plague has broken out. While reports from Burma are contradictory, at least several hundred cases, and probably more than a thousand have occurred since the outbreak began in Mandalay. Even the World Health Organization (WHO) which actively covered up the epidemic, admits, as of this writing, the epidemic continues

and the numbers of stricken are increasing. With its introduction into Mandalay, a major city of half a million, the plague now immediately threatens to spread along trade routes throughout the world. Mandalay is 400 miles north along the well-travelled Irrawaddy river from the port city of Rangoon. Rangoon is a major international port connecting with Calcutta, Jakarta, Tokyo, and San Francisco by ocean trade. According to WHO, 10 per cent of the rats in Rangoon are carrying the plague.

Nearly as dangerous in the situation in northeastern Brazil, where plague-carrying rats have for months been driven out of drought-stricken regions in the countryside towards heavily-populated coastal cities such as Recife and San Salvador. The droughts which precipitated this new potential plague focus are in turn the direct result of the insane jungle clearance and resettlement policies carried out by the Brazilian junta, policies which destroy the moisture carrying vegetation and leach the soil of fertility.

Rats And Super Rats

These plague outbreaks are of global rather than local significance because they coincide with a global explosion in rat populations which spread the disease. In Rangoon itself there are five million rats, in South Asia as a whole, more than 10 billion, according to estimates published by the West German daily Die Welt. Over the last two months, millions of rats have swarmed out of Senegal into neighboring Mauritania and Mali, destroying crops as they go. In the coastal cities of Brazil, like Sao Paulo, there are 10-15 rats for every person.

Like the outbreaks of plague and flu, the preconditions for this rat population explosion were set over the last two years, and have been realized only in the past two months. Years of so-called rural development which actually looted peasant populations and destroyed a fragile network of basic infrastructural services created a "critical mass" of famine conditions in the underdeveloped sector which have now spurred waves of migrations of hungry rats from the starving countryside.

Conditions in the advanced world are rapidly approaching the same levels. Rome now has 20 million rats, five times its human population. In March, the Swedish town of Ljusdal was overrun by rats and hordes of "bisam rats," some a foot long, were reported in towns in Northern West Germany and Denmark.

The giant growth of rat population is the direct consequence of bankers' austerity, which is responsible for the destruction of the food supplies of the Third World and the disruption of the garbage collection, general sanitation and rat control programs of advanced sector cities. The U.S. government rat control program has been quartered over an eight-year period, in many cities falling by 50 per cent in the past year. In Baltimore, a city with two million rats, the fiscal 1977 budget will cut rat control by 50 percent on top of 50 per cent cuts already sustained. Manpower will be cut from 92 to 20. The area of the city regularly cleared of rodents has already dropped from 2,000 blocks to 500. In Chicago, rat control is limited to three regions of the city, and as soon as rat control workers leave the area, the rats return in full force.

The situation is worst of all in New York City, whose rat population is more than 10 million and growing rapidly as uncollected garbage piles up on the streets. New budget cuts to be effected July 1 will slash the already gutted rat control program by 30 per cent, virtually eliminating its effect. In

Germany, rat control experts report rapid increases in rat populations with cuts in sanitation funds. In European ports, incoming ships are no longer carefully inspected, leading to rat multiplication in port cities. Rats are now seen in daylight in some parts of Berlin.

Uncontrolled rat populations grow astronomically — one rat has 80 to 90 offspring a year.

The uncontrolled growth of rat populations globally guarantees the swift spread of plague via rat-laden ships to the wharfs of major cities in Europe and the U.S. Once established in rat infested slum areas, the plague will rapidly develop sufficient momentum to spread elsewhere via the pneumonic mode. In this mode, plague is 100 per cent fatal in untreated cases and victims must be treated with antibiotics during the first 24 hours of the disease to give them any chance for survival.

The Pneumonic Variety

At the time of this writing it is virtually certain that the plague is spreading in Mandalay via the pneumonic mode. This creates the very real possibility that within the next month or two, a massive outbreak of pneumonic plague could develop throughout South Asia, spreading with deadly rapidity into the advanced sector on the basis of direct human to human spread. Since widespread antibiotic prophylaxis is used against a pneumonic plague outbreak, the possibility of development of drug resistant strains is high. In these conditions, and with the panic certain to accompany such a global pandemic, colossal death rates would be assured, extending upwards to a substantial fraction of the entire world population.

The immense threat of the direct spread of pneumonic plague is a function of the generally low resistance in the population brought about by declining nutritional levels. In the U.S., meat consumption has fallen by 15 per cent since 1971, in the same period it has fallen by more than 30 per cent in Germany and has nearly disappeared from the working class diet in Italy and Great Britain. Even in areas like Argentina, which recently enjoyed one of the most protein-rich diets in the world, catastrophic increases in meat prices (by more than twenty times in the past year and triple in the past two months alone) have caused working class meat consumption to drastically decline. It is this drop which makes the swine flu outbreak of such immediate danger as well. Given the existence of flu variety for which there is practically no existent natural immunity, and which in its general characteristics closely resembles the deadly 1918 variety, a generally underfed and debilitated population such as exists today can potentially suffer atrociously high death rates. Total case numbers may easily reach to one-half or more of the entire world population.

Other Disease.

By fall and early winter of 1976 these two diseases alone will be devastating the globe on a scale unheard of since the Middle Ages. And they will not be alone. The conditions which make plague and flu a threat — low nutritional levels, the disruption of the rural ecology and the breakdown of pest control and sanitation leading to massive increases in pest populations — have already given rise to a myriad of other diseases which are now spreading and growing rapidly.

In Northern Europe, the piling up of garbage and the elimination of dog control in many cities has led to a tremendous increase in the incidence of rabies. Rabies is spreading to the rural animal populations which infect other cities' dogs and rodents. As in the seventeenth century

Europe of the Thirty Years War, huge packs of wild, rabid dogs openly prowl the cities of England and have forced the closing of Schools. The British have belatedly recognized the rabies threat and the government has vowed efforts to destroy every wild animal within five miles of any rabies cases discovered — a program easier formulated than implemented. In France, parks have been closed for fear of rabid foxes, while in Germany rabies cases reported have increased by nearly 50 per cent in a year.

World wide anti-mosquito campaigns initiated after World War II have been severely curtailed by austerity-minded and debt-burdened governments, leading to the rise of a raft of diseases carried by these pests. Even the usually placid WHO noted the "alarming rate" of increase of malaria in the past twelve months. Between 1973 and 1975, malaria cases rose by 40 per cent a year in India, and are now running about double the 1975 level, with six or seven million cases expected at a minimum this year. Expanding mosquito populations have had more opportunity to develop insecticide-resistant strains, and there is now large scale resistance to DDT among South Asia mosquitoes. The malaria parasite itself, *Plasmodium falciparum*, is now resistant to most drugs used to treat it.

In Burma, Indonesia and Thailand, according to WHO, mosquitoes have caused a "great increase" of dengue hemorrhagic fever disease, a children's disease. In Brazil, a new and more deadly strain of encephalitis, also carried by mosquitoes, has developed in the Sao Paulo region, and death rates from encephalitis are now reported as exceptionally high. In the U.S. last year encephalitis cases doubled as a major epidemic swept through the midwest. This spring, as the weather gets warmer, encephalitis cases are again up.

The generally low levels of resistance have massively increased the outbreak of diseases which are spread directly through coughing, sneezing and contact in overcrowded living and working areas, and on packed commuting routes. In Brazil, meningitis, a frequently fatal inflammation of the membranes covering the nervous system, is running at nearly double spring, 1975 rates which themselves were four to five times higher than the epidemic levels of March 1974. Meningitis is also beginning to break out in Denmark and other parts of Northern Europe, in some cases in the wake of the flu, which by itself further weakened disease resistance. In West Germany diphtheria, and in the U.S. tuberculosis have reversed their long term decline and increased by more than 10 per cent in the past years. These are diseases normally contracted only under the most aggravated conditions of malnutrition and filth.

In the immediate future, this drop in resistance related to nutrition can only accelerate without massive upgrading of living standards worldwide, beginning with food consumption. The 30 per cent drop in fertilizer orders implies as much as a 15 per cent drop in per capita food supplies in the course of the next year. With the ongoing drought in the U.S. Midwest, a 4-5 per cent drop in per capita food production is in any case certain, even if fertilizer consumption rises. Such a drop would push global nutrition down to the level of the late 1940s — the lower standard seen in the twentieth century.

Sewer Breakdown

Simultaneous with the multiplication of diseases through the collapse of resistance and the spread of disease-carrying pests is the alarming increase in infections spread through the breakdown of the sewage systems, water supply and

food inspection systems through the advanced sector. These are the diseases which are contracted by contact with infected fecal material. A new wave of cholera, spread through infected water supplies, has begun to radiate out of Bangladesh, where a major epidemic raged through the fall of last year. Cholera has spread through all of Africa, and was carried by refugees from Angola to Portugal, where it continues to grow, and to Brazil, where it was introduced into the Western Hemisphere for the first time in 50 years. Throughout Latin America, the breakdown of both sewerage systems and vaccination has led to horrible rates of increase in polio, including a rise of more than 400 per cent a year in Brazil. In Italy, water supply systems dating from Roman times have not been even repaired for years, and water supply systems are ceasing to function for lack of fuel for pumps. Hepatitis has at least doubled in the region around Naples since 1975, as have paratyphoid and typhoid nationally.

In the U.S. a Hepatitis outbreak has been reported in San Francisco and traced to contaminated food, while food inspection programs have been shut down in Detroit. In West Germany, the same process has resulted in 50-100 per cent increases in the incidence of salmonella, a variety of food poisoning.

The most glaring illustration of the short distance between existing decrepit sewer systems in every advanced sector city and Third World conditions is the continuing typhoid epidemic in the Canadian town of St. Gabriel, near Montreal. Since a break in the sewer lines there last month, more than 200 typhoid cases have been reported. With the threatened closing, in the midst of the epidemic of the only clinic capable of treating typhoid fever, health authorities expect the outbreak to last six more months.

Experts in the U.S. have stated that more than 50 per cent of U.S. water supplies are already contaminated and many sewer systems are on the verge of collapse, while money for repairs is cut out of municipal budgets.

The shift to exponential growth rates, normally in excess of 100 per cent per year, of most of these diseases, indicates that the normal controls on their spread are no longer operative and that the spread is instead determined simply by the number of people already having the disease. That is, in many cases, no further drops in levels of nutrition, sewerage breakdowns, sanitation and pest control, etc. are necessary for continuing exponential increases. The holocaust is already becoming self-reinforcing, since each expansion strengthens the conditions for further expansion. Waves of disease decrease resistance to other diseases. Sewer breakdowns feed explosions in rat populations, and, as is already the case in Camden, New Jersey, hordes of rats prevent workers from repairing sewers.

Human diseases are matched by the spread of diseases in domestic animals, further destroying food production. Industrial production is disrupted by massive disease induced absenteeism, while speed up of the remaining workers, already at incredible rates, is pushed higher to compensate, weakening disease resistance still further. Finally, the social structure itself begins to disintegrate — trade is disrupted as quarantines multiply, panic and demoralization become generalized.

The 1918 Pandemics

The swiftness of this disruption is seen in the situation during 1918, when near-holocaust conditions were reached throughout the world in the wake of the austerity imposed on the working class after World War I. Then as now there was a

general collapse of food consumption, to approximately the same levels as today. Then as now this situation was aggravated in Europe by the failure of the potato crop.

The 1918 flu — also swine flu — most likely began in Asia, but like its 1976 counterpart was first discovered at a U.S. Army post. The flu started in March of 1918, then as now at the end of the usual winter flu season, and spread rapidly into Europe via U.S. troops, from there into Asia, and then back into the U.S. civilian population.

By July-August it had recrossed the Atlantic to infect the civilian populations of the U.S. East Coast ports, and thence to Alaska and Canada. By October 1918, the entire U.S. was engulfed in a major epidemic with soaring death rates. Emergency tent hospitals were set up. Libraries and other public areas were closed. Even barber shops were shut. The Army Sanitation Corps issued a general advisory to the population that "the universal practice of hand shaking should be stopped immediately." All police in Seattle and several other cities were required to wear face masks.

These precautions were to no avail. The New York City death rate from the disease soared to 800 per day; in Pennsylvania, 1000 died per day. By December, 20 million dead worldwide, one half million in the U.S.! In New York State alone, 20,000 had perished.

Meanwhile, bubonic plague ravaged South Asia, where more than a million died that year alone. The plague spread as well to Latin America and Africa. In the U.S., syphilis and measles reached epidemic proportions. (Last week, the worst measles outbreak in twenty years broke out on the East Coast hitting 2,500 children.)

Today, conditions for holocaust are actually even worse than in 1918, or in the period after World War II. No comfort can be derived from the fact that "we got through that, didn't we?" The human ecology today is in fact far more fragile and unstable than at any other time in its history.

In 1918, the development of a fullblown holocaust in the advanced world was held back by a number of circumstances. The widespread introduction of plague and other Third World diseases into Europe and the U.S. was prevented by a sanitation system and general urban infrastructure that, once the chaos of the war had ended, was not in bad shape, having been built in the immediate preceding period of growth. The same was to a large degree true in Latin America. Similarly, the advanced sector populations although ravaged by five years of austerity, had internal reserves accumulated by the preceding decades of generally high living standards. In addition, as the holocaust was gathering momentum, a rapid resumption of food production and other increases in the standard of living were enforced by the revolutionary upsurge of 1918-19.

Today, in many of the largest cities of the advanced world, such as New York, most of the buildings standing in 1918 still exist — sixty years older, more decayed and still uninhabited. Sewerage systems are in a similar state of decay. In Latin America and throughout the Third World, the same infrastructure, inadequate to start, serves populations which are double, triple and quadruple those of 1918 or even in some cases, those of 1948. The populations of both the advanced and underdeveloped sector has undergone two generations of stagnating economy and living standards.

While conditions were abominable in South Asia in 1918 the complete runaway spread of plague and other diseases, was prevented by the relatively gradual onset of the economic crises in those regions. A steady decline in food consumption, from already low levels set in the mid 1880's and plague

gradually built up over a twenty year period. During this time, human populations had the chance to gradually reacquire immunity to the diseases while over all resistance and nutrition was still high enough to prevent their unlimited spread. By the time starvation levels had been reached, and the plague had acquired pandemic momentum through a mass of infected individuals and rats, immunity levels were already moderately high.

The 1940s Holocaust

The present immense vulnerability of the world population to devastating pandemics can best be understood from looking at the process by which the last near holocaust period, that of the post-war 1940s, was ended. While there was some real improvement in the food situation after 1948, there is no doubt that abysmally low worldwide levels, far lower than those of 1918, would have been sufficient to trigger not only the mere resurgence of a disease, which occurred, but a total holocaust. Vigorous public health measures taken by bourgeois institutions during that period prevented such an eventuality. Rockefeller et al. were aware that the threat of the destruction of the entire workforces of West Europe and the Third World by disease would sabotage their plans for post-war American empire recovery. Experts in the Rockefeller Foundation, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, and later WHO, made clear that key epidemic diseases could temporarily be contained very cheaply. The methods proposed included controls on disease-spreading pests, vaccinations and other programs which were relatively inexpensive compared with the costs of actual increases in food consumption and living standards. In the five years after World War II, intensive measures for mosquito eradication were funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and rapidly lowered malaria rates, while other programs kept rat populations in check. In Europe, occupation authorities in Germany enforced rigorous delousing and sanitation measures at the same time they carried out vicious cuts in the food consumption of the population. With these methods, the threshold of consumption below which epidemics were inevitable was substantially lowered and barriers were put in the way of disease spread.

As a result, in the period from 1950-1970, disease rates from all infectious diseases were extremely low worldwide — despite the fact that general consumption levels did not recover to those of before the depression until the end of that period, and were below the levels of 1918 for more than a decade. Thus a generally debilitated population was protected by these public health measures from diseases, and grew less and less immune to the diseases which were more prevalent before World War II.

Today after five years of depression and the total breakdown of both nutritional levels and programs, rat control, vaccination, sanitation, sewerage maintenance, etc., an extremely unstable situation has resulted, in which natural immunity is practically non-existent, while the barriers to disease spread are no longer working. These are the conditions for an absolutely explosive spread of diseases across the globe, especially those, like the plague, which have been practically absent for decades. The only comparable situation is that of mid-fourteenth century Europe, when the

return of the plague after an absence of eight centuries left half of the population dead in two years.

Under these conditions, in which the remaining public health measures are quite literally the only thing standing between us and unlimited outbreaks of plague and a host of other deadly diseases, each dollar of cutbacks in municipal services, for sewerage, sanitation, hospitals, pest control, can be translated into deaths from outbreaks of disease.

Those who have slashed hospital funds, claiming that the hospitals were "under-utilized" will discover when hospitals are overflowing in the midst of major epidemics, exactly what the real cost of social services cuts are. But by that time, it will be far too late. Public health will have sunk back to the level of the Dark Ages.

An additional element of instability is the quality of development of international food production systems as compared to those of 1918 or 1948. Recovery of food production in these periods was relatively simple, and meant basically returning to use land which had been left fallow. Today, even full use of land available with existing supplies of fertilizer and machinery would result in a stagnant gross output and a declining per capita production. Massive additional inputs from industry are required. The disruption of urban-based industry will lead to a total collapse of agriculture and for the world population as a whole — a catastrophe worse than that of 1348-49.

Given this unstable situation, and the present already exponential growth of disease, a general ecological holocaust is a matter of months away, and the time available for its reversal daily growing shorter. Unless the minimum steps outlined in the ICLC World Health Emergency Brief emphatically including steps to increase food production, are taken, the situation will deteriorate with astonishing speed.

Within a month the plague now in Mandalay, probably already spreading pneumonically as well by bubonic-plague carrying rats, will have spread to Rangoon. Even if held up by the monsoon, which may slow its spread, by the end of summer or fall, plague outbreaks will occur in India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh where death rates will reach in the millions or tens of millions.

During the same period, the continued breakdown of sewerage and sanitation will lead to multiplying outbreaks of hepatitis, typhoid, encephalitis and malaria throughout the advanced world. Other deadly diseases which, like flu and pneumonic plague can spread directly, such as meningitis may have added to the growing toll of death.

By late fall or early winter, this disease-racked world population will be struck by the swine flu, and the spread of plague out of Asia through Naples, Genoa, Hamburg, San Francisco and other ports. Plague-carrying rats, and diseased people will spread the Black Death from these ports to inland, while others will with devastating speed carry it to airports and from there around the world. Under the dual impact of massively increasing epidemics and continued cuts, hospitals will become centers for the spread of disease rather than for its cure quarantines will multiply, disrupting world trade, which will cease as more and more foci for the spread of plague develop. Absenteeism will skyrocket, production will grind to a halt, vital services and food deliveries will begin to disintegrate. By mid-winter or, at the

latest early spring of 1977, the world will be enveloped in a nightmare of chaos and death.

If this catastrophe is allowed to occur, the toll will be higher than that of an all-out thermonuclear war. The combination of plague and other epidemics, famine and chaos will wipe out a third to a half of humanity within a year and a half. Nothing will prevent it from doing so. Within a few years the human species will be extinct.

The fact that for over a year the population of Northern Europe has been declining, that deaths exceed births by 30 per cent in Germany, England and Austria and that several hundred thousand people have been for the first time since the plague of 1666 actually wiped out by current conditions, should be sufficient warning that a violent drop in the level of the world population can be expected by disease unless action is taken now.

The existing responsible institutions, such as WHO are taking no action at all. WHO in fact is covering up epidemics — plague in Burma, cholera in Ethiopia, the plague and cholera in Brazil. minimal quarantine measures are not being taken or are being taken only on the initiative of the ICLC.

We still have time left to act. A global drive for sanitation measures, sewerage repair, rat and mosquito eradication, and vaccination can turn back the advance of diseases if it is implemented now, before the disruption becomes too great and before the unstoppable momentum of epidemic outbreaks is built up.

But these actions, however essential will be of no avail if the general resistance of the population remains low.

Menigitis and contagious diseases will continue to spread, the population remaining vulnerable to every outbreak. Without minimal increases in food production and consumption the fight against the holocaust is virtually impossible. This fact sets the most urgent deadline for the reversing of the holocaust — the possibility for increasing food supplies this year.

Minimal international consumption levels of 2400-2500 calories a day will necessitate shipments of 7 to 10 million tons of food per month to Third World areas. Present food reserves last only until September. Before May 15, additional fertilizer must be provided for the spring planting. Before mid-May, work must begin to convert auto plants for the production of tractors. This machinery will immediately be used to ensure a vastly expanded output of grain from the rich Argentinian pampas this fall and winter. Before the end of May, work must begin on the expansion of fertilizer production for 1977.

Several weeks delay on this program will mean an assured continued shortage of food through 1977, continued low resistance of the world population to disease and continued threat of unstoppable outbreaks of plague and other diseases. Under such conditions, human survival is at best unlikely.

In November, 1975, the ICLC warned that if the International Development Bank was not implemented by March 1976, crash programs would be necessary by May of this year to stave off holocaust. This estimate is more than ever confirmed. The next five weeks will determine the survival of humanity.

Plague Coverup Continues

USLP Declares World Health Emergency

April 11 (IPS) — All international agencies responsible for monitoring and controlling the spread of the bubonic plague epidemic now raging in Burma have not only failed to act, but are covering up the danger to humanity that now exists. No newspaper in North America or Western Europe has carried competent coverage of the plague or its threatened spread since the several language editions of *New Solidarity* exposed the fact one week ago.

The International Caucus of Labor Committees can now only estimate the speed with which the Burmese plague, which at last reports had struck nearly a thousand people in the city of Mandalay, is spreading. The United Nations' World Health Organization (WHO), the globe's chief disease-monitoring agency, has still not made a public statement on the existence of the Burmese epidemic, although plague experts at WHO's Geneva, Switzerland office have briefed the ICLC fully on their reports. The U.S. Public Health Service's Plague Center in Colorado claimed not to have heard of the outbreak which has reportedly killed 14 in Mandalay.

A plague specialist for the U.S. Public Health Service has said that "an epidemic of this size undoubtedly means progression from the bubonic to the pneumonic form." Pneumonic plague is even more deadly than bubonic and it is highly contagious since it can be spread directly from human to human by coughing. The specialist added that an outbreak like the Burmese epidemic has probably killed many more than the reported 14, and "could easily spread to Rangoon (Burma's chief city — Ed.) Banglades, India and beyond."

We have also confirmed that the world's population of rats — which are primarily responsible for the spread of the bubonic form of plague — has now expanded to 20 billion, five for every human being, and is growing beyond control as municipal services collapse.

Ships from Rangoon, where one rat in ten may now have the plague, dock at Oakland, California eight times a month. In San Francisco, a city adjacent to Oakland, cuts in funding have reduced the municipal Rat Control Department to a mere surveillance

agency which has stopped keeping records.

Under these circumstances, the ICLC and the U.S. Labor Party have declared a world health emergency, and have called upon the United Nations to undertake all appropriate measures to meet this emergency. The methods for containing and reversing the plague are known, and must be taken before this situation turns into a catastrophic global repetition of the Black Death which wiped out half of Europe in the 14th century. Unless Burma is declared a plague area by the WHO, the ships now on their way to the world's ports including Oakland will be permitted to land without any control for plague-infested rats.

Launch All-Out War

We must immediately launch an all-out war on the plague, a war against the advancing ecological holocaust. We cannot suicidally wait behind some Maginot line that protects the United States or the advanced sector while epidemics build up unstoppable momentum abroad. We must stop the advance of the enemy, and simultaneously build up our defenses in concentric circles around the weakest points against the spread of diseases — adequate food supplies to increase resistance, pest control, sanitation and medical services. The establishment of the minimum standard of living necessary to restart economic development is now also the absolute precondition for stopping the holocaust — it is a matter of life and death.

At this moment the first priority, the point of maximum danger, is Burma. The World Health Organization must at once dispatch a competent team of experts to accurately assess the situation and report back within days. But even before that, on the basis of present inadequate information the following urgent steps must be now undertaken through WHO and with the cooperation of the Burma government.

An international emergency coordinating body, an Emergency Health Commission, must be set up at once to control the dispatch of aid to Burma and other threatened areas, with expert representatives from WHO and other concerned international organizations such as the United Nations, plus the key

countries which will supply the bulk of aid. The United States government must take the leading role in supplying the financial and material basis for this aid, as the country most able to do so. The Commission must be supplied with initial funding of at least \$10 billion for its first year of work.

Such a Commission must organize the following aid:

A thousand tons of food a day must be rushed to Burma, to raise nutritional levels there to a minimum of 2,400 to 2,500 calories per day.

Several thousand tons of insecticide must be dispatched to supply a systematic campaign of flea eradication, to break the transmission of bubonic plague from rats to human beings via the insects. With the cooperation of local authorities, tens of thousands of Burmese must be organized to spread the insecticides through every block of Mandalay, Rangoon, and other potential areas of disease spread.

If pneumonic plague, which travels directly from human to human, has already broken out, the only means of stopping its spread is massive antibiotic treatment of the entire population of the affected cities; 10 to 15 tons of tetracycline would be immediately required. Such action would risk the development of drug-resistant strains of plague, but would nonetheless be the only means of turning back the immediate global danger of worldwide pneumonic plague.

Medical teams and mobile hospitals equipped with the necessary antibiotics and other supplies must be dispatched to treat all existing cases of plague, to deal with other epidemic diseases now raging in the area such as cholera and malaria and to supervise monitoring and control of the plague.

Strict inspection of all ships leaving Rangoon and de-ratting of all contaminated ships must be begun. Sufficient numbers of patrol boats must be supplied to Burma to totally cutoff the booming smuggling traffic which will otherwise become the main route for the spread of plague beyond Burma's borders.

Only after the fleas have been wiped out and the disease brought under immediate control will it be possible — and necessary — to institute sweeping

rat-elimination programs. If we act before that, plague-carrying fleas will leave dead rats for human hosts in droves.

These steps, if implemented at once, will turn back the immediate threat of a global plague pandemic and gain time for broader actions.

Simultaneous with the Burma program, similar crash efforts must be opened in the regions that most directly threaten to become focal points for plague and other epidemics: the rest of Southeast Asia, Bangladesh, the African Sahel, Brazil, Central America, and southern Italy. In each case, the emergency program will be similar to that of Burma — food, medicine, pest control — but will be modified to deal with the diseases determined to be the most dangerous in each locale. But in all areas, the major avenues of global dissemination of disease must be wiped out, above all, the rats and fleas which spread plague. And in all areas, food supplies sufficient to maintain a minimum diet of 2,400 to 2,500 calories a day must be provided. Total supplies of seven to ten million tons of grain, especially wheat, a month are required.

Spreading out behind the leading edge of such emergency measures, large-scale preventive programs must be organized to eliminate the conditions which cause ecological breakdown and the spread of epidemics. The pitifully inadequate WHO monitoring system

must be expanded to make it capable of detecting and responding to any epidemic outbreak anywhere in the world within days.

A global program of rat clearance and pest control must be established, generally administered by the individual countries, but with financial aid and cooperation from the Emergency Health Commission, with the aim not of merely controlling rat populations, but of eliminating them from every city. Such international aid must also be given for the establishment of adequate garbage collection systems and the supply of necessary equipment to eliminate the waste supplies on which rats feed. Sewerage systems must be repaired where they exist and emergency systems set up where none exist. Monthly or even more frequent inspection and de-ratting of all registered ships must be vigorously enforced.

Global vaccination against the expected influenza epidemic and against other preventable diseases such as polio, diphtheria, measles, etc., must be initiated with the goal of total immunization of threatened populations in the next year to 18 months.

Debt Moratoria Crucial

Such programs in both the advanced and underdeveloped countries require immediate financial and productive prerequisites. A debt moratorium on all municipal, regional, and international

government debt must be agreed to at once. Second, the productive resources necessary to support this program and the longer-term requirements of housing construction, urban renovation, sanitation construction, etc. must be mobilized. In particular, the absolute necessity for maintaining a minimal global consumption of 2,400 to 2,500 calories per day can be met out of existing grain reserves for only a period of four to five months. Within the next month urgent measures must be taken to increase fertilizer supplies to enlarge the grain crops in the advanced countries for food supplies in the fall. Similarly, tractor production and auto-tractor conversion must be undertaken immediately to prepare for the expansion of the Argentine southern hemisphere grain crop to be planted this fall, to ensure continued food supplies in the winter and spring. Without such a policy of expanded production, necessitating the preliminary implementation of the programs proposed in the International Development Bank plan, all immediate measures against the spread of disease will be futile.

Action must be taken at once — each day's delay increases the chance that present epidemics will become uncontrollable. This threat is already present in Burma, with the possibility of rapid spread of plague in pneumonic form and evolution of drug-resistant disease varieties. Delay means death.

USLP Vice-Presidential Candidate Evans Calls For "State of National Health Emergency"

April 17 (IPS) — As a hepatitis epidemic claiming 45 victims so far broke out in Oakland, Calif. this week, the Environment Protection Agency reported that at least half of the U.S. population is drinking contaminated water resulting from current waste disposal practices. Vice Presidential candidate Wayne Evas called here today for the immediate declaration of a "State of National Health Emergency." The Oakland epidemic and the EPA report are a grave signal to the population of the United States: the barriers to the spread of disease, controls of contamination of food and water, which separate the United States from the conditions of disease and holocaust now sweeping the Third World, are broken down.

"Banker-enforced municipal, state and federal budget cuts and the gutting of living standards have eliminated all barriers to the global spread of epidemic diseases," Evans said, "barriers which have previously separated the U.S. from a Brazilian holocaust. Unless immediate steps are taken to restore the nation's health system to 1971 levels, and matched with concomitant increases in the standard of living, America, the most advanced industrial nation in the world, will be plunged into a Dark Age of pestilence, disease and death. The world's most productive working class will be destroyed, and with it the possibility of implementing any program to solve the world economic crisis. Such a development would lead directly to the end of human existence as we know it."

In a statement released today with his emergency call, Evans outlined the parameters of the U.S. health emergency.

North American workers are now being subjected to conditions of intensified industrial speedup and living standards cuts which have drastically reduced the resistance of the population to disease. Tuberculosis, a disease which has historically spread only under the worst circumstances of malnutrition and filth, has risen 10 per cent in the U.S. over the last year. Meningococcal meningitis and typhoid fever, which are ravaging in Brazil, have increased by 27 and 32 per cent respectively in the U.S. over the same period of time.

Water and Sanitation Collapse

Moreover, the disintegration and impending collapse of the sanitation and water systems of North America's urban centers brings this continent's population face to face with Third World conditions of disease spread by contaminated water sources. In Brazil, the incidence of the dreaded poliomyelitis, spread through fecal contamination of human drinking water, has jumped an alarming 400 per cent over the past year. Typhoid fever has become a common problem in the crowded slums of Northeastern Brazil, and the recent Brazilian cholera epidemic marks the first appearance of this water-borne killer disease in the Western hemisphere in 50 years.

According to a recently released Environmental Protection Agency report localities in every part of the U.S. have suffered contamination of their ground water as a result of waste disposal practices. Ground water is the source of drinking water for at least half of the U.S. population. The report named New York and New Jersey among the states in which contamination is most significant and stated that "monitoring of potential sources of ground water contamination is almost non-existent." In major cities, less than 40 per cent of children have been inoculated against polio and

other diseases which will soon be spreading through contaminated water.

This month's breakdown of the municipal sanitation system in St. Gabriel, Quebec, which led to a contamination of the town's water supply and the outbreak of over 200 cases of typhoid fever is a sign of near future conditions for the entire continent. St. Gabriel health officials themselves noted that such an epidemic could occur from a breakdown of the decrepit water and sewage systems anywhere in Canada.

Barriers Down

Bankrupt municipalities are destroying the last remaining barriers to the spread of epidemic diseases from the Third World. Rat and pest control programs are going by the boards in budget-slashing sprees in city after city. Hospital and ambulance services are being cut to the bone. Port and ship inspection to prevent the spread of diseased animals and contagious human beings into the U.S. have been virtually suspended.

The rat population of Brazil, a rapidly developing focus for the international spread of bubonic plague, has already exploded out of control. In Sao Paulo, a major industrial city at the nation's crossroads, and in the port of Recife, the rat population outnumbers the human 10-15 times. The spread of plague-carrying rats from this area of Latin America into major U.S. cities can proceed virtually unimpeded by inspection efforts. Once in American ports, plague carrying rats will infect U.S. rat populations which are themselves running wild.

Up to 1971, all ships incoming to the U.S. were inspected for human contagious diseases and pests such as rats. Now, because of drastic cuts in manpower and funding, only 2 per cent of the ships are inspected. The U.S. Labor Party learned this week from domestic plague experts that the main bulwark against plague infestation of the nation's port cities has been the refusal of longshoremen to handle rat-infested ships.

Plague will be carried into the U.S. on uninspected aircraft as well. According to a Portland airline stewardess, Pan American airlines has issued a memo to all employees and flight crews coming from the Orient warning them not to rest on the floors of the planes, as is the usual practice on long flights, because of the danger of plague-carrying fleas.

Should infectious diseases spread from the Third World into North America under present conditions disaster will result. The food monitoring and health services designed to check them have been collapsed by budget cuts. A growing hepatitis epidemic in Oakland, already entailing 45 cases, originated from a visibly jaundiced bakery worker and spread through a dozen food shops supplied by the bakery. If there remained a semblance of a food inspection system in the region, this worker would have been spotted and the outbreak averted. In Detroit half the food inspectors have been laid off through budget cuts leaving the city open to similar outbreaks of hepatitis, typhoid, salmonella and other diseases.

Proposals to close all of New York's public hospitals will bring public health services to the collapsed state where as in Brazil, the over-crowded system spreads rather than fights disease. Hospital related services such as ambulance transport are in complete disarray. Waiting time for the transfer of critically ill patients to the hospitals in New York frequently runs up to eight hours.

New York City: Death By Fire Or Rats

NEW YORK, April 17 (IPS) — Health officials here admitted this week that banker-dictated budget cuts have collapsed the city's health system to levels seen previously only in the devastated Mezzogiorno region of southern Italy or in the Third World.

Deputy Health Commissioner Jean Cropper told a U.S. Labor Party representative that his department has drawn up a list of "rock bottom" service levels below which the city's health system would be totally ineffectual. "If they cut below these levels," Cropper said, "we won't go to work... it would be no use..." The entire health system would be shut down leaving the seven million people of the world's largest metropolis defenseless against plague-bearing rats and epidemics of infectious disease.

City officials report that other city services are in worse shape. In the first three months of this year, nearly 50 people died in fires — twice as many as all of last year. Whole blocks in ghettos are being burned to the ground almost daily, leaving families out in the street. Rat control programs have already been cut to the point of being ineffectual. Sanitationmen report that rats "are everywhere;" packs roam freely among the piles of uncollectable garbage in the ghettos of the city's five boroughs. Overall, city services have been slashed by 20-25 per cent, in less than one year of banker-enforced austerity.

The banker's debt collectors, the Emergency Financial Control Board and their political toady boys, Governor Hugh Carey and Mayor Abe Beame, have criminally covered-up the real extent of the city's collapse as they prepare to administer the next ratchet in budget cutbacks. On April 13, Beame announced his 1976-77 budget, calling for \$270 million in new cuts, slashing services by an additional 10 per cent. It is no secret where the money will go: 20 per cent of the city's \$12 billion budget Beame reported is debt service to the New York banks.

There are only two possible outcomes to the city's crisis. Either there is a moratorium on its \$13 billion in outstanding debt and the immediate restoration of essential city services to 1971 levels; or in a matter of months the city will collapse into a holocaust comparable to 14th century Europe, its inhabitants left to die in fires, or killed by rats and disease.

Death by Rats

With an immediate threat of an explosion in the city's already enormous rat population, rat control programs are slated for additional cutbacks. A projected 30 per cent cutback will reduce the target area for the program from 1900 square blocks to less than 1300 square blocks — effectively ceding whole areas of the ghetto to the rats.

As Health Officials admitted, the public health system is totally unable to meet the threat of serious outbreaks of disease, much less deal with the plague threat posed by the destruction of rat control. "It's like the snake pit," one official said referring to the conditions of municipal medical facilities. The hospitals, their staffs and equipment cutback, have themselves become disease breeding and transmission points.

To meet new budget requirements, Health Commissioner Lowell Bellin, the man appointed to dismantle the city health

care system has proposed the closing of all public hospitals. Bellin supported his policy by claiming that the collapsing and expensive private hospital system could more efficiently handle the city's sick. As Bellin's own second level officials have pointed out, the closing of the city's public hospitals would leave nearly two million people for whom the municipal hospitals are the only source of cheap medical treatment, without any medical care whatsoever.

The department has also been ordered to carry out drastic cuts in community health clinic programs, TB and venereal disease monitoring programs and to stay within their banker dictated budget guidelines.

Death by Fire

Cutbacks in fire protection have lengthened the time it takes to respond to an alarm, contributing to sharp rises in both deaths and injuries from fires.

Seven people died in two ghetto fires last Tuesday night. According to firemen at the scene of both fires, the dead "never had a chance." In a fire in a Brooklyn ghetto, firemen found two children in a small room choked to death by smoke. Their mother and another child were found side-by-side on the floor next to a door. One fireman interviewed by a local television station said angrily, "There was no way out here. These goddamn buildings are not made to get out of... something has to be done about them or the whole area will burn and these people with it. Don't they (the city) understand?"

Three weeks ago, Atlanticist banker and Big MAC chairman Felix Rohatyn proposed what he called a novel solution to deal with the city crisis. The ghettos should be razed, he told the New York Times, and then blacktopped over. The first part of Rohatyn's plan is being accomplished: the ghettos are being razed along with their inhabitants.

Casualty rates have soared among the undermanned and overworked fire crews. At the present rate, approximately 60 per cent of all firemen will suffer serious injuries sometime this year. At a recent funeral in Queens for a fireman killed in the line of duty, firefighters gathered around Labor Party organizers for a briefing on the international battle for debt moratorium and the New York budget crisis. The widow came to the organizers, telling her husband's comrades "They are right. They are right. Austerity killed my husband."

Rage Just Beneath the Surface

When Mayor Beame arrived at the scene of a killer fire a few weeks ago, he had to be protected by a phalanx of armed police, as angry residents shouted, "Murderer! You butcher, how dare you show your face here!" A city councilman reports that most state and city legislators cannot safely return to their districts after acquiescing to the banker's ordered austerity, their constituents might do them physical harm.

Fear of this rage forced state legislators this week to pass legislation over Governor Carey's veto that will force the allocation of an additional \$150 million to restore cuts in the city school budget — the first override of the governor's veto in more than 104 years and, more significantly, the first open

act of legislative rebellion against the dictates of the banks and the EFCB.

Beame, in a tirade scripted by the banks, threatened that he would make "drastic and senseless cuts" in city services if he is forced to carry out the so-called 'Stavisky Bill's' mandate. "I will rip up city services," he pledged while simultaneously announcing his intention to challenge the legality of the legislation — on the grounds that the EFCB has full jurisdiction over the city's finances.

Carey and Beame have tried to use the chaos created by the bill's failure to specify where the money should come from to set each city department, and union at each others throat protecting "their turf" from new cuts. Some unionists, however, won't fall for this con game. When asked which department he thought should be cut to pay for the Stavisky bill, John May head of the Transit Patrolman's Benevolent Assn. replied, "No services should be cut. None at all." The fireman's Union has also said that none should be cut.

Neither those unions nor second-level city bureaucrats who oppose austerity are yet willing to wage a political battle to take the money for education and other services from the only place it can be taken — the bankers debt service. Instead many are begging for a few crumbs from the murderers who run the city. After making known the Health

Department's "rock bottom" list, Deputy Commissioner Cropper refused to go to the bourgeois press with the information. "We don't want to wreck our delicate negotiations with the city."

It is impossible to negotiate with fascists.

"I get a lot of people coming into my office," City Budget Director Donald Kummerfeld said in a recent newspaper interview, "They say well, I know the city has problem's...But you can't close this school. You can't possibly eliminate that tropical disease center..." Kummerfeld, the fascist bureaucrat simply tells them they must be shut down, "Some people are so distraught," he says, "when they find out the cold reality, that they literally weep in my office."

The members of the EFCB, Big MAC, their political towel boys like Carey and Beame in the state and city political machinery, their hatchet men in the city and state bureaucracies are mass murderers. Their implementation of austerity to guarantee the repayment of the bankers' debt has killed tens of thousands already, approximately one person for every \$15,000 in budget cuts or at least 80,000 people. Now they threaten the entire population of the city. These murderers must be removed from positions of power, indicted and tried for their crimes.

Health Officials Hide Behind Professionalism

NEW YORK, April 15 (IPS) — A top health professional in the New York City Department of Health told a U.S. Labor Party spokesman today that "if the budget cuts go beyond a certain level, we will not work; we will not compromise our personal and professional integrity."

Deputy Commissioner of Health Jean Cropper made the statement in a meeting today that included John Marr, the head of the city's Infectious Disease Monitoring unit, Randy Dupree, head of the city's Rat Control division, and two of Cropper's aides. Cropper had set up the meeting after a telephone briefing from the U.S. Labor Party's Ned Rosinsky, M.D., on the world emergency and the immediate danger of the plague spreading. In addition to the health officials, Cropper brought a recording secretary who took stenographic notes on Rosinsky's remarks.

During the course of the meeting, Rosinsky appealed to their professional integrity to stop the health emergency by backing the USLP proposed debt moratorium. After Rosinsky's detailed report on the plague outbreak and the potential holocaust here in the United States, the officials chorused: "What does this have to do with New York City? We can't do anything about these other things."

As soon as Rosinsky began to describe the rat problem in New York, there was immediate agreement among the health officials: "Things are worse here than in the rest of the country." With some pride, Rat Control official Dupree described how his unit had managed to survive the first rounds of the budget cuts without reducing the critical 1,900 square block slum area in their target program: "I've been able to get one man to do the work of four in rat control."

But with the next round of federal and city cuts in July, 30 per cent of the rat control budget will go. Dupree acknowledged that no more speedup was possible and that at least 300 square blocks (and possibly up to 700) would have to be dropped.

The disastrous consequences of these cuts, the horror of a rat explosion in the worst slum areas, was discussed for several minutes. Then Marr, the head of the Infectious Disease Monitoring unit told Rosinsky, "So what. There's no

danger of plague here in New York. We have the wrong kind of fleas." To back up this ridiculously unscientific assertion, Dupree then produced an article written by plague expert Dr. Poland in 1968 which said that the likelihood of plague spreading from parts of Vietnam to the U.S. were small because of rat eradication programs, mass vaccinations, and thorough checking of ships in the ports here and in Vietnam.

Rosinsky patiently outlined how at this point none of these necessary precautions were being taken, and how if they called Dr. Poland right then he would warn them as he had told the Labor Party that there is real danger of importing plague from Burma via Indonesia, India, etc. As for the fleas, if plague-stricken rats arrive in the port of New York, their fleas are the ones that will spread plague and infect New York's indigenous "Norwegicus" rat population.

There was a long silence. Rosinsky told the health officials that the cuts were going to get worse and worse, but that they as professionals could fight back by backing a debt moratorium. Immediately after the mention of debt moratorium, Marr got up and left saying, "This really isn't my area . . . I have other things to do." The two assistants to the Deputy Commissioner shuffled papers and mumbled, "We don't have to hear this."

The Deputy Commissioner himself walked around the room agitatedly telling Rosinsky: "This is beyond my area of expertise. We can't deal with financial matters . . . That's political, and the Hatch Act says we can't do it . . . We'll all lose our jobs."

After Rosinsky told Cropper that the Labor Party could take the health officials' statements on the existing health emergency to the press and to the population, the Deputy Commissioner became hysterical. "We can't possibly do that in the middle of the budget discussions . . . The existence of our 'rock bottom' service list is secret . . ."

Later that afternoon when reporters from Associated Press and WNEW radio station called Cropper's office to ask about the health emergency, they were told: "The Labor Party says plague will come to New York but it won't happen; we have the wrong kinds of rats and fleas."

Wall Street's Ventriloquists Control Democratic Party

April 16 (IPS)—The domestic and foreign policy positions of all the contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination are virtually identical for no accidental reason. All of the Mickey-Mouse contenders enjoy the “advice” of the same advisors; all of the advisors enjoy employment by the same groupings of Wall Street financiers at the same so-called “think-tanks.” This group of “expert” ventriloquists occupies virtually all important positions on the party's foreign policy, domestic policy and other task forces. Regardless of who becomes the Democratic candidate, these “experts” will write the “platform” on which the candidate will campaign and will put the words into the candidate's mouth. The policy of the “official” Democratic Party is thus whatever Wall Street wants it to be. Leeway for “policy debate” exists only within the parameters set by this grouping of experts—thus the current debate about how to enact and implement a national slave labor employment and incomes program.

On March 31, for example, Barry Boswerth of Wall Street's Brookings Institution think-tank informed a reporter that the think-tank considered the Humphrey-Hawkins “full employment” legislation for slave-labor full employment to be flawed: “In its present form, Humphrey-Hawkins should not be passed. Unless you have wage controls, any full employment program is inflationary.”

The next day's Washington Post editorial attacked Humphrey-Hawkins as “inflationary;” that week, former Georgia governor Jimmy Carter denounced Humphrey-Hawkins as “inflationary.” This week Hobart Rowan's Washington Post column discovered that Jimmy Carter is for wage-price controls, too, but “doesn't want it widely known yet.” “Most of Carter's economic policy comes from Brookings Institution,” admitted his campaign manager. Brookings also provides advisors to every other presidential candidate.

In late February, Jimmy Carter delivered a “major foreign policy address” authored for him by Zbigniew Brzezinski, former CIA advisor now heading the Rockefeller brothers' Trilateral Commission. “In his speech,” said Alex Seith, Deputy Chairman of the party's Foreign Policy Advisory Board, “Carter took positions at the core of the papers being circulated by the party's policy task forces... about cutting \$6-8 billion out of the defense budget (relating to “bureaucracy” — ed.). It was based on a Brookings analysis.” Zbigniew Brzezinski is also the foreign policy advisor to Hubert Humphrey.

Here is a sampling of the backgrounds of the various Wall Street “ventriloquists” who are actually speaking whenever Jimmy Carter, Rep. Morris Udall, Sen. Henry Jackson, etc. open their mouths:

***George W. Ball**—co-chairman of the Democratic Party's North Atlantic Study Group: Ball, who heads up the International Division of the Wall Street investment banking

firm of Lehman Bros. was a director of the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey, chief protagonists of using the A-bomb on Japan. Ball served as Under-secretary of State in the Kennedy administration. A chief architect of U.S. financiers' Atlanticist policy, Ball recently proposed an “explicitly fascist solution” to the Italian crisis in a February speech to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. Understandably, no presidential contender has yet publicly called for “fascism” in Italy in this way.

* **Samuel Huntington**—chairman of the Democratic Party's Defense and Arms Control Study Group. Huntington is best known for his creation of the genocidal “strategic hamlets” counterinsurgency technique pioneered in Vietnam. He has been associated with all top think-tanks, including Brookings Institution, the New York Council on Foreign Relations, and the Institute for Strategic Studies. His most recent activities include participation in the Murphy Commission, which blueprinted the recent centralization of the intelligence community under the guise of “reform.” Huntington's qualifications as a top adviser to Democrats is best highlighted by a major study he did last year for the Trilateral Commission on whether democracies are governable. Huntington's conclusion? “No.”

***Zbigniew Brzezinski**—member of several Democratic Party foreign policy study groups. Brzezinski is one of the cabal's chief Sovietologists, and currently presides over both the Rockefeller-funded Russian Studies Institute at Columbia University and David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission. In addition to advising Hubert Humphrey, Brzezinski's job has been to teach Jimmy “Born Again” Carter something about foreign affairs. Brzezinski wrote a “major foreign policy” address Carter gave to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations in late Feb. in which he called for the US to help “liberate” Eastern Europe.

***Orville Freeman**—serves on the International Economy Study Group, with special emphasis on agriculture in the developing sector. Freeman succinctly stated his attitude toward the developing sector when he declared to an interviewer: “If one Third World country declares a debt moratorium, it will be turned into a hole in the ground. Credits and imports will be shut off. But if a group of Third World nations goes for a debt moratorium, then there will be economic chaos, fascism and war.” A former Secretary of Agriculture, Freeman now directs Business International, a New York-based clearinghouse for the multinationals.

***Nicholas Katzenbach**—member of the Democratic Party's Foreign Policy Task Force. Katzenbach held various posts in the Justice Department during the Kennedy-Johnson era, leading to Attorney-General in 1965. He performed such a top-notch job in helping Robert Kennedy refurbish the Justice Department along sophisticated counterinsurgency lines that he was jumped up to Under Secretary of State. The real father of the Law Enforcement Assistance Ad-

ministration (LEAA), Katzenbach is now Vice President of IBM, which runs the largest private intelligence operation in the world, including much of the in-plant "kapo" network in the U.S.

***John Kenneth Galbraith**—member, of the Democratic Party's Foreign Policy Task Force. A well-known "liberal" economist and leading advocate of corporatist (fascist) "reforms," he was the real mastermind behind former President Nixon's wage-freeze following the Aug. 15, 1971 international monetary collapse. Galbraith's background includes a stint with the Strategic Bombing Survey, membership on Fortune Magazine's editorial board, and an administrator of the war-time Office of Price Information.

***Robert Nathan**—co-chairman of the party's Domestic Task Force Economy Study Group, Nathan has a long history of

advocacy of corporatist economic programs dating from the New Deal, including a stint as the head of the RAND Institute on Urban Affairs. He was principal mover behind the Democratic Party's adoption of a Brazilian-style "incomes" policy, which would tie cost-of-living increases to proportionally greater speed-up. Nathan is a trustee of Wall Street's economic policy think-tank, the Committee for Economic Development, and belongs to the New York Council on Foreign Relations.

Other members of the Democratic Party's task forces include former Secretary of Defense **Clark Clifford**; former Secretary of the Air Force **Paul Nitze**; former Secretary of Labor **Willard Wirtz**, whose just-published book demands the substitution of menial jobs for a high school education; UAW President **Leonard Woodcock**; and **Morton Halperin** of the CIA's "Counter—Spy" network.

The Strike Wave In The U.S.

NEW YORK, April 16 (IPS) — Warning of the threat of a nationwide strike wave, Secretary of Labor W.J. Usery yesterday said that "in this year of heavy contract bargaining involving more than 8 million workers, it is in the mutual interest of labor, management, and the community to avoid strikes." Usery, whose business it is to enforce wage austerity agreements, defended the settlement he imposed in the nationwide teamsters contract, which granted a \$1.65 per hour wage increase, an unlimited cost-of-living escalator clause (COL), and \$17 per week in increased benefits, saying, "The trucking decision with the teamsters was a little high, but a long strike would have been disastrous." He further called for changes in state laws banning public employee strikes, "since strikes occur anyway", avoiding head-on confrontation with unions must be the nation's paramount goal.

The following report on the rapid escalation of strikes in the U.S. and Canada, which was compiled by the U.S. Labor Party's North American Operations Center for use in Europe, confirms Usery's assessment that a major strike wave is growing in North America. What is more, the report indicates workers are winning significant wage gains in defiance of bankers' demands for austerity, and they are receiving broad and often active support in their strike struggles from other unions and the unemployed.

In the three weeks since the teamster accord, we have witnessed a rapid escalation in the number and intensity of strikes both in the U.S. and Canada. The teamster settlement has proved to be the catalyst for scores of trade union contract negotiations across the country. Significantly, with the exception of only a few small industrial strikes in the Boston sub-region in and around Hartford, Connecticut, most of the strikes are offensive in nature. In short, we are seeing a strong, three-fold pattern emerging in the building mass strike wave.

1. Wage Demands

The first pattern reflects contract settlements in the range of 20 to 30 per cent in the U.S. and somewhat higher in Canada.

* In Hartford, 5,800 Avco workers, organized by the UAW voted to give strike authorization last week in an effort to speed up contract talks. Yesterday, they voted not to strike, accepting a 21 per cent wage increase over two years plus a Cost of Living (COL) clause.

* In Milwaukee, the sanitation workers settled after having worked without a contract since Jan. 1975. They won a 20 per cent wage increase over two years, with the first 10 per cent retroactive through last year.

* In Philadelphia, approximately 300 members of the International Watchmens Association settled a three-hour strike which exploded on April 15. The watchmen won \$1.22 an hour in wages and improvements in working conditions. Teamster local 479, representing 400 cement truck drivers, is now striking for a new contract. They are demanding exactly what the International Teamsters won — \$1.65 an hour wage increase, \$17 a week in health and pension benefits and an unlimited COL. It is reported that the strike will shut down several major construction sites within days.

* In the Northwest, IAM (machinists) workers recently settled for the same package as the teamsters.

* In Canada, 4,000 miners in the United Steelworkers Union had their contract providing a 43 per cent wage increase over three years rolled back by the Anti-Inflation Board (AIB). 800 miners at the Ontario site immediately struck. This is the first strike challenge to the AIB, which has rolled back over 150 settlements in the past months.

* In Quebec, the fact-finding board set up under the legislation banning teachers demonstration strikes came out with a recommendation yesterday for a 17 per cent bonus in a desperate effort to cool down the explosive situation in the province. 90,000 teachers and 50,000 hospital workers struck April 13 in defiance of the provincial government's ban on strikes.

* In Vancouver, the 5,000 man Teamsters local 31 settled for a two year contract, gaining a 36 per cent wage increase. The strike lasted three weeks.

* The Akron Beacon Journal quotes Merrill Lynch analysts as predicting that the United Rubber Workers are likely to win a major victory nationally with a 39 per cent wage increase plus COL when its present contract expires April 21.

* In Kansas City, over 6,000 carpenters are striking for a \$1.00 an hour wage increase over two years; 2,000 carpet-layers are out.

* In St. Louis, 2,000 Wagner electric workers are on strike for unlimited COL plus a significant wage increase. There are also several other smaller strikes including a 700-man OCAW (chemical workers) strike.

* In New York City, 20,000 members of the Service Employees International Union (building and elevator workers) have given strike authorization demanding a \$60 a week wage increase or 25 per cent over one year. The strike is set for May 4. Several hundred members of the United Transit Workers Union won an unexpected 18 per cent wage increase retroactive over the past two years.

2. Strike Support

The second emergent pattern of the strikes is the tremendous amount of cross-union strike support exemplified by the support given the San Francisco craft workers by the Transit Workers Union.

* In Kansas City, where there are nearly 14,000 on strike, 2,600 meatcutters are on strike for a wage demand of 25 per cent over two years. Their strike has won the support of 4,000 retail clerks who refuse to cross the picket lines of striking meat-cutters. The strike action has closed down most of the city's grocery stores. Kansas City firefighters are threatening to strike next week in an effort to fight proposed cutbacks. Planning to join them are 500 municipal AFSCME workers. The firefighters union President told organizers that the unions were banding together in a possible move to recall the "strikebreaking" mayor.

* In St. Louis, where 10-13,000 workers are on strike, 7,000 teamsters employed at the Anheuser-Busch brewery are in their fourth week of a walkout in support of pickets set up at their plant by striking Anheuser-Busch workers from the Florida plant. This unprecedented strike support action is continuing strongly despite the fact that the workers at the

St. Louis complex settled for a 30 per cent wage increase over three years plus COL. 3,000 teamster distributors of Anheuser-Busch products also went out in support. One teamster picket said, "It's our fight in San Francisco," before organizers could brief them on the strike action there.

* In Philadelphia, the watchmen's strike was supported by 3,000 longshoremen who would not cross the picket lines and teamsters who would not make deliveries. The support of the longshoremen came as a surprise since the watchmen were used as scabs on the longshoremen during their strike some months ago.

* In Meriden, Conn., teachers were locked out as a result of having their just-concluded settlement ripped up by the city administrators. On April 10, the AFSCME workers, including both sanitation and highway workers refused to cross the picket lines and are out in support of the strike. The city council hired private garbage collectors who, when con-

fronted by pickets, joined the strikers in sympathy.

3. Contracts Re-Opened

The third emerging pattern is union efforts to catch up in light of contract gains being won by other unions. Unions are threatening to or have reopened their contract for renegotiation for a new settlement.

* In Milwaukee, 3,500 IAM workers at a 6,000-man Ladish machine tool plant, also organized by the UAW, have voted to strike in the middle of their contract in order to add a 10 per cent wage increase to their present contract. The local already has unlimited COL.

* In Seattle, a meeting of regional postal workers has reportedly voted strike authorization to its leadership, threatening to break the three-year contract in an effort to fight speedup. The Northwest is the site where the infamous "Kokomo" post office speedup plan is to be implemented by the summer.

Rockefeller, NSC Act To Upset Lebanon Accord

Lebanese Falange, Peres Keep Nuclear Threat Alive

April 18 (IPS) — Bloody new provocations by Lebanese and Israeli right-wing forces sponsored by Rockefeller, Henry Kissinger, and the National Security Council threatened this weekend to set off an uncontrollable chain reaction in the Middle East leading to a thermonuclear holocaust. The provocations, by the fanatic Lebanese Falangists and by extremist Zionists controlled by Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres, were directed to upset an extremely fragile political accord emerging in Lebanon as the result of parallel interventions into the Middle East by the Soviet Union, the French Gaullists, and the Ball-Harriman wing of the Atlanticists.

The continued commitment by the Rockefeller forces to push the Middle East to the brink of nuclear war is the most dangerous application of a policy of deliberately provoking regional confrontations around the globe. This insane policy, recently enunciated by Kissinger in an April 16 speech to the Rotary Club in Phoenix, Arizona, includes backing up a conventional arms buildup with the NATO nuclear arsenal in a series of local conflicts to confront "Soviet power." Together with the resurrected "Schlesinger Doctrine" of limited nuclear warfare, the Kissinger policy threatens to spread from the Middle East, already at the boiling point, to Latin America and southern Africa. Further, the Middle East crisis is being used as a rationale for a Rockefeller-NATO military buildup along NATO's southern flank from Portugal to Turkey, in the eastern Mediterranean, and into south Asia through the revitalized CENTO pact of Turkey, Iran, and Pakistan.

Unless there is rapid motion to defuse the dangerous crisis in the Middle East and begin peace negotiations, the region will remain on a 48-hour-long fuse, in which time any one of a number of scenarios could unfold, pushing the situation beyond the point at which it can be controlled. Henry Kissinger and the Rockefeller brothers must be removed from their positions of power immediately, and their extra-governmental terrorist apparatus dismantled, or the world will continue to face the danger of sudden thermonuclear annihilation.

Tension Remains

Despite the deceptive calm in Lebanon today, the highly delicate and explosive situation involving particularly Syrian and Israeli forces and Lebanon's various factions remains virtually unchanged. On Friday, April 16, a tentative agreement between the NATO-allied Syrian regime, the Lebanese left, and the Palestine Liberation Organization was announced. While the paper accord essentially does not differ from past Syrian ceasefire proposals, all of which were categorically rejected by the revolutionary Lebanese left and the PLO, the basis of the agreement this time includes "secret Syrian political concessions" to the left and the Palestinians, according to the Washington Post. Among the reported secret provisions of the pact are the withdrawal of the thousands of Syrian army troops in Lebanon and an end

to a Syrian army and navy blockade of Lebanese ports and highways aimed at preventing arms, food, and fuel from reaching the Lebanese leftist forces.

By keeping the concessions secret, the leaders of the Lebanese left, including Kamal Jumblatt and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, have given Syrian President Hafez Assad a "face-saving compromise," as the New York Times described it, to extricate Syria from Lebanon. With at least two divisions of the Syrian army frozen inside Lebanon and along its borders, the Assad regime had placed itself in an extremely vulnerable position — unable to retreat without being humiliated, and unable to advance without heavy battles with Arab nationalists and Communists and the Palestinians, an event which expert observers believe would spark a revolt among nationalists and pro-Iraqi officers in the Syrian army. Crucial to the Syrian-Lebanese agreement was the mediation of both the Soviets, through Ambassador Soldatov in Beirut, and the Gaullists, whose mediator, Georges Gorse, spent the last two weeks in Beirut and Damascus.

Kissinger Provocations

Simultaneous provocations in Lebanon and Israel by Kissinger and the NSC already threaten to make the pact a dead letter. Its collapse, and a new round of all-out warfare in Lebanon, would immediately force a full-scale Syrian invasion and an Arab-Israeli war, with incalculable results.

In Lebanon, right-wing terrorists of the Falangist and National Liberal parties, both fascist creations of the Rockefeller forces, launched the bloodiest offensive of the year-long civil war on April 16, deliberately shelling hospitals and bread lines in an orgy of violence that left over 400 dead. The attack, which was set off to coincide with the tense negotiations in Damascus between Assad and Arafat, was clearly a last effort by Rockefeller to upset the accord, and Beirut observers speculated that the Falangist-NLP offensive was designed to force Syria to march into and occupy Beirut.

In Israel, meanwhile, the Rockefeller-sponsored warhawks led by Peres and former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan acted to heat up Arab-Israeli tensions. A march by 10,000 extremists of the "Land of Israel" movement, discreetly backed by Peres and Dayan, entered the Israeli-occupied West Bank today in a purposeful attempt to provoke the Palestinian Arabs and force Israel to annex the territory. At the same time, Arab demonstrators in Ramallah on the West Bank were provoked by Israeli police and armed forces, put on the alert for the occasion of the march, and the resulting clashes left three Arabs dead today, including a six-year-old boy. Such provocations can only spill over into Syria and Lebanon, fueling rising Arab nationalists feelings there.

In Israel itself, according to informed sources, Peres has launched a drive to consolidate the right-wing "Rafi" faction of the dominant Labour Party in preparation for an alliance with the opposition Likud bloc, and is seeking to become

prime minister in a warhawk government. General Yitzhak Rabin, the current prime minister, is already a seeming captive of the Peres-Dayan clique. On Friday Rabin warned that if Syrian troops in Lebanon crossed an unspecified "red line" in Lebanon, Israel would go to war. By deliberately keeping the tripwire for Israeli intervention vague, Rabin exacerbated tensions and opened up Rockefeller-Dayan options for an Israeli war drive at any moment.

ICLC Mobilizes To Stop War

Following the issuing on April 14 of an emergency executive statement on the Middle East crisis by the ICLC, hundreds of highly thorough, professional briefings were delivered by telephone to the entire spectrum of U.S. policy makers, financial interests, and political leaders from NCLC Intelligence officers. Key targets were leading figures of the Harriman-Ball faction, who were given marching orders to contact the White House immediately on cooling down the Middle East and beginning moves toward convening a

Geneva Conference to negotiate a peace-and-development settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Some of those reached, like Cyrus Vance — who was actually issuing policy statements on the Middle East this week — were found to be stupidly unaware of the actual extent of the crisis until briefed by the Labor Committees.

The continued, stubborn refusal of Harriman et al. to commit themselves to the pro-development perspective for the Middle East outlined by the ICLC, including a regulation of the regional crisis in the context of a reorganization of East-West relations according to the new world economic order, ensures that no fruitful negotiations between pro-peace forces in Israel and among the Arabs can take place under the present U.S. Administration's mediation. In fact, the various Arab and Israeli forces seriously concerned to establish peace in the Middle East would find it more productive to use channels kept open by the Labor Committees.

LaRouche Says Schmidt Overlooked Great Britain

WIESBADEN, April 17 (IPS) — Slowly shaking his head and with a wry smile on his face, U.S. Labor Party presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, Jr. remarked on West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's television interview, "It is clear that the Chancellor was so much carried away by the sound of his own rhetoric that he momentarily forgot that Great Britain is also both a European and a Common Market country."

with the press April 15, in which the West German leader charged that "the weakness of present-day Europe is the weakness of several governments," notably those of France and Italy.

Said Schmidt, "Wherever social democrats make the laws, wherever they rule ... say, in Austria, the Federal Republic of Germany, Scandinavia — there you have social progress, openness, no conservative or reactionary clutching onto old forms and old ideas, rather a forward development of state and society, and as a result, no noteworthy Communist Parties. You have Communist Parties of great weight where the old circumstances have, through violence and force, remained firm: in Portugal, in Spain, and in Italy, and to a certain degree in France, which bears the Gaullists' imprint."

Ticking off points on the fingers of his left hand as he spoke, U.S. Labor Party candidate LaRouche noted, "In Great Britain, like the Federal Republic of Germany, there is a great social-democratic party, the Labour Party, which has effectively neutralized Communist Party influence. In Great Britain, the national trade-unions have already accepted far more austerity and at least as much speedup as has occurred in the Federal Republic. Yet, contrary to the Chancellor's impulsive line of reasoning, but for London market leverage, Britain is the Common Market nation in the worst condition — in worse internal condition than Italy.

"I think it is not surprising that a number of governments and non-Communist European political leaders have described the Chancellor's remarks as both unfortunate and notably unhelpful for Europe's present problems!"

LaRouche added, "What I wish to emphasize in making this point is that I fully understand what is passing through the heads of key West German political leaders at this time. I fully understand why the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany would find himself sometimes making a speech in which he says things he himself might laugh at under other circumstances.

Bankers Pressure W. Germany

"The Federal Republic is being subjected to hideous pressures. The first, and most serious pressuring comes directly out of the leading New York banks, banks which, to my knowledge, have made some extremely ugly threats against the Federal Republic. The second, less severe but still considerable pressure, is the Italy situation.

"Italy has been driven into national bankruptcy largely as a result of a wrecking operation directed by the New York banks. In reality, Italy has absolutely no choice at this point but to either make an orderly financial debt moratorium or slide into a disorderly state of default. In either case, a major

chunk of Federal Republic reserves — and the myth of the upswing — evaporate all at once. Moreover, an Italian debt moratorium or default is believed by many leading bankers to lead directly into a British debt moratorium or default, and who knows what other chain-reaction effects.

"You may be certain," he continued, "that both of these pressures are very much in the minds of all top officials of the Federal Republic."

LaRouche indicated that he had further points to add on the issue, "It isn't considered good form for a presidential candidate from one nation to speak too directly or bluntly about the internal political affairs of another. In this case, what I have to say should be understood as a proposal that certain present, ongoing U.S. interferences in Federal Republic policies ought to cease. Otherwise, speaking as a U.S. presidential candidate, I shall say as little about internal West German affairs as present U.S. interventions permit."

"Specifically, up to the November 1975 Rambouillet summit conference, forces identified with Christian Democrat Gerhard Stoltenberg, Social Democrat Herbert Wehner and Free Democrat Wolfgang Mischnick were on a converging course of policies which coincided with the objective interests of the Federal Republic as an industrial nation, and with the objective interest of West German workers. On the basis of objective considerations and information currently received on the thinking among key industrialists and Social Democratic Party (SPD) rank-and-filers, there is no doubt in my mind that the common thrust of Stoltenberg's, Wehner's and Mischnick's thinking last summer and fall is a fair indication of the policies the Federal Republic would adopt democratically if the nation were freed from its outside pressures and other interference.

Turnaround

"Although I cannot suggest that Chancellor Schmidt himself then agreed with the thinking of those Christian Democratic, SPD, and Free Democratic currents, it is well known that SPDer Schmidt had repudiated the earlier version of the upswing myth, and had made a number of economically competent public statements to the effect that this was the worst depression and that no recovery would be forseen under existing monetary conditions. He also had made some sound observations about the New York City mess.

"Then, at the Rambouillet summit, U.S. Treasury Secretary Simon, accompanied by a battalion-strength coterie of *Elementargeistern* (small, grotesque elves and spooks — Ed.) from various U.S. agencies, really put hideous pressure upon European and Japanese representatives. 'No new world economic order, and all will faithfully and constantly repeat after me, "There is now an upswing coming," and keep saying that publicly no matter how bad the economic collapse becomes.'

"Suddenly, after Rambouillet, West German forces shifted abruptly away from the earlier policies, with Wehner holding out until after the Lower Saxony affair, and then everyone began jumping on him and certain voices began repeating the rehearsed chorus-line to the effect that Uncle Herbert had suddenly become a figure of the past."

LaRouche continued, "There are two additional elements of the current policies dictated by New York bankers which have to be considered if one is to develop a compassionate insight into the horrible external pressures upon leading Federal Republic officials. These are, first, the fact that the New York bankers are openly demanding that all Western Europe, including the Federal Republic, submit to a form of austerity consciously modeled on the austerity policies of Nazi finance minister Hjalmar Schacht. Second is the military policy which New York financial circles are attempting to impose upon NATO.

"If I put myself mentally for a moment into Chancellor Schmidt's position, taking into account his backgrounds in both economics and military affairs, I can imagine what a nightmare Schmidt, as a German patriot, confronts.

Wall Street's Demands

"Consider what certain forces from Lower Manhattan are attempting to do to this small country. Those same financial interests in New York which forced upon Germany both the conditions for Hitler and initially pushed the Hitler regime itself, are again demanding that Germany undergo Schachtian austerity. Was not one Nazi austerity and one post-war "turnip winter" of starvation enough? What do these New York bankers wish to do to this nation? Do they hate the Germans as much as these policy demands suggest?

"The second New York bankers' demand, the military policy question, is perhaps more hideous.

"It is well known that the NATO posture is for a retreat to defense positions along the west bank of the Rhine, in the Low Countries and the Brenner-Trieste region. All the chattering about an alternative policy of so-called forward defense is

sheer nonsense.

"Imagine the West German army, a few British brigades and some U.S. divisions tucked along the west bank of the Rhine, with perhaps 50 Warsaw Pact divisions coming at them, and France, a neutral country, just behind them. Last spring, representative Federal Republic military figures rightly described that as a Rand Corporation "trummerfeld" ("field of rubble") policy for the nation. Yet Kissinger and Co. are pressuring the Federal Republic into actually lowering the nuclear threshold for the region through "wonder weapons" programs!"

LaRouche shook his head and said, "I cannot believe that such thoughts do not pass through the mind of any German patriot in the informed position of the Chancellor. Therefore, if he sometimes says perhaps some foolish things, I for one, would not react emotionally.

"As a U.S. presidential candidate, my responsibility is, first, to understand the actual objective interests and so forth of all nations, including the Federal Republic, so that a sane U.S. foreign policy can be formulated in the light of such knowledge. My second responsibility is to work to free nations such as the Federal Republic from the kind of hideous, improper pressures now coming from both Lower Manhattan and certainly various malignant or foolish quarters in Washington itself."

He added, "Naturally, I would be interested in discussing future U.S. policies with the Chancellor and other responsible persons at any time. They would find that they, and other Europeans as well as developing nations, would be pleased with the circumstances in which I was the White House figure with whom they had to deal."



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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-Vietman 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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I. PRIORITIES

WALL STREET JOURNAL OP-ED ANTICIPATES MEXICAN PESO DEVALUATION

April 14 (IPS)—An op-ed article in yesterday's Wall Street Journal urges Mexican president Luis Echeverria to devalue the Mexican peso by Easter to "end this period of uncertainty." Describing Mexico's foreign debt, inflation rate and unemployment as "alarming," the op-ed's author, an American economics professor Hart, suggests that the prolonged Easter weekend would be "a handy time" for a devaluation. Although both President Echeverria and his anticipated successor Lopez Portillo have made clear their refusal to devalue the national currency, Hart insists that the devaluation is a foregone conclusion and that pesos are already being turned into dollars in anticipation. He concludes with the suggestion that Echeverria devalue the peso now to save Lopez Portillo the "embarrassment" of having to begin his presidential term with a devaluation.

CHILEANS WARN THAT U.S ARMS SALES TO PERU COULD PROVOKE WAR

April 14 (IPS)—American manipulations of arms sales to Latin America could lead to war, charges the leading Chilean magazine, Ercilla in its April 7-13 issue.

Ercilla says that Chileans strongly fear that "their hands are tied" in respect to future conflicts with their neighbors by the Kennedy Amendment, which the U.S. Congress passed to ban certain kinds of arms sales to Chile. Peru can now buy weapons freely from the United States, under a recent arrangement made by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Ercilla concludes by alluding to the hopes of revanchist elements in the Peruvian military to reconquer lands Peru lost to Chile in the War of the Pacific (1879-83): "The potential danger is that these countries (Peru and Argentina--ed.) could have aspirations which the apparent superiority of their war materiel inspires them to believe they can achieve."

BALTIMORE SUN EDITORIALIZES FOR WORLDWIDE VACCINATION PROGRAM FOR SWINE FLU

April 14 (IPS)—Yesterday's Baltimore Sun editorializes in favor of a worldwide immunization program against the threat of a killer pandemic of swine flu. "Every effort must be made to immunize as many people as possible worldwide," the editorial states. "It is imperative that the developed nations work, probably through the World Health Organization to extend immunization programs to

Third World populations. The swine flu virus is radically different from other strains and no one is certain that a local epidemic could not become a worldwide pandemic."

Last week, a spokesman for the U. S. Labor party briefed the author of the editorial on the swine flu threat and on the urgent need for a worldwide vaccination program. "If this (the threat) is true," the editorialist responded, "then we'll have to come out with an editorial on it."

REPORT RESURGENCE OF MALARIA IN INDIA

April 14 (IPS)—Dr. S. Pattanayak, director of India's National Malaria eradication program, has predicted that malaria cases in India will rise from three million in 1975 to between six and seven million in 1976 and placed the blame for this rise on funding cutbacks in malaria control programs. "The main problem is money," Dr. Pattanayak explains in a Reuters dispatch. As recently as 1965, the mosquito situation (malaria is carried by mosquitos) had come under control but since then, the erosion of funding has reversed the situation. "The mosquito is back on the rampage in India," the dispatch reports.

BILL TO RESTORE NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL CUTS PASSES: BEAME VOWS "DRASTIC AND SENSELESS CUTS" IN OTHER SERVICES

April 14, (IPS)—Voting by an overwhelming 46 to 11 margin to override a veto by Governor Hugh Carey, the New York State Senate last night gave final approval to the Stairsky Bill, which requires that New York City's budget for school spending not fall below the level of the past few years, just above 20 percent. The bill would restore 150 million dollars to the Board of Education budget, according to today's New York Post.

Mayor Beame has responded to the passage of the bill by pledging "drastic and senseless cuts" in other city services.

Passage of the bill, the first override of a New York governor's veto in 104 years, came after seven Democratic State Senators—all from Brooklyn and Queens—reversed their votes against the override last week. While the bill was most strongly pushed by the city's United Federation of Teachers, most other city unions reportedly ignored urgings by Mayor Beame and Governor Hugh Carey to lobby against the bill, apparently in the belief that they are now in a position to demand similar measures to protect other city services. The only major city union leader to oppose the bill was Victor Gotbaum of the Municipal Employees Union District Council 37.

STRONG COMMUNIST SHOWING IN WEST BANK A "SURPRISE"

April 14 (IPS)—The strong showing by Palestinian nationalist candidates in this week's West Bank elections had been widely expected, but "the strong showing of the Communists, who proved to be the best-organized campaigners and biggest vote-getters, surprised many West Bank Palestinians," today's Baltimore Sun reports.

According to Sun reporter Michael Parks, the Communists—outlawed by Jordan's King Hussein—"now appear to be the strongest cohesive political group on the West Bank."

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I. PRIORITIES

PRIORITY ITEMS

ASSAD WARNED ON "AMERICAN SCHEME"

FRANKFURT, W. Germany, April 14 (IPS)--While the Soviet Union "has so far kept a low profile" in Lebanon, they "now act more forcefully," according to the Beirut correspondent of the Armed Forces Network as reported in an AFN broadcast today. As confirmed by the AFN office in Frankfurt, the broadcast stated that "Leftist press in Beirut reports that three Soviet officials are in Damascus right now to warn Syria not to slip into an American scheme."

AFN also cited a UPI report stating that the Soviets sent an emissary to Damascus to sound out the Damascus government on its future role in the Lebanese conflict.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR MEETS LEFT AND RESISTANCE IN LEBANON

April 14 (IPS)--Lebanese leftist leader Kamal Jumblatt and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat held a meeting with Alexander Soldatov, the Soviet ambassador to Lebanon, two days ago, according to European press accounts today.

According to WINS radio in New York today, Jumblatt has invited a Soviet delegation to Lebanon.

ASSAD UNDER FIRE FROM IRAQ

April 14 (IPS)--The front-page editorial of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung today reported the growing weakness and likely overthrow of the regime of Syrian President Hafez Assad in the face of growing Iraqi influence inside both Lebanon and Syria: "Syrian influence is disintegrating throughout the Arab world and Palestinian groups....Internationally Assad is being denounced as a U.S. agent by progressive Arab countries."

Last night Radio Baghdad attacked Assad and his policy of coordinating his move into Lebanon with the U.S. Ambassador to Damascus. Similarly, the Palestine Liberation Organization also denounced Assad this week for his collaboration with the U.S., Israel and Jordan against the Lebanese left.

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PLO CHARGES SYRIAN ROLE IN NEW "BLACK SEPTEMBER" PLOT

April 14 (IPS)--Falastin al-Thawra, the official publication of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), charged in a major editorial that Syria is in direct collaboration with Israel, Jordan and the U.S. to organize a new "Black September" massacre of the Palestinian left in Lebanon.

According to Palestinian sources, any attempt by Syria to wipe out the Palestinians in Lebanon, as was done in Jordan by Jordanian King Hussein in 1971, will lead to the collapse of Syrian President Hafez Assad. "Syria is not Jordan. In Syria there is strong Arab nationalism, and, if Assad went ahead with any Black September move, it would mean that Syrian army generals would make a coup."

PALESTINIANS DEMONSTRATE IN SOUTH LEBANON AGAINST SYRIAN OCCUPATION

April 14 (IPS)--Thousands of Lebanese and Palestinians voiced their disapproval of the Syrian invasion of Lebanon today, conducting large demonstrations in the southern Lebanese port towns of Tyre and Sidon, both heavily populated by Communists and Iraqi Baathists, according to today's New York Post.

East German radio also reports that there are general strikes throughout southern Lebanon, protesting schemes to partition the country.

U.S. FLEET MOVES TOWARD LEBANON

April 14 (IPS)--The U.S. aircraft carrier Saratoga, accompanied by two torpedo boats and ten warships, is moving into the eastern Mediterranean, according to Radio Prague today. In addition, Israeli paratroopers had maneuvers near the Lebanese border today, the Czech radio stated.

Radio Prague also reported heavy fighting in Beirut and suburbs, reporting that 50 are dead in fighting yesterday and today.

ISRAELI HAWK IN FACTIONAL MOVES, AIMS TO BECOME PRIME MINISTER

BONN, W. Germany, April 14 (IPS)--According to a spokesman of the German-Israeli Society today, Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres is now moving under a one to two month timetable to pull the faction controlled by former Minister of Defense Rafi out of the ruling MAPAI Party into direct collaboration with the extreme right-wing Likud Party. Stating that Peres is aiming to create a government crisis in which he would become Prime Minister, the same spokesman said that such Peres moves are "dangerous for Israel, the Middle East and the world."

KISSINGER: "MIDEAST COULD EXPLODE TOMORROW"

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 14 (IPS)--Speaking before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger stated that the Syrian troop deployments into Lebanon "are getting

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close to the borderline" of Israeli tolerance, adding that passions remain high throughout the country and that the situation "could explode tomorrow." Kissinger then concluded that the Israelis, who have been tightly coordinating their operations with Syria through the State Department, do not see the Syrian invasion as a threat to their security--"but it is a situation that bears watching."

SOVIET DAILY ATTACKS ATLANTICIST PUSH FOR THERMONUCLEAR WAR

April 14 (IPS)--In an article sharply criticizing West German Atlanticists' rhetoric about the so-called Soviet threat, the Soviet daily Sovetskaya Rossiya has warned that "realistic politicians in the West should stop playing detente while simultaneously playing nuclear war."

Excerpts from the article were carried by the West German daily Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung today.

IL FIORINO CALLS FOR TYING LIRA TO RUBLE

April 14 (IPS)--The Italian financial daily Il Fiorino today suggested aligning the Italian lira with the Soviet ruble as a possible solution to the lira's uncontrollable fall to nearly 900 to the dollar on the Western foreign exchange markets. "According to these conceptions," Fiorino states, "there is only one solution, which is to abolish the (foreign exchange) market and fix the value of the lira by authority. We could, for example, align it with the ruble and give it a fictitious parity vis-a-vis the dollar. Ultimately, it is enough to be contented with the type of life that the lira can have with the ruble and to get rid of every black marketeer who insists on behaving on the exchange market more or less in the same way that taxi drivers do in Moscow."

CORRIERE DELLA SERA REPORTS "RUMORS OF DEBT MORATORIA" IN ITALY

April 14 (IPS)--Following the further collapse of the Italian lira on foreign exchange markets since the beginning of the week, yesterday's daily Corriere della Sera reported that "the Bank of Italy wants to make the lira fall...(since) the devaluation serves to not having to pay internal debts." On the other hand, Corriere continues, "there is increasing credit being given to the rumors of an imminent declaration of debt moratorium by Italy" against foreign loans.

The paper reported that Italy will have to pay a large part of its 2 billion dollars in debts this next September and that "since the money does not exist, we will be forced to ask for the suspension of (debts) from our creditors."

AGNELLI PANICKED OVER HINT OF DEBT MORATORIUM

MILAN, April 14 (IPS)--Gianni Agnelli, Fiat owner and president of Confindustria (industrial association), stated today that he does not think Italy is becoming a Latin American country. "As banking experts have indicated, the condition of the economy is better

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than what the exchange of the lira or the Bourse (stock exchange) indicate." Agnelli made his statements in an interview published today in the respected Italian daily Corriere della Sera. To stress his point, Agnelli stated that "not even the lira at (an exchange value of) 900 lire per dollar is a disaster if you do not consider it to be so," also assuring the public that "we will have a lot of foreign tourists" in Italy this year. Finally he pleaded that "all can be saved: it is enough to have the will."

These statements, which come one day after Corriere published an article reporting "rumors of a declaration of a debt moratorium" by Italy on foreign loans, have, according to reliable sources here, spread a wave of panic that Agnelli is seeking to quiet.

BUSH SAYS CIA WILL CONTINUE TO PLOT LATIN AMERICAN COUPS

April 14 (IPS)--Under the front-page headline "Bush Refuses to Discard Further Toppling of Governments by the cia," the Mexican daily Excelsior today reports CIA director George Bush said that "The U.S. should be in a condition to carry out espionage operations abroad," during a speech by Bush at Harvard University School for Business Administration luncheon yesterday. Speaking about CIA involvement in Chile during the Allende regime, Bush refused to discard the possibility of any further CIA involvement in "similar activities," noting that "each case should be examined separately."

FEDERAL RESERVE IN A MAJOR MOBILIZATION TO RESCUE THE DOLLAR

NEW YORK, April 14 (IPS)--Wall Street's assault on European currencies, now in its fourth month, has so shaken the bankrupt dollar that the Federal Reserve Bank has launched an all-out effort to calm international speculation down. Foreign exchange traders in New York report that over the past five to six days the New York Federal Reserve Bank has been briefing them regularly on the "basic strength" of the U.S. dollar in an effort to postpone massive dumping of the currency. This comes on top of last week's record dollar-absorption operation of 2.2 billion dollars by the Federal Reserve to sop up a flood of unwanted dollars from the markets, which resulted directly from both the currency speculation and the collapse of international trade and production.

Most immediately, last week's pound crisis--engineered by Wall Street Atlanticists as a way to trigger spillover forced devaluations of the French franc and other weaker European currencies--has brought the monetary system to a breaking point. The bankrupt Bank of England has spent 1.8 billion dollars of its reserves (which are entirely borrowed) in sterling support operations since March 1, and the pound is still extremely vulnerable to a run. Since Monday, the U.S. financial press has conducted a campaign to calm speculators by declaring that the pound is undervalued and should not go down any further. Currently, Britain's borrowed dollar reserves are helping that country to finance the government's debt.

Meanwhile, in Denmark the government debt market has collapsed completely due to the pressure on the currency and outflow of cap-

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ital. The government has so far sold only one-half billion Danish kroners worth of the 19 billion kroner government debt issue that it has recently floated. The only way the government will be able to sell more debt is through increased dollar borrowings and further interventions on behalf of its currency.

ONE-THIRD OF PATIENTS AT BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL SUFFER MALNUTRITION

April 14 (IPS)--A team of Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Nutrition researchers working in conjunction with Deaconess Hospital in Boston have discovered that fully one-third of all patients at Boston City Hospital are suffering from malnutrition. According to yesterday's Boston Globe, the situation is so grave that the resistance of many patients to the myriad of infectious diseases prevalent in the hospital threatens to collapse completely. The researchers' report states that the overworked staff at the city hospital virtually ignores the evidence of the depletion of the human beings they are treating and that normal precautions against malnutrition, such as intravenous feeding, are simply not being employed.

MALNUTRITION HITS DETROIT'S CHILDREN

DETROIT, April 14 (IPS)--Yesterday's Detroit News reports that over 110,000 women, children and infants in Detroit are officially known to be suffering from malnutrition. The article further states that rickets, a bone-deforming disease linked to Vitamin D deprivation, is becoming prevalent among the affected children.

FBI FILES SHOW NCLC LEADERS ON EMERGENCY DETENTION INDEX

NEW YORK, April 14 (IPS)--Files received today from the FBI by two leaders of the National Caucus of Labor Committees show that the entire leadership of the National Caucus of Labor Committees is on the FBI's Security Index of persons to be picked up and detained during a "national emergency," a spokesman for the organization said here tonight. Heavily-edited FBI files, released under the Freedom of Information Act, were received today by National Caucus of Labor Committees National Executive member Nancy Spannaus, editor-in-chief of New Solidarity, and by Edward Spannaus, former Director of Organization of the National Caucus of Labor Committees. According to the files, both Spannauses had been put on the Administrative Index (ADEX), a security list, in late 1974. Last fall, Rep. Kastenmeier (D-Wisc) released documents showing that the FBI had continued to keep the security index even after the 1971 repeal of Sen. Hubert Humphrey's (D-Minn) "Emergency Detention Act of 1950," which legalized the establishment of political concentration camps in the U.S. during national emergencies.

The list today is obviously mostly National Caucus of Labor Committee members, the spokesman continued, since the NCLC was being added to the list at the time when 90 per cent of the names previously on it were being dropped. At the end of 1975, the list contained only 1,250 names, down from 13,000 in 1972. Although the GAO report claims that the ADEX list was terminated in January 1976, a call to Kastenmeier's subcommittee elicited a skeptical response to this claim.

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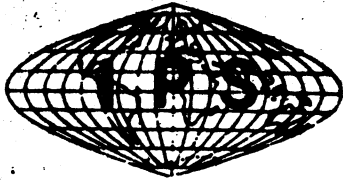
The Labor Party's Freedom-of-Information Act suit against Attorney General Edward Levi and FBI Director Clarence Kelley will now be amended to include the detention list disclosures.

SCHLESINGER REITERATES COLD WAR CALL

April 14 (IPS)--Reiterating his recent call for a return to Cold War with the Soviets, former Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger said last night that the meaning of detente is no longer "mutual reconciliation and the gradual normalization of relations." It is now evident, Schlesinger said, that "detente means precious little regarding policy specifics....Soviet doctrine precludes a serious approach to mutual accommodation that satisfactorily protects the interests of Western Civilization." If detente really amounts only to avoiding nuclear war, Schlesinger said, it differs little from "the Cold War period."

Mr. Schlesinger made the remarks during a speech at Harvard University, according to the Washington Post today.

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EXPOSE USIS CONTROL OF FASCIST GANG DEPLOYED AGAINST ECHEVERRIA GOVERNMENT AND CLLA

APRIL 14 (IPS) -- INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO THE LATIN AMERICAN LABOR COMMITTEES (CLLA) ESTABLISHES THAT THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICE (USIS) CONTROLS, FINANCES AND DIRECTS THE FASCIST ORGANIZATION IN THE MEXICAN STATE OF SONORA KNOWN AS THE MOVIMIENTO INTEGRACION CRISTIANA (MICOS). THE USIS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY, HAS ACTIVATED THE MICOS IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS AS PART OF A PLAN LED BY RIGHT-WING MONTERREY GROUP INDUSTRIALISTS TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA.

USIS DIRECTION OF MICOS, AN OPENLY FASCIST PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION INVOLVED IN MURDERS AND DRUG RUNNING, IS CARRIED OUT BY ARMANDO CANTU, DIRECTOR OF THE MEXICAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN HERMOSILLE, THAT WAS SET UP BY THE USIS. CANTU WORKS CLOSELY WITH RUBEN GUTIERREZ CARRANZA, DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SONORA SECONDARY SCHOOL WHO IS PUBLICALLY IDENTIFIED WITH MICOS AND WHO COORDINATES SUPPOSED FIELD TRIPS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WITH USIS OFFICIALS IN SONORA THE THE UNITED STATES.

ONE MONTH AGO THE MICOS CARRIED OUT A COMMANDO RAID ON THE UNIVERSITY OF SONORA, STORMING THE CAMPUS WITH THUGS ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS AND DIRECTED BY COMMANDERS OVERHEAD IN HELICOPTERS. THE FASCISTS CONTINUE TO HOLD THE UNIVERSITY. THE MICOS' ATTACK HAS BEEN USED TO WHIP UP POLICE AND RIGHTWING CONTROLLED LEFT COUNTERGANGS IN SONORA IN A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PRO-ECHEVERRIA GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SONORA, CARRILLO MARCOR.

THE STATE OF SONORA IS CURRENTLY THE SCENE OF INTENSE PEASANT FERMENT AROUND DEMANDS FOR LAND REFORM. BOTH CARRILLO MARCOR AND ECHEVERRIA HAVE PUBLICALLY SUPPORTED KEY DEMANDS OF THE PEASANTS AGAINST THE LATIFUNDISTS.

IN A MAJOR ESCALATION OF THEIR DESTABILIZATION OPERATIONS AGAINST CARRILLO MARCOR. ECHEVERRIA AND ECHEVERRIA'S SUCCESSOR JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO, THE MICOS YESTERDAY TOOK OUT PAID ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPERS PROCLAIMING THAT THERE WAS A LEFTIST PLOT TO STORM THE CAMPUS ON APRIL 19 WHEN LOPEZ PORTILLO IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR. THE MICOS, USING THE COVER OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF UNIVERSITY ORDER, NAMED THE LATIN AMERICAN LABOR COMMITTEES AS ONE OF THE GROUPS SUPPOSEDLY INVOLVED IN THE PLOT, ALONG WITH A COLLECTION OF "LEFT" ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE KNOWN TO BE POLICE CONTROLLED. THE CLLA IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT SONORA AS ONE OF THE KEY BACKERS FOR ECHEVERRIA AND HIS CALL FOR A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER. AND THE MENTION OF THE CLLA IN THE MICOS ADVERTISEMENT IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CLLA MEMBERS ARE NOW TARGETS FOR ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS BY THE MICOS AND OTHER FASCISTS WITH WHOM THEY ARE ALLIED.

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USIS DESTABILIZATION PLANS TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF TERROR AND CHAOS IN SONORA HAVE BEEN FURTHERED BY USIS CONTROL OF ENGUERRANDO TAPIA QUIJADA, DIRECTOR OF THE STATE'S RIGHT-WING NEWSPAPER, THE SONORENSE. TAPIA USES HIS PAPER TO BUILD POLICE-CONTROLLED LEFTISTS INTO PUBLIC LEADERS.

THE MICOS ADVERTISEMENT COST THEM SEVERAL MILLION PESOS TO PRINT. THEY ARE KNOWN TO BE HEAVILY FUNDED BY THE RIGHT-WING LATIFUNDISTS IN THE STATE. THE USIS WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE RIGHT-WING POLITICAL APPARATUS AND WAS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE DRUG-RUNNING OPERATIONS OF THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF SONORA, ARMANDO BIEBRICH. BIEBRICH WAS FORCED TO RESIGN FROM OFFICE LAST YEAR WHEN HE REFUSED TO INVESTIGATE THE MURDER OF SEVERAL PEASANTS BY LATIFUNDIST VIGILANTES.

THE MICOS ARE TIED NATIONALLY TO SEVERAL OTHER FASCIST PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE TECOS OF GUADALAJARA AND THE MURO OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT. THEY ARE TIED INTERNATIONALLY TO THE FASCIST POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL NETWORK KNOWN AS THE OPUS DEI.

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PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

NSC-COUNTERSPY USE MURDER TO MAKE SLANDERS AGAINST USLP STICK

NEW YORK, April 14 (IPS)--U.S. Labor Party Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. released the following statement this evening from his national campaign headquarters here:

Yesterday's murder of Baltimore City Councilman Dominic Leone is aimed directly at disrupting the electoral campaigns of the U.S. Labor Party. It is intended to put blood into the slanders against my organization now being circulated by National Security Council networks controlled by CIA-operative Ray Cline and by Marcus Raskin of the Institute for Policy Studies and Counterspy magazine. A variation of Cline's "Labor Committees is KGB" slander linking the USLP to the murder of Councilman Leone appeared in today's Baltimore New American.

Such crimes go far beyond the illegal efforts of officials linked to the CIA and to former President Richard Nixon to disrupt the electoral activities of their opponents during Watergate. While several officials of the Nixon administration have been thrown in jail for Watergate "dirty tricks", the NSC operatives involved in black operations have yet to be prosecuted. Any talk of the Constitution or democracy is merely empty words as long as such criminals remain at large. USLP candidate William Wertz in Seattle has received death threats already from this same NSC-Counterspy network. Manson-zombie Sarah Goode has recently been imprisoned for making similar threats to corporate and elected officials yet the NSC operatives who have threatened the lives of Labor Party candidates remain at large.

Individuals who retail slanders against the Labor Party are now accomplices after the fact in murder, in efforts to disrupt my campaign. Such are the lengths to which these criminals are prepared to go. These individuals must be brought to justice immediately.

Any Congressman, elected or appointed official who retails such slanders should be impeached and removed from office immediately.

If such steps are not taken to stop them now, there will be no free election this year and the constitution of the U.S. isn't worth the paper it's printed on.

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I. PRIORITIES

LE MONDE EDITOR CALLS FOR CENTRIST ALLIANCE AGAINST GAULLISTS

April 14, (IPS) — Jacques Fauvet, the chief editor of the respected French daily *Le Monde*, yesterday issued a warning to President Giscard d'Estaing attacking the "permanent civil war" social and political policy of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, and demanding: "Can and should Gaullism perpetuate itself in particular through foreign policy?"

Reminding Giscard that his Fifth Republic centrist alliance was premised on doing away with the "UDR (Gaullist Party) state," Fauvet urges Giscard to adopt electoral reforms for next year's municipal elections, which would throw considerably more force behind his centrist supporters around Justice Minister Lecanuet and Radical Party leader Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber. Only by strengthening his ties with the centrist-left parties now, can Giscard hope to keep their support against the Gaullists and Chirac during these elections, says Fauvet.

PCF ATTACKS "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM" AT CZECH PARTY CONGRESS

April 14 (IPS) -- In response to speeches at this week's Czechoslovakian Communist Party congress which stressed the pro-Soviet underpinnings of "proletarian internationalism," today's French Communist Party daily, *L'Humanite*, criticized the Czech presentations as not going far enough. *Humanite* accused the Czech congress discussions of failing to "analyze the class struggles which have been developing ...in a series of capitalist countries like France, Italy, Spain or Japan."

PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS WEAKENING OF ANDEAN PACT

April 14 (IPS) -- The Andean Region Common Market approved on April 10 a request by the Chilean regime to be permitted to sell out government-owned industries to foreign investors. The Commission of the six Latin American nations in the Andean Pact also agreed to make the Pact's rigorous controls against indiscriminate looting by multinational corporations more "flexible."

This long-sought victory of the Pinochet government and multinational corporations over the policy of integrated

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regional development previously defended successfully by Peruvian Foreign Minister Miguel Angel de la Flor is celebrated by numerous articles and editorials in recent issues of the Chilean El Mercurio. The Peruvian government daily, Cronica, on the other hand, headlines its April 10 issue with "Andean Pact Surpasses Crisis: Treatment of Foreign Capital Will be Changed without Changing Philosophy."

NEW YORK TIMES COLUMNIST SAYS SOVIET KGB BEHIND INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

April 14 (IPS) -- New York Times columnist C.L. Sulzberger writes today that Britain, France and the Federal Republic of Germany have formed an "anti-terrorist league." According to Sulzberger, officials of these countries "privately hold Moscow responsible for igniting as much trouble as possible. In this the Kremlin is globally helped by Cuba, Algeria and (to a lesser extent) Libya." According to Sulzberger, these European government heads feel that their effort is impaired because "Moscow has found a way to paralyze the United States by striking at its two principal security services...(through the KGB's department of disinformation."

BLACK CAUCUS SHOWS SIGNS OF LIFE ON DEBT MORATORIUM

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 14 (IPS) -- Congressional Black Caucus members are having "general conversations" on debt moratorium, an aide to a Black Caucus member said today. The Black Caucus may have a meeting soon, the staffer indicated, where Rep. Ronald Dellums (D-Calif) would likely present his proposed bill on debt moratorium.

CALIFORNIA FED OF LABOR TO JOIN S.F. STRIKE RALLY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14 (IPS) -- The California Federation of Labor has announced that 2,000 delegates will march in solidarity with striking San Francisco municipal workers at a city hall rally tomorrow morning. The Federation support indicates a deepening sense throughout the California Labor Movement that the strike must be won at all costs and corresponds to rapid politicization favorable to the USLP debt moratorium proposals on the San Francisco picket line.

This morning FBI countergangs, including the so-called Revolutionary Union staged a provocation at a City Hall demonstration called in the name of the strikers. Promptly intervention by the U.S. Labor Party prevented the staged riot from taking place but UPI is still circulating a news release indicating widespread violence. UPI is attempting to portray the strike as desperate and near the point of collapse.

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I. PRIORITIES

DEFENSE DEPT, NSC AGREE MIDEAST WAR DANGER IS GRAVE

WASHINGTON D.C., APRIL 15 (IPS)--Aides to high-ranking government officials with the Department of Defense and the National Security Council today agreed that there is a grave danger of war in the Middle East in discussions with U.S. Labor Party briefing officers. Aides to the highest ranking officials in the Defense Department took notes on the briefings for inclusion in memoranda to the Secretary or other high-ranking defense officials. An NSC official requested copies of the Labor Party's Middle East resolution - which calls for Arab-Israeli reconciliation on the basis of joint, region-wide technological development - and other materials on the international strategic situation.

LEFT CONTINUES RESISTANCE TO SYRIAN INVASION IN LEBANON

APRIL 15 (IPS)--Lebanese leftists organized by the Lebanese Communist Party demonstrated in Bierut today against the continued Syrian military occupation of the country, according to Italian radio today. Today's Beirut demonstrations follow demonstrations yesterday throughout south Lebanon.

The demonstrations coincide with the issuance of a joint peace plan put forward by leftist leaders Kamal Jumblatt and Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yassir Arafat. The first point of the plan calls for the immediate withdrawal of all Syrian troops from Lebanon.

Meanwhile fighting between Muslims and Falangists is reported to be intensifying in the Beirut area today, claiming 130 lives according to Associated Press. There were no reports of Syrian involvement in the fighting.

MCGOVERN SAYS KISSINGER MIDEAST NEGOTIATING TACTICS AT "END OF THE LINE"

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 15 (IPS)—Senator George McGovern (D-SD) said on Capitol Hill today that "the end of the line has been reached on (Secretary of State Henry) Kissinger's step-by-step negotiations" in the Mideast.

SENATE AID WARNS OF NUCLEAR WAR THREAT IN MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 15 (IPS)—An aide to Senator Pearson (R-Kansas) said today that "the Mideast situation is horrible...I agree that there is a possibility of nuclear war." The aide said he would transmit a U.S. Labor Party briefing on the Mideast war danger to the senator in his district office.

KENNEDY AIDE SAYS SENATOR MAY ISSUE STATEMENT ON THE MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, D.C. April 15 (IPS)—An aide to Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MASS) today mooted the possibility that the senator may soon issue a statement on the Mideast situation in the near future. Briefed by the U.S. Labor Party on the danger of thermonuclear war arising from the tense Mideast situation, the aide asked, "What kind of time frame are we talking about? What is the internal stability of the Israel regime?"

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAYS ASSAD COULD BE OVERTHROWN BY RIGHTISTS; U.S. ENVOY AIMS TO GUARD ASSAD'S REGIME

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 15 (IPS)—According to a State Department official who is closely associated with the mission of U.S. envoy L. Dean Brown to Lebanon, the threat of a coup against the government of Syrian leader Hafez Assad does not necessarily mean a more left-wing replacement to govern Syria. The "possibility of a right-wing coup is always there," he said.

The same source reported that the Saudis and the Kuwaitis are very active inside Egyptian and Syrian politics. The "Saudis are doing everything in their power to stabilize Assad, and if the Assad solution does not work, the fight in Syria is going to be determined by the internal struggle inside Assad's government," he said. "The Saudis are going to play a tactical role in this fight." He also revealed that the Saudi involvement in the Syrian politics is part of "a coordinated plan" by U.S. and Saudi Arabia for the "Middle East Front."

If the right comes to power in Syria, he said, "you can forget about Lebanese Leftist leader Jumblatt, the Lebanese left and the Iraqis." If the left comes to power, "This would not necessarily provoke an Israeli military intervention," he stated. "Everything is going to be determined by how far the new Syrian government is going to go into Lebanese politics." However the State Department official made clear that the Brown mission has a "major assignment" which is to "make sure that the government of Hafez Assad does not fall."

POLISH PARTY PAPER FIRST EAST BLOC PAPER TO REPORT ACTUAL SYRIAN
ROLE IN LEBANON

April 15 (IPS)--"In the last few days," Trybuna Ludu, the party newspaper of the Polish Communist Party, reported April 13, "the pro-Syrian Saiga commando group has been involved in struggle against the progressive left which cooperate with the Palestine Liberation Organization."

Trybuna Ludu reported as well statements by leftist leader Kamal Jumblatt, calling for the superpowers to intervene into the Lebanese situation because of the conditions created by this week's Syrian invasion. Jumblatt has strongly opposed the Syrian intervention all week, charging that it was carried out "with American connivance."

This is the first account from any East Bloc source which accurately reports the Syrians' attacks against the left in Lebanon.

DEMOCRATS IN MAJOR DEPLOYMENT TO MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 15 (IPS)-- Leading Democrats have made a major deployment to the Middle East concurrent with the grave war danger in the region. Senators James Abourezk (D-SD) and Thomas Eagleton (D-Missouri) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee have been sent to the Mideast, and Peter Rosenblatt, a member of the Democratic Party Mideast Study Group left today for Israel to hold what are described as "political talks." Also on his way to Israel is Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D-NY), while Democratic policy specialist Paul Warnke is now in Algeria.

Two other democratic Party foreign policy makers are also abroad. Democratic Party Foreign Policy Task Force co-chairman Alex Seith is in Moscow, while the other co-chairman of the task force, Averell Harriman, is in Europe, ostensibly to promote sales of his new book.

WASHINGTON POST CALLS FOR PLO-ISRAELI ACCOMODATION ON WEST BANK

April 15 (IPS)-- The municipal elections which were held last week on the West Bank and resulted in an overwhelming victory by Palestinian Communists and leftists, have "paralyzed" Israel, according to a Washington Post editorial today. The Israelis, writes the Post, "can agree among themselves neither on how to hold the West Bank... nor on how they might relinquish at least some part of it." As a solution, the Post calls for Israeli cooperation with Palestinian Liberation organization (PLO): "In the past, American officials have tended to favor the idea of an Israeli-Jordanian West Bank deal. More recently, another policy current has emerged: to try to nudge Israel and the PLO to move towards acceptance of each other as eventual partners in a quest for accomodation."

PCF'S MOREAU HITS AT KISSINGER'S LITTLE WARS STRATEGY

April 15 (IPS)--In a major article in today's French Communist Party daily L'Humanite, Yves Moreau attacks U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger for pursuing a policy of heating up local conflicts to contain the Soviet Union while at the same time paying lip-service to peaceful coexistence. American leaders, even the most "realistic" see the "coexistence to which they are constrained much less as peaceful coexistence than as the pursuit of extremely harsh confrontations," Moreau writes. "Aside from this concession in form, the perspectives which they envisage maintain an essentially imperialist character. Thus, they propose to stop Soviet power around the world through a conjuncture of political, military and economic means." "Kissinger," Moreau concludes, "speculates on the equilibrium of strategic forces in order to exercise pressures on a given area."

Sections of the Moreau article were circulated by the Cuban press service wire Prensa Latina today.

LE MONDE MOOTS POSSIBILITY OF STALINIST COUP IN USSR

April 15 (IPS)--Andre Fontaine, chief foreign affairs commentator for the French newspaper Le Monde, writes today that the death of a long-time leader in any East Bloc country is usually followed by "a tremendous power vacuum and power plays. Great changes at the head of the party or the state have more often resulted from 'plots' (read coup d'etat attempts), rather than from the game of constitutional normality...Has the threat of a new 'Bonapartism,' present throughout the history of communism and so often denounced both by Stalin and Trotsky, completely disappeared? From Tukhachevsky to Jukov, how many military leaders have lost their lives, or at least their posts, because of fear of their stature and popularity within the Kremlin?"

Next to the article by Andre Fontaine, today's Le Monde reprints speeches given last December by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and his assistant Sonnenfeldt on the "spheres of influence doctrine" to contain the Soviet Union.

ZUMWALT ATTACKS RICKOVER, TRADITIONALIST NAVY

April 15 (IPS)--Retired Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, former chief of Naval Operations and an advisor to Sen. Henry Jackson, attacks Vice Admiral Hyman G. Rickover as a "malady that afflicted and continues to afflict the whole Navy" in his recent book "On Watch." Zumwalt attacks Rickover for using his influence to gain funding for a large nuclear-propelled surface-ship Navy of the sort that would be used in conventional, non-nuclear war.

New York Times columnist John Finney, who reports Zumwalt's attacks on Rickover in a Times news article today, states that "Privately, former Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger used to complain about the political influence of Admiral Rickover." Finney concludes: "A political power struggle is now developing between Admiral Rickover on one side and the Navy command and the Defense Department on the other."

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NEW YORK TIMES COLUMNIST: "U.S. BOLSTERING NUCLEAR FORCE TO SURVIVE SOVIET ATTACK"

April 15 (IPS)--New York Times military specialist Drew Middleton writes today that the U.S. "has begun a far-reaching program...to improve the chances of the survival of the ICBM (U.S. intercontinental missile force) system in a nuclear war...Silos are being modified with isolators such as foam blocks and springs to sustain shock," reports Middleton. Strategic Air Command officers, according to Middleton, also regard the development of the proposed MX intercontinental missile "urgent in view of Soviet missile progress." The MX is a heavier missile whose mobility SAC hopes will protect it from Soviet attack. Middleton also reported SAC programs to improve striking power and targetting of its ICBMs, and plans to develop the B-1 bomber.

DOLLAR CRISIS ESCALATES

NEW YORK, April 15, (IPS)--There has been a sharp escalation in the dollar crisis over the past two days despite the shutdown of major European trading centers due to Easter holidays. Yesterday, in a lackluster trading day, there was still enough dumping of dollars to force the Swiss central bank to intervene with a purchase of 300 million dollars--all in a matter of an hour. In addition, both the West German and Japanese central banks were reported to be supporting the worthless greenback with undisclosed amounts of purchases--all this despite a massive campaign by the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank to assure foreign traders about the "basic strength" of the U.S. dollar.

A trader at a British clearing house bank (one of the five major British banks) in New York said: "There has been a particularly heavy inflow of funds from dollars into Swiss francs over the past two or three days. When people are ready to forego their dollar holdings and go into Swiss francs to earn a negative interest rate, then you know things are pretty rough." He further stated that the pound crisis has not even started yet, and agreed that wholesale dumping of pounds and dollars could develop within weeks.

Speculators are now hopeful that Switzerland will introduce a two-tier system--a controlled rate for trade transactions and a freely floating one for financial transactions--thereby providing a safe haven for the unfortunate dollar holders of the world, today's Journal of Commerce reports.

Today, markets were shut down in most of Europe and very quiet in New York, but still there was Bank of England support for the pound and some support for the dollar by the West German central bank, the Bundesbank.

ONTARIO STEELWORKERS STRIKE AGAINST WAGE CONTROL BOARD

April 15 (IPS)--Over 750 members of the United Steelworkers of America have gone on strike at Elliot Lake, Ontario, to protest a roll-back in their negotiated wage settlement with Denison Uranium Mines. The roll-back was ordered by Canada's Anti-Inflation

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Board (AIB) which reduced a 17 percent wage hike to 10.9 percent. 4,000 other Steelworkers in Ontario and Manitoba were also affected by the AIB decision. To date the Board has ordered over 170 such cuts in negotiated wage settlements, including over 15 teachers' contracts in Ontario. The Elliot Lake strike is the first direct response to the roll-backs.

In related developments, Quebec's Attorney General Gerard Levesque has announced that the province has begun legal actions against about 100 teachers unions after nearly 95,000 Quebec teachers staged a one-day strike in direct defiance of recent anti-strike legislation. The teachers were joined by 50,000 hospital workers in the March 13 strike action. Leaders of the Common Front representing teachers, hospital and other public service workers in the province, have indicated that they will continue strike activity if the government does not produce "workable" contract offers over the holiday weekend. The Common Front is seeking a 165 dollar per week minimum wage and 44 percent in wage increases over one year. The government has not budged from a 10 percent wage offer over the last nine months of negotiations.

The news was widely reported in yesterday's Canadian press.

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BLOODBATH IN LEBANON; FRANJIEH SAYS HE WILL RESIGN TOMORROW

April 16 (IPS)--Heavy fighting broke out today in Beirut and surrounding areas, according to reports monitored by WINS, Westinghouse radio in New York City. Some 400 people are reported to have been killed over the last 24 hours in what some observers described as the "most intense fighting of the year-long conflict." WINS reports that the Christian Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh announced a few hours after the fighting intensified that he would resign tomorrow.

REPORT NEW ASSAD-PLO AGREEMENT ON LEBANESE CEASEFIRE

April 16 (IPS)--According to wire services cited in today's New York Post, Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization agreed today on a new peace initiative in Lebanon and pledged to take a joint stand against any faction that renewed the fighting. A seven-point statement issued at the end of the talks between the Syrian President Hafez Assad and PLO leader Yassir Arafat called for revival of a tripartite committee of Lebanese, Syrians and Palestinians "to implement the ceasefire and reject all other involvements" and includes a call for the withdrawal of 17,000 Syrian troops from Lebanon. The statement also rejected the "American solution and plan in Lebanon."

LEBANESE LEFT CHARGES FALANGISTS STEP UP FIGHTING TO PROVOKE SYRIAN INTERVENTION

April 16 (IPS)--Leaders of the Lebanese left, headed by Kamal Jumblatt, charged today that the right-wing Christian Falange forces have deliberately escalated fighting in Lebanon "to force the Syrians to intervene and save them," the New York Post stated today.

ARRESTS OF PRO-SOVIET EGYPTIAN ARMY OFFICERS ESCALATE

April 16 (IPS)--"At the command of Egyptian President Sadat," Rude Pravo, the Czechoslovak Communist Party newspaper, reported April 13 that "a dismissal campaign and waves of arrests of progressives in the army" has been advancing in Egypt. This campaign is being directed against "officers of the upper and middle ranks who had openly criticized the anti-Arab and pro-imperialist course of the government."

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Rude Pravo also reports that a "large number of high military officers leHOLDt the army in protest against Sadat's polic!Js even before the announcements of the ordered arrests came from War Minister Gamassy."

Rude Pravo concludes that the majority were arrested "under the accusation of having distributed anti-Sadat propaganda in the army."

TIMES UNVEILS KISSINGER'S NEW SCHACHTIAN COMMODITY SWINDLE FOR THIRD WORLD

April 16 (IPS)--According to the New York Times, the State Department is planning to unveil a scheme for an "International Resources Bank" at the Nairobi meeting of UNCTAD, the UN's thinktank for the Third World, next month. Following the lines of similar con games practiced by the State Department to dupe Third World leaders, the new International Resources Bank will make massive loans to the Third World with unmined mineral resources as collateral.

Times columnist Ann Crittenden describes the scheme as follows: "As the new International Resources Bank is now conceived, it could issue bonds against a particular raw material, say a copper deposit, and sell the bonds to investors, who would likely be major copper producers. The agency would then pass the money on to the nation owning the copper deposit to develop it. The bank would take a lien on production and would be paid out of the process. Thus the bank would act as an intermediary between the host country and the corporation, indirectly providing the corporation with insurance against nationalization."

The Kissinger plan, designed to prop the bankrupt U.S. dollar, is identical to Hjalmar Schacht's solution for hyperinflation in Weimar Germany: Schacht announced that the "value" of the mark would be a mortgage on all the land in Germany.

The IRB scheme is reported to have originated with Deputy Secretary of State Charles Robinson, formerly a top executive of the Marcona Corporation, which has large mining operations in Peru.

LONDON TIMES PROPOSES FASCIST PROGRAM FOR BRITAIN

April 16 (IPS)--In his April 15 column, London Times economics editor Peter Jay proposes a "solution of the last resort" to Britain's economic problems, involving authoritarian control over the money supply and a suspension of collective bargaining.

Jay demands the regulation of the growth of the money supply under a specially created bipartisan Currency Commission appointed by the Crown. The Commission would be given "absolute authority," bypassing the formal powers of the Bank of England and Parliament. The Commission would simply determine a planned rate of the money supply and take all steps necessary to see that monetary expansion never fluctuated from this level by more than 2 per cent.

Once this was done, says Jay, "the whole debate about incomes policy would be put in its proper light. It would be quite clear

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that the only effects of collective bargaining...would be to cause unemployment of men and resources."

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND ENDORSES JAY PROPOSAL FOR BRITISH FASCISM

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 16 (IPS)--The chief of the British desk at the International Monetary Fund today endorsed a plan for the creation of a supralegal Currency Commission in Britain to control the rate of growth of Britain's money supply and abolish workers' collective bargaining rights, that was put forward yesterday by London Times economics editor Peter Jay. The IMF official said that he had not read Jay's article on the plan in yesterday's Times, but stated he knew about it and that it is entirely in keeping with IMF suggestions.

"Peter Jay has been talking about that plan of his with the IMF and we think it's very definitely the right direction for Britain" he stated. "If anything, it doesn't go far enough."

Commenting on the proposal's chances for success, the IMF official stated that "we are going to run into some problems with the Bank of England, which such a commission would supersede, as you know."

The Jay plan is centered around the primary condition attached by the IMF when it loaned 1.2 billion dollars to Britain at the end of last year, i.e., that Britain's money supply is not to grow at a rate more than 2 per cent per year above the growth of the Gross National Product.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT UNVEILS DETAILS OF FASCIST ECONOMIC PROGRAM

April 16 (IPS)--The Planning Commission for the official French government seven-year economic program today released the text of proposed labor measures to "improve the state of the French economy." According to today's French daily Le Monde, the plan calls for the looting of the French working class through hefty increase in general taxation and social security taxes, as well as the implementation of price and wage controls. The government's proposal also calls for a levelling of working-class income, such that "the lowest incomes be accompanied by a clear moderation in the progression of higher incomes." The entirety of the plan will be implemented, according to the Planning Commission, through "voluntary regulation of revenues and enlarged concertation" of the social classes.

KISSINGER REPEATS INTENTION TO PROVOKE REGIONAL CONFRONTATIONS

April 16 (IPS)--Speaking to a Rotary Club audience in Phoenix, Arizona today, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger repeated his intentions to provoke regional confrontations with the Soviet Union. Kissinger declared that there had been no international crisis since the 1962 Cuban missile crisis which necessitated the use of strategic weapons and that the current "global equilibrium" had to be maintained to perpetuate that. He stressed, however, that the

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danger lies in numerous regional situations, where the moral force of U.S. foreign policy was being tested by the Soviets. To this end, he pronounced the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) "beneficial" because their successful culmination would free U.S. resources for a conventional arms buildup which can be "devoted to regional priorities where the need is greatest."

The Secretary of State singled out southern Africa, where he will be travelling in two weeks, as a particular area of attention—repeating his two-tiered approach to the region of support of majority rule in the area coupled with strong warnings "against any foreign intervention into the area."

"Freedom is under serious challenge around the world," he said. "Democracies are in the minority." In this light, Kissinger reiterated his warnings to Western European countries to keep the Communist Parties out of their governments.

Kissinger also made several direct threats to the Third World. He menacingly noted, "As the world's strongest power, the U.S. can best survive an era of economic warfare....Those who indulge in unrealistic proposals, one-sided bloc voting, appeals to stale ideologies of confrontation or resentment will only block cooperative progress."

RESTON SAYS THAT BALL HAS NO FOREIGN POLICY

April 16 (IPS)—New York Times columnist James Reston today charges that Democratic Party spokesmen such as George Ball, Paul Warnke and Zbigniew Brzezinski have no actual foreign policy differences with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and that they only differ on the question of "style." In a column entitled "The Great Nondebate," Reston says "They are being identified in the press as 'Democratic Party spokesmen,' but there is no Democratic Party foreign policy, there is no Democratic 'plan' to oppose the Administration's foreign policy, and until they get a candidate, there really is no Democratic Party in terms of a different foreign policy."

A Times editorial on the same page, entitled "Foreign Policy Debate," draws the same conclusion: "The inevitable emphasis on the differences between Mr. Kissinger and his critics should not obscure their wide area of agreement on the basic goals of American policy."

MCCLOY DENOUNCES BALL, WARNKE, BRZEZINSKI

April 16 (IPS)—John J. McCloy, Sr., lawyer for the "Seven Sisters" multinational oil corporations and former High Commissioner of Germany under the U.S. occupation government, today called recent criticisms of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger by leading spokesmen for the financier faction linked to Averell Harriman "unjust." Speaking of recent attacks on Kissinger by New York investment banker George Ball, Trilateral Commission director Zbigniew Brzezinski and former Deputy Defense Secretary Cyrus Vance, McCloy said: "They've attached a skunk to Kissinger....Each of them wants to be Secretary of State." The 86-year-old McCloy described

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THOLDoday's column by New York Times Washington bureau chief James Reston, which attacked the three critics of Kissinger, as "very intelligent."

NEW YORK TIMES ANNOUNCES AFRICA FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE

April 16 (IPS)—With a front-page article, today's New York Times opens up a "debate" on U.S. policy toward Africa. An article authored by Times reporter Leslie Gelb outlines Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's Africa policy as a twin approach: "brandishing a verbal stick at the Soviet Union and Cuba to deter future Angolas while giving new emphasis to calls for majority rule in southern Africa and economic development across the continent."

In contraposition to Kissinger, Gelb details Sen. Dick Clark's (D-Iowa) argument that stick-waving at the Soviet Union and Cuba undermines rather than reinforces the call for support of majority rule in southern Africa. Clark argues that the U.S. hardline toward the Soviets encourages the white regimes in southern Africa to resist black majority rule in hopes of U.S. intervention into the situation.

ECHVERRIA BLASTS WALL STREET ATTACKS ON MEXICAN PESO, DEFENDS DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

April 16 (IPS)—Mexican President Luis Echeverria two days ago derided recent calls from Wall Street publications, including the April 13 Wall Street Journal, for a devaluation of the peso. In a Mexico City press conference, Echeverria stated that "very eager" Wall Street bankers have pushed the idea of a devaluation every Easter Week for the last 22 years because it was during Easter Week in 1954 that the peso was last devalued. "Some international news agencies and some American papers who don't like us very much say, 'Now it will happen, now it will happen'," the president stated. Echeverria firmly rejected any possibility that there would be a devaluation of the peso at this time.

Asked how the Third World would be able to get the European Common Market countries to accept the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties, Echeverria discussed the implications of the present world collapse for the advanced sector: "...when more than 100 countries are in a state of economic depression, this strikes back at them, not just politically...but also through loss of markets and of activities." Echeverria concluded with a strong defense of Mexico's law placing restrictions on foreign investment and called for high import levels of advanced technology in heavy industry.

Echeverria's remarks were given top front-page coverage in all the Mexican press April 15.

CONGRESSMAN LARRY MCDONALD ATTACKS ECHEVERRIA

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 16 (IPS)—Congressman Larry McDonald (D-Ga) made a vicious attack against Mexican President Echeverria yesterday in a speech before the House and said that Echeverria's policies are leading Mexico along the same path that produced the 1973 right-wing coup in Chile.

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Complaining that the U.S. pays too little attention to what is happening inside countries which receive aid from the U.S., the Congressman said, "For example, how many of us here realize that the people of Mexico are threatened by the collectivization of their property--property of all types, holdings of all sizes? They face this threat at the insistence of their president, who has chosen to place in high official positions the very Communists who brought Chile to disaster and who participated in similar attempts throughout Latin America....There is no mystery about how this occurs. The same individuals float from country to country, planning the Communist takeover of whatever nation is foolish enough to afford them the opportunity to do so. Should they succeed, they will fasten themselves forever upon the host society as bureaucratic parasites. And should they fail, they simply move on to some other country, leaving their victims to suffer." McDonald adds that "Mexican newspapers are filled with paid advertisements appealing for relief, inserted by beleaguered businessmen and farmers" who are opposed to Echeverria's land reform.

McDonald is the same Congressman who late last year read into the Congressional Record a slander attack claiming that members of the National Caucus of Labor Committees are East German intelligence agents.

WORKER AND PEASANT LEADERS ASSASSINATED IN MEXICO

April 16 (IPS)--Over the past three days, a Mexican peasant leader in the northwest state of Sonora and two labor leaders in Mexico City have been assassinated amid increased terror from right groups throughout the country.

One of the leaders of the major land invasion which has dominated Sonora politics for the last weeks, Rosa Delia Amaya, was killed in a suspicious automobile accident when a truck crossed lanes coming toward her on the state's major highway. Peasants on the invasion site said they had received death threats against their leaders in the preceding week.

In Mexico City, a congressional candidate of the ruling PRI party and lottery union official, Sara Ornela, was killed under mysterious circumstances April 14. The same day the air transport workers union, TASA, took out a paid advertisement in the Mexico City press denouncing a killing of one of their leaders by right-wing elements trying to take over the union. The statement from the TASA workers stated that the killing "is a fascist attack modeled after the case of Argentina...designed to destabilize the national institutions," and warned that the assassination was aimed at testing how far the rightwing could move against the government of Echeverria with "violent and illegal actions."

PCI ORGANIZES WORKERS INTO FASCIST VIGILANTE SQUADS

Milan, April 16 (IPS)--Claiming it seeks to protect factories from a three-week old terrorist wave in Italy, the Italian Communist Party has helped initiate the organizing of "anti-terrorism vigilante squads" to police Italian factories. The squads closely

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resemble fascist dictator Benito Mussolini's black shirt squadristi. PCI leader Giancarlo Pajetta said today in Milan that "today we have to defend our factories just like we did under fascism."

According to yesterday's Corriere della Sera, the Communist mayor of Turin held a meeting with trade union and industrialist confederation leaders two days ago, following a terrorist attempt on the Rivalta FIAT plant. Also present at the meeting were the FIAT factory council and representatives of political parties. The participants discussed extraordinary defense measures since, Corriere stated, "such attempts cannot be fought with the ordinary means already in existence." Following the meeting, all participants issued communiques calling on workers to "be responsible and protect the plants," since this means protecting jobs. "The type of vigilance needed," said Corriere, "is that implemented in Savona during the 1974 attempts" when an entire town was mobilized to defend against a series of bomb attacks.

Backing up the PCI and union initiative, Interior Minister Cossiga, the cousin of PCI General Secretary Enrico Berlinguer, said in an interview in today's Corriere that the squads are already formed and operational. Cossiga stated that "I got the big trade unions and Confindustria (the industrialists' federation) interested in this. In a short time we will have direct contacts to discuss the defense measures. It is not conceivable to do anything serious without the participation of workers and industrialists."

BLACK CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS MEMBER SAYS "LABOR PARTY PROGRAM IS WAY AHEAD OF EVERYONE ELSE'S"

April 16 (IPS)--Rep. Andrew Young (D-GA), a well-known member of the Congressional Black Caucus told a meeting of the Black Students association at Chicago State University yesterday that "The U.S. Labor Party is doing an excellent service...its program is way ahead of everyone else's." As with the program of the civil rights movement of the 1960's, Young said, the Labor Party program "will be implemented" ultimately. Young also commented that a key Labor Party demand, "abolishing the debt of the third World ...is in the interests of the U.S." The Congressman also reported that the Black Caucus receives regular briefings on the Labor Party program from a Caucus staffer.

REPORT AGREEMENT ON MEDIATION IN SAN FRANCISCO STRIKE

San Francisco, April 16 (IPS)--The San Francisco Board of Supervisors today agreed to submit their proposal for wage cuts for municipal craft unionists to federal mediation, in an effort to end the 16 day near-general strike here. Union leaders who had demanded Federal mediation expecting their contracts to be honored have agreed to send union members back to work once negotiations are underway, the San Francisco Examiner reports. The Central Labor Council, however, denied the report, indicating that they were still debating the matter.

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At the same time, the Board of Supervisors have placed two fascist charter amendments on the ballot asking for 1- wage and pension ceilings for the municipal employees, and 2- that a no-strike clause be included in all union contracts. Also today, Mayor Moscone announced his new austerity budget which provides no money for wage increases, and an 80 million dollar reduction in city services.

ROCKEFELLER STILL IN RUNNING FOR VP, MORTON SAYS

April 16 (IPS)--Rogers C.B. Morton, President Ford's campaign chairman, two days ago raised the possibility that Nelson Rockefeller may yet be renominated as the President's running mate in November. Speaking at a breakfast meeting yesterday, Morton stated: "He's (Rockefeller) a prominent political leader, a person of tremendous stature and capability. Nobody of that caliber ought to be ruled out."

Rockefeller had withdrawn himself from the running on Nov. 1 the day after the so-called "Halloween Massacre" when his leading political allies in the Administration were either removed from office (CIA Director Colby and Defense Secretary Schlesinger) or were given reduced responsibilities (Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.) President Ford's former campaign manager, Bo Callaway, had carried out a strong anti-Rockefeller polemic until he was removed from his position last month.

Yesterday's New York Times reported Morton's remarks under the headline, "Rockefeller Revived as Possible Ford Ticket Mate."

QUEBEC GOV'T GRANTS CONCESSIONS TO DEFUSE TEACHER STRIKE SITUATION

April 16 (IPS)--A special government appointed "Commission for School Disputes" in Quebec recommended April 14 that the provincial government extend an immediate 17 per cent Cost-of-living wage increase to all Quebec teachers as a precondition for further contract negotiations. The three Commissioners additionally called on the government to drop all legal actions against the teachers for violations of anti-strike legislation, and that the teachers cease further "harassment tactics" according to the Montreal press.

While response from the unions is not yet available, La Presse of Montreal reports today that Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa had personally suggested the Commissioners' action and indicates that the government may comply with the recommendations. Most Quebec papers have labelled the Commission's action "a major concession."

The teachers have been the leading edge of a series of day long general strikes against the austerity policies of Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau.

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SADAT STEPS UP CRACKDOWN AGAINST COMMUNISTS IN EGYPT

April 16 (IPS)--Twenty people have been taken into custody as part of an Egyptian crackdown against a "Communist ring" in the city of Alexandria, yesterday's London Daily telegraph reports. According to the Telegraph, the arrested persons were charged with being part of a "Soviet plot" in Egypt.

The paper further reports the charges by Sayed Marei, a top Egyptian official and a close ally of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, that the Soviets are "aiming at incitement of youth, workers, and peasants against the regime," and are also "creating confusion among Egyptian workers."

Similarly, a leading right-wing Egyptian daily, Al Akhbar, has claimed that a "deliberate Soviet plot" is taking place in Egypt, the Telegraph reported.

NEW JERSEY MUNICIPALITY PROPOSES CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE

East Orange, N.J., April 16 (IPS)--The City Council here has proposed cutting 500,000 dollars of school debt service from their 1976 Municipal Purposes Budget according to today's Newark Star Ledger. The debt service cut is part of an overall budget cutback of 1.4 million dollars and totals a full quarter of all school debt service due.

Last week the East Orange Board of Education voted unanimously to rescind on the planned layoffs of 217 employees which was intended to save the city 600,000 dollars. Board President Barbara McCloud said following that action, "The Board restored the positions because it feels that they are necessary to provide appropriate programs and services for students...those responsible for funding education in our community recognized the need to restore our budget to an adequate level."

MASS HEPATITIS REPORTED IN OAKLAND

Oakland, Calif., April 16 (IPS)-- An epidemic of over forty hepatitis cases has exploded in Oakland, Department of Health officials here have revealed. The officials said that the outbreak of the disease has been traced to a doughnut shop which serves 3000 customers a day, and they have advised everyone who has eaten there in the past two months to undergo emergency treatment.

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REPORT SYRIANS AGREE TO WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM LEBANON

April 17 (IPS)--Under the terms of the latest agreement between Yasir Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and Syrian President Hafez Assad, Assad has agreed to withdraw Syrian troops from Lebanon, according to Washington Post correspondent Joseph Fitchet today. Stating that the agreement "was viewed as a face-saving compromise" for the Syrians, Fitchet states that "secret Syrian political concessions to the Palestinians were reported by Beirut sources to have been the key sales point in a position that publicly resembled the old Syrian cease-fire plan which collapsed in January."

According to Palestinian sources quoted by Fitchet, while the proposed agreement includes withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon, Arafat and Assad have agreed to keep some forces in Lebanon to oversee the cease fire.

DEMONSTRATIONS BREAK OUT IN WEST BANK TO PROTEST MARCH BY ISRAELI RIGHT WINGERS

April 17 (IPS)--According to reports by New York's WINS radio today, Arab demonstrations in the Israeli occupied West Bank have broken out, protesting tomorrow's scheduled march in the area by Israel's right wing religious Likud party. The demonstrations are also protesting the killing of children in the area by security forces that took place several weeks ago. Israeli authorities have ordered military units to move into the West Bank to quell the demonstrations, WINS reports.

SOVIETS GIVE STRONG BACKING TO LEBANESE LEFTISTS

April 17 (IPS)--In an April 2 letter addressed to Yasir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Soviet Union has asserted its support for the Palestinian movement in the plots

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being prepared against it, according to the Iraqi daily Al-Jumburiya of April 3. The letter also warned against any Israeli attack aimed at the south of Lebanon and at attempting to fight the Palestinian forces defending this region. It further expressed the disapproval of the Soviet Union toward any foreign intervention in Lebanon, and Soviet readiness to use its veto in the United Nations Security Council if the Lebanese issue was discussed and decisions which did not favor the nation's unity and the National forces were taken.

This Soviet backing for both the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Lebanese left comes after very strong pressures were exerted by the Syrians on both the Palestinian and Lebanese left. Al-Jumburiya also reported that Syrian president Assad has gone as far as to threaten the expulsion of all Palestinian refugees from Syria.

WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT CHALLENGES SOVIETS WITH NUCLEAR CONFRONTATION

APRIL 17 (IPS)--In an interview on the Bavarian TV network April 15, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt stated that the Soviet Union fears confrontation with the West and that the West is more than strong enough to deter armed Soviet response to western provocations. After defending President Ford's dropping of the word detente because "it is not an English word, but a French one," Schmidt said, "For the present period of 1976 and 1977, there is no danger of the West's military inferiority. It is just the opposite. The capability of the united Western armed forces...to deter, as well as to defend in an emergency, is fully sufficient to prevent the Soviet Union, or any one of the leaders in the Soviet Union, from any frivolous thoughts." Schmidt elaborated, "A return to the cold war is conceivable. But to say that Soviet strategy is aimed at confrontation with the West, is, I believe, a false interpretation. The Soviet leadership fear uncalculable risks."

Speaking about Western Europe, the Chancellor flaunted the Soviets' impotence. "I do not see the Soviet Union jumping into a power vacuum," he said, and mocked the Italian Christian Democrats and the French Gaullists for not being reformist enough, like the Social Democracies, to keep their countries' communist parties as insignificant as those in northern Europe.

DIE WELT SAYS ONLY HARD WORK AND ANTI-COMMUNISM WILL SAVE WEST GERMANY

April 17, (IPS)--In its lead editorial today titled "West Germany: The Country Without Reserves," the NATO-connected West German daily Die Welt states that capitalism's last resource in West Germany is the hard working "little man." "West Germany has one million unemployed, inflation...increasing costs for social services...pension bankruptcies...no raw materials, no geopolitical hinterland, no protection from world political developments," Die Welt states. "It

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is even lacking that national identity which is allowing Great Britain to survive the crisis..." On the much ballyhooed economic upswing, Die Welt comments that West Germany "has the upswing, to which people cling...but it has no ideas."

According to Die Welt, the only good signs are "the hard work of the little man and his spontaneous anti-communism. But the government has to take new measures to make sure that these are not destroyed by left and right wing demagogues."

WASHINGTON POST BLAMES THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOR TERRORISM AND DETERIORATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

April 17, (IPS)--The lead editorial of today's Washington Post blames the Soviet government for lawless harassment campaign against the American diplomatic community in Moscow as well as for continuing the tension in its policy toward Jews that, the Post claims, has led to the terror tactics used against Soviet diplomats in New York by a few American Jews. In its editorial entitled "Diplomatic Hostages and Detente," the Post declares that "the Kremlin has undertaken a campaign of phone threats, bomb scares and physical intimidation against American diplomats in Moscow." The Post states that the deterioration of diplomatic relations growing out of this harassment reflects the "sour state of detente." Further, the Post states, while the American government is attempting to uphold the law and bring to account the Jews who have fired bullets into the apartments of Soviet diplomats in New York, "the Soviet government is itself breaking the law and dishonoring its international duty by conducting organized harassment of Americans in Moscow." The Post condemns "the assaults by militant Jews in New York but insists that "the basic source of this tension remains the Soviet Union's refusal to respect the human rights of its citizenry, in this case, the rights of Jews."

PRESS COVERS UP KISSINGER DEMANDS FOR CONFRONTATIONS WITH SOVIETS

April 17 (IPS)--The major East coast press, the New York Times, Washington Post and Baltimore Sun, systematically covered-up the content of Henry Kissinger's speech in Phoenix yesterday.

As this news service reported yesterday, Kissinger's speech in Phoenix was a reiteration of his policy of "regional confrontations" with the Soviets. But the press universally concentrates on Kissinger's demand that the American people should reject "fairy tales of America being second best and forever taken in by wily foreigners." The rest of the coverage plays on that same theme -- Kissinger's rebuttle to presidential candidate Ronald Reagan's charges that he views the U.S. as slipping into a number two position behind the Soviets.

VIOLENT CONFRONTATIONS IN MEXICAN COUNTRYSIDE INCREASE AS PEASANT LAND SEIZURES SPREAD

April 17 (IPS)--There have been increasing confrontations between Mexican peasants and large landowners and police over the last 48 hours as seizures of land by peasants throughout the country have escalated following a land seizure and massive peasant mobilization in the northwestern state of Sonora one week ago.

A chief of police has died of wounds inflicted by 'machetes' and five peasants were wounded in a clash between peasants and police near the city of Poza Rica in the Mexican Gulf state of Veracruz two days ago, according to the April 16 issues of El Sol and Ultimas Noticias of Mexico City. According to conflicting reports, the clash occurred when police tried to force the peasants to abandon land they had seized. Late reports today indicate that the peasants responsible for the death of the police chief have been released after it was determined that the confrontation was provoked by the police.

In the past 48 hours, there have been a total of four reports of similar seizures of land belonging to latifundists in the Mexico City press, which is normally reticent on such matters. In two of the states mentioned - Zacatecas and Tamaulipas - confrontations between peasants and police and landowners have occurred.

MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. BLASTS ATTACKS AGAINST MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, April 17 (IPS)-- Mexican Ambassador to the U.S., Juan Jose de Olloqui, released a sharp protest two days ago against U.S. provocations and attacks against Mexico. De Olloqui specifically condemned as "partial and distorted" an article which appeared in the Wall Street Journal 12 days ago and which Senator William E. Brock (R-Tenn.) read into the congressional record several days later. The article condemned President Echeverria's agrarian reform proposals which are intended to distribute lands and credits to the Mexican peasantry, and quoted a rightwing landowner attacking the government for being too leftwing. In response, De Olloqui emphasized that "together the government and people of Mexico will continue economic development with justice and freedom."

MEXICAN COLUMNIST CALLS FOR SOLIDARITY WITH PERU TO STOP KISSINGER DRIVE FOR RIGHT-WING COUP

April 17 (IPS)--Salvador Lozano, columnist for the left-leaning Mexican daily El dia, charged April 13 that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and "international finance capital" are forcing a right-wing turn in Peru. He reported a variety of measures in recent weeks which indicate that the government of President Morales Bermudez has begun to bow to the IMF and Wall Street pressures, and warned that this must be halted or there could be war: "international finance capital works with a system. Committed to alleviating the crisis afflicting it, it looks for solutions in war and super-

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exploitation of workers.

Lozano, a collaborator of leftist labor leader Galvan and co-editor of the magazine Solidaridad, emphasized that the pressures on Peru were the same as those on Mexico which have been denounced by President Echeverria. On April 1 Echeverria launched a frontal attack on "pro-fascist" groups like the Monterrey industrialist group who are controlled by U.S. interests and who, Echeverria charged, are plotting a coup.

Lozano concluded that "The Peruvian Revolution will move ahead, if we show solidarity with the workers of Peru and defeat the agents of Kissinger here in Mexico."

USERY HITS PUBLIC EMPLOYEE NO-STRIKE LAWS

April 17 (IPS)--Secretary of Labor W.J. Usery has urged states with laws prohibiting strikes by public employees to change those laws in the interest of "collective bargaining and labor peace," according to today's Seattle Post Intelligencer.

Warning that public workers' "strikes occur anyway," Usery said it is paramount to avoid labor confrontations: "In this year of heavy contract bargaining involving more than 8 million workers, it is in the mutual interest of labor, management and the community to avoid strikes."

Usery defended the 1.65 cash per hour plus unlimited cost-of-living increase he negotiated for the teamsters master freight contract: "the trucking decision with the teamsters was a little high but a long strike would have been disastrous."

SF TRANSIT WORKERS VOTE TO CONTINUE SYMPATHY STRIKE INTERNATIONAL STRIKE SUPPORT GROWS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17 (IPS) -- San Francisco Transit Workers Union today voted by an overwhelming 10 to 1 margin to unconditionally continue their sympathy strike in support of striking craft and municipal workers. They urged the city Central Labor Council to call for a general strike. This extraordinary expression of labor solidarity was undertaken by the Transit Workers despite the deployment of a caucus controlled by the FBI-run Revolutionary Union and other FBI agents in the union leadership to organize a back-to-work movement. The San Francisco media has immediately launched a black propaganda operation claiming that the Transit Workers will go back to work in 72 hours unless the CLC initiates a general strike.

According to tomorrow's New York Times, Federal mediation efforts have broken down after the city Board of Supervisors demanded that the striking unions remove pickets from the transit and other key municipal sites as a precondition to initiating (more)

Federal mediation. The union leaders immediately rejected this proposal. The Federal negotiation effort then ended and the mediators resigned.

A spokesman at strike headquarters stated this morning that "we will not go back; we are not bluffing. The eyes of the whole world are on the strike -- it's a test case."

Buffalo sent a mailgram with 100 signatures to Bay Area Congressman Ron Dellums, a supporter of debt moratorium, which included City Councilman Horace Johnson, and Attorney Jay Carlisle. New York State Senators Carl McCall and Major Owens sent statements to Dellums, and Philadelphia sent the Congressman a mailgram with 300 signatures. From Canada, the North American Labor Party sent 30 telegrams of support. Over this weekend telegrams are being sent directly to the S.F. Labor Party office to ensure the widest dissemination to strikers.

Nationwide support for the strike and for a city debt moratorium is growing. Detroit sent a telegram from 100 unionists representing 25 UAW plants, and shop stewards from Teamster local 299. Akron City Council President Ed Davis also signed. Boston sent 100 signatures on a statement directed to San Francisco Service Employees International Union, which is honoring picket lines.

NORTH AMERICAN WORKERS WINNING 20-30 PER CENT WAGE GAINS

NEW YORK, April 17 (IPS) -- Reports from around the continent indicate that North American workers are winning a number of key contract settlements carrying wage increases on the order of 20 to 30 per cent in the U.S. and slightly higher in Canada. Besides the Teamsters recent nationwide master freight agreement containing a 1.65 Dollar per hour plus unlimited cost of living increases, other favorable settlements include:

Vancouver teamsters local 31 representing 5,000 drivers settled for a 36 per cent wage increase over two years;

Northwest International Association of Machinists representing 3,600 workers settled for gains equivalent to the nationwide teamster victory;

In New Britain, Connecticut, 5,000 United Auto Workers members at Avco yesterday won a 21 per cent wage increase plus cost of living increases for a two year contract;

Milwaukee Sanitation workers who had worked without a contract for a year have settled for a 20 per cent wage increase over two years, with the first year retroactive;

In Philadelphia, 150 members of the International Watchmens

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union won a wage increase equal to approximately 25 per cent in a surprise settlement that resulted from intensive strike support provided by 3,000 longshoremen and several hundred teamsters who refused to cross their picket lines.

The reports also indicate increasingly active support to strikers from other workers, as typified by the support to San Francisco municipal craft unionists from the city's transit workers, who have voted to continue their sympathy strike. In Meridan, Connecticut, teachers who have been locked out in a contract dispute with the city council have won the support of city AFSCME workers including sanitation and highway workers. When the city council hired private carters to pick up the garbage, the private sanitmen decided to honor the picket lines.

In Kansas City, where a total of over 14,000 workers are now on strike, 2,600 meatcutters demanding a 25 per cent wage increase over two years have been joined by 4,000 members of the Retail Clerks who have refused to cross the meatcutters' picket lines.

Finally, many unions, encouraged by the high teamsters settlement, are demanding the reopening and in some cases, have reopened contract negotiations in order to include higher wage demands. In Vancouver, meatcutters reopened their contract following the teamster accord, and have since achieved a new settlement. In Seattle, postal workers are threatening to strike for reopening of a contract which does not expire until 1977. The postal workers are also seeking restraints against speedup plans by the Postal Authority.

ITALIAN METALWORKERS ATTACK AUSTERITY DEMANDS OF UNION CONFEDERATIONS

April 17 (IPS) — Agreements reached in "secret" meetings between Confindustria (Italy's industrialists' organization) and the heads of Italy's three largest trade union confederations (CGIL, UIL, and CISL) to force workers to accept austerity measures "has provoked a split within the trade unions," according to the Italian daily La Repubblica today. La Repubblica stated that the Metalworkers Federation, headed by Giorgio Benvenuto, "in view of the revolt by the base...had to put out a document" rejecting the austerity plan. The paper further reported that Benvenuto was involved in a "heated argument" with Luciano Lama, head of the Communist Party-controlled CGIL, since "Lama has been shown to be willing to armtwist the industrial unions" into accepting the austerity line of the confederations.

According to the daily La Stampa, Benvenuto objected that the unions "must identify the levels of a reasonable understanding with the industrialists" now because to "rush into a bad contract could insure quiet elections (in June) but in July everything would start again and the unions would not have

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the authority and credibility to ask workers (for) the sacrifices that are necessary to allow the economy of the country to recover."

IL TEMPO WARNS OF TRADE UNION REVOLT AGAINST PCI, CGIL

April 17 (IPS) — In an article entitled "economics and trade union life," the Italian daily Il Tempo states today that "one has the impression that Lama (the head of Italy's CGIL trade union confederation) who deals in the name of the PCI (Italian Communist Party) and was interested in concluding the question of the workers' contracts before the explosion of the electoral campaign, may have uncovered his cards too soon. If operation 'shut up the workers' had been developed with less hurriedness," the paper states, "he could probably have gotten better results... It is certain that the negative reaction of the industrial unions is moving in direction that is contrary to the PCI and the CGIL."

"For Lama, it is a difficult moment," Il Tempo continues. "It was Lama who suggested to Agnelli (the head of FIAT and leader of Confindustria, the industrialists' federation) to attach wage increases to the presence of workers in the factories in order to fight absenteeism, Lama, the head of the CGIL and a 'sure' man of the PCI."

WEST GERMAN PRESS SAYS ITALY UNGOVERNABLE

April 17 (IPS) -- The right wing West German daily Die Welt today implicitly called for a coup in Italy by calling the country "ungovernable" under parliamentary democracy. "Instead of recognizing," Die Welt writes, "that under the given majority relations and in the face of the solidified and hardened fronts between parties, the country has become ungovernable, the Christian Democratic Executive once again discussed La Malfa's (austerity) plan, which was already rejected in the previous months as impractical."

PCI LEADER ISSUES THREATS TO ELP ORGANIZER IN EFFORT TO QUELL WORKER OPPOSITION TO FASCIST AUSTERITY

TURIN, April 17 (IPS) -- Pilo Gaspari, a member of the European Labor Party in Turin, Italy, today received direct threats against himself and his family from the local secretary of the Italian Communist Party (PCI). The PCI leader personally threatened Gaspari and his family with beatings if he continues to organize with the European Labor Party. After the personal warning, Gaspari received a phone call threatening that "you and other workers must stop working against our party."

The threat came after Gaspari denounced the fascist austerity measures being demanded by the PCI -- including wage cuts and

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freezes, import cuts and fuel rationing -- before an audience of workers and PCI members who had been assembled to hear the PCI secretary talk on the need for workers to sacrifice and accept slave labor as a solution to the economic crisis. Gaspari's intervention around debt moratorium and formation of an International Development Bank as the only solution to the present international crisis so polarized the meeting that the PCI leader was forced to leave, while people gathered around Gaspari demanding further briefings.

WEST GERMAN UPSWING HOAX TO BE FINANCED BY WORKERS WAGES

April 17 (IPS) -- Today's editorial in the Atlanticist-connected West German daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung, titled "A Report on the Economic Conjunction" demands that controlled investment in capital and forced stock purchases -- profit sharing -- by workers, schemes pioneered by Nazi finance minister Hjalmar Schacht, be used to save the mythical economic upswing. "Through a certain kind of control," the paper writes, "investments can be directed into the right industries that have to be capital intensive. It is therefore no accident that the theme of workers' participation in owning capital,...is now acquiring some real meaning again."

GREEK LEADER PROPOSES GREEK-TURKEY NON-AGRESSION PACT

April 17 (IPS) -- Greek Premier Constantine Karamanlis has proposed to the Turkish government that a non-aggression pact be signed between Turkey and Greece, according to WINS radio in New York today.

IMMIGRATION SERVICE THREATENS USLP MEMBER WITH DEPORTATION APRIL 30

CHICAGO, April 17 (IPS) -- Attorneys for U.S. Labor Party member Polly Skinner Johnson, a Canadian citizen seeking permanent U.S. resident status, will enter Federal Court here to seek a declaratory judgement outlawing the attempt by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to deport Mrs. Johnson under the anti-Communist provisions of the McCarran Act. The opportunity for this move came yesterday, when two INS agents visited Mrs. Johnson to inform her that she would be deported at the end of the month.

The agents claimed that Mrs. Johnson had "missed a meeting" on her case which neither she nor her attorney had been informed of. On this pretext, the agents said, the INS plans to hold a Final Deportation Hearing on her case April 30, at which time she must "show cause" why she should not be deported.

One day prior to the INS's notification of Mrs. Johnson that the final deportation hearing had been scheduled, a judge in Federal Court in Chicago threw out an INS "Motion to Compel" USLP candidate for Illinois Attorney General, Richard L. Leebove, to answer

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questions regarding a December 1975 illegal raid at the Air Balance plant, where the USLP has a sizeable following among Mexican-American workers. The Federal Government, which is attempting to charge Leebove and Chicago American Civil Liberties Union attorney Goldberger with a felonious conspiracy to entrap the INS into staging the illegal raid, had contested Leebove's right to invoke the Fifth Amendment against incrimination in the case.

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TWO PERUVIAN CLLA MEMBERS STILL IMPRISONED; NSC SLANDER NETWORK FULLY ACTIVATED

LIMA, PERU, April 18 (IPS) — Two Latin American Labor Committee organizers are still being held in a political prison here after two weeks with no official charges pressed. The two were arrested on April 4 for selling copies of the Spanish-language New Solidarity which exposed the right-wing Kissinger-directed coup plot against the Peruvian government. Other CLLA members are only permitted to visit the two jailed organizers once a week. Heavy pressure is being put on the members' families.

While the government stalls and fishes for plausible charges against the two organizers, U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has ordered a new round of slanders against the Labor Committee in Peru by the Institute for Policy Studies-Counterspy network directly under his command. The institute, set up by agents of the U. S. National Security Council in 1963, is the leading ideological center for NSC left fascists and has spewed out internationally the Kissinger lie that "the Labor Committees are CIA."

The wave of new slanders occurred after the International Caucus of Labor Committees launched an international mobilization to free the arrested organizers and push for a debt moratorium in Peru. The ICLC mobilization effectively slowed the right-wing Kissinger-directed offensive within Peru. Kissinger's heavy handed response was aimed as a warning to pro-development and pro-moratorium forces in the Peruvian military.

A series of slanders launched by the white communist agents within the Communist Party of Peru specifically labeled the Latin American Labor Committees as "Yankee imperialists and CIA" and attacked the debt moratorium as a "worthless panacea." Writing in the Communist Party paper, Unidad, these agents tried to cover up the Kissinger war and coup plan for Peru.

Following these lies, the independent leftist swamp weekly, Marka, read widely in liberal circles, launched a similar attack smearing the leadership of the Labor Committees as "brainwash experts," insinuating that the Labor Committee was CIA. "Where do they get their money?" Marka asked, retailing the standard CIA slander against the Labor Committee. A third attack appeared in the leftist magazine, Momento, which is reportedly connected to the Communist Party. Written by a former staffer from Marka, the slander article belittles the debt moratorium proposal of the Labor Committees and Peruvian Foreign Minister de la Flor.

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A preliminary investigation of the Peruvian agents who are responsible for printing these lies leads directly to Kissinger. Victor Villaneuva, a writer and collaborator with Marka, former military man and former member of the APRA, a civilian fascist party, is a personal friend of Luigi Einaudi. Einaudi is "on loan" from the RAND Corporation to Kissinger at the State Department and is personally responsible for designing RAND's plan for a so-called Second War of the Pacific between Peru and Chile.

Another Villaneuva associate is "ex-" CIA agent Philip Agee who works out of the Institute for Policy Studies-Counterspy network. Villaneuva introduced Agee's book to Peru, giving him a left cover and credibility.

The director of Marka is one Carlos Urrutia, who received his political education at the Peruvian Education Ministry under two leading "left" Kissinger agents in Latin America: Ivan Illich and Paulo Freire. Illich, best known for his "de-schooling" schemes, led the slander and nag operation against the Labor Committees in Mexico two years ago. Illich got his start as a prize pupil of the U. S. fascist Cardinal Spellman, one of the strongest supporters of the Vietnam war. With Spellman's blessings, Illich helped set up a birth control program for Puerto Rico in which half of the female population of the island have been sterilized. Illich's protegee Freire has similar credentials as a social fascist, and is himself an Institute for Policy Studies associate. Illich arrived in Peru last week, several days before the Marka slander was published.

Another Marka staffer and Illich associate, Luis Pasara, was trained by the Ford Foundation and pushes the World Bank-type Maoist slave-labor plan for agricultural production to cut "wasteful" food imports.

The Labor Committees is currently tracking down the rest of the Kissinger "left" fascists in Peru to expose the full range of the Kissinger and Rockefeller operation deployed to stop Peru's pro-development policies, force a rightist coup in the country, and foment a "Second War of the Pacific." The message the Labor Committees will take throughout Peru and internationally demonstrates exactly what Kissinger, the Peruvian right wing, the agents in the Communist Party and the Marka agents have in common: a campaign for fascism and war, and a campaign to halt the organizing of the Latin American Labor Committees.

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I. PRIORITIES

SHELLING RESUMES IN BEIRUT AS FALANGE DEFY CEASEFIRE

April 19 (IPS) — The three-day-old Lebanese ceasefire was broken yesterday when right-wing Falangist forces heavily shelled Muslim neighborhoods, triggering clashes in the mountains east of Beirut, an area where leftists have established numerous outposts.

Today's New York Times further reports that uncertainty still surrounds the resignation of the Falangist Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh. Franjeh's resignation is a key demand by the Lebanese left for reform of the sectarian Lebanese government.

At the same time as the outbreak of fighting, right-wing Christian leader Camille Chamoun has rejected the 35th ceasefire. Chamoun also warned that the "military escalation" could make it impossible for the Parliament to meet to elect a new president, a provision of the new ceasefire.

FALANGISTS ANNOUNCE INTENTION TO PARTITION

April 19 (IPS) — Bashir Gemeyal, son of the chief of Lebanon's right-wing Falangist party Pierre Gemeyal, yesterday announced over Beirut radio the Falangists' intention to partition Lebanon by forming a "shadow government" in the area north of Beirut around Junieh, according to today's New York Times. Such a threat of partition is an open provocation to the Lebanese left, which has violently opposed the partition scheme.

LEBANESE FASCISTS MOVE AHEAD WITH PARTITION PLANS

April 19 (IPS) — Syria's anti-leftist repression in Lebanon has "encouraged Christians to start setting up their own separate administration" in parts of Lebanon, yesterday's Sunday Times of London reports. According to the

Times, the fascist Falange is carrying out plans to set up their own police forces, courts, and postal systems, and has taken over the Christian port of Junieh, where they have started to organize independent transport and commercial systems and have declared a free trade zone.

These arrangements have "all the trappings of a separate state" and constitute "deliberate moves toward partition" that no one can effectively stop, the Times concludes.

SYRIAN TROOPS REMAIN IN LEBANON

April 19 (IPS) — First-hand reports indicate that Syrian troops occupying Lebanon have made no moves to leave the country despite numerous rumors circulating throughout Beirut, according to the New York Times today. The just-negotiated 35th ceasefire called for the withdrawal of Syrian troops, a major demand of the Lebanese left. Leaders of the reconstituted military command comprised of Syrian officials and representatives of the PLO meet today to determine the schedule for the Syrian troops' exit.

RABIN BEING PUSHED TO MOVE INTO LEBANON BY ISRAELI HARDLINERS

April 19 (IPS) — The comparative restraint shown by the Israeli government in the Lebanese situation until now has "weakened the government's position" to the extent that "demands are increasing for some limited military action to show that Israel's warnings to Syria are not merely rhetorical," the London Sunday Times reported yesterday from Jerusalem.

According to Sunday Times reporter Eric Marsden, opposition to Israeli Prime Minister Rabin's "restraint" is shared by many government supporters, "perturbed over the steady erosion of Israel's stance under pressure from Washington." Marsden notes that many Israelis are distraught over an apparent Syrian "understanding" with the U.S. government over the Lebanon situation.

The military action recommended by

these circles in Israel, Marsden claims, is an Israeli occupation up to the Litani River in Lebanon's south.

RABIN FACING PRESSURE FOR PREEMPTIVE ISRAELI STRIKE

April 19 (IPS) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is "reported to be resisting hardline pressure for a preemptive strike against Lebanon," reports today's Washington Post. The Post adds that "pressure against such an operation scarcely helped the (Israeli) government's image with a public conditioned for a generation to decisive Israeli military ripostes and yearning for a lightning victory to efface the mottled 1973 war performance."

While "over the months, Israel has tolerated increasing Syrian military involvement in Lebanon on a scale that would once have prompted automatic riposte and possibly another Arab-Israeli war," states Post reporter Jonathan C. Randel, "no one here (in Beirut) seems to know why."

COUNTERSPY BLAMES CIA FOR INSTIGATING FALANGIST VIOLENCE IN LEBANON

April 19 (IPS) — Richard Welch, the CIA station chief in Athens, Greece who was murdered last December in Athens, was directly responsible for coordinating the Lebanese civil war and for assisting the Lebanese Falange and right-wing Palestinian groups, according to Winslow Peck of Counterspy in an interview with the Greek left magazine Anti. The Anti article was reported in the Manchester Guardian.

According to Peck, most of the CIA station in Athens is working on the situation in Lebanon and uses U.S. banks in Athens to finance the Falange. The Athens CIA station — consisting of a staff of 170 — is the CIA command post in the eastern Mediterranean, having assumed the role once played by stations in Cyprus, Beirut, and Tel Aviv.

HEPATITIS EPIDEMIC IN GREECE; CHOLERA, TYPHUS ON THE WAY AS SEWAGE SYSTEM FAILS

April 19 (IPS) — The flooding of the sewage system in the slum areas of Peristeri and Nea Ionia on the outskirts of Athens, Greece has touched off a hepatitis epidemic, according to the April 17 and 18 issues of the Greek Communist Party daily, Rizospastis. Cholera and typhus are expected to break out within days, immediately affecting approximately 250,000 inhabitants in the two areas alone and threatening to spread throughout Athens, a city of three million. Backed-up sewage has already contaminated the Peristeri and Nea Ionia water system, according to Rizospastis, and threatens to pollute that of Athens.

Local authorities have placed the Peristeri region on an "emergency alert." Rats and human feces are reported to be everywhere, and children are playing in the streets with both. The mayor of Peristeri has asked the Water Company to take the necessary measures to stop the spread of disease, but, according to Rizospastis, the Water Company has not yet responded.

CHICAGO SUN TIMES SAYS DETENTE IS "ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY"

April 19 (IPS) — The Chicago Sun Times issued a strong editorial statement in support of detente today and warned of the danger of nuclear war without it. The editorial said that detente is "absolutely necessary" and that without it, the possibility of "East-West war" will greatly increase. Any such war would be "the last war," said the newspaper.

TIMES COLUMNIST ANTHONY LEWIS HITS KISSINGER'S "MACHO" IMAGE OF POWER POLITICS

April 19 (IPS) — New York Times columnist Anthony Lewis today lambasts Secretary of State Henry Kissinger for bearing "probably the largest share of responsibility over recent years for an American attitude of bluster, of concern for masculinity in foreign affairs." This is the reason, Lewis states, why Kissinger "denounces Ronald Reagan but sounds more like him every day."

"The macho image," Lewis reports, "has always been important in Mr. Kissinger's approach to international rela-

tions.... That was the message a year ago in the hasty assault on Cambodia when the Mayaguez was seized. It is the message now in the heavily freighted warnings to Cuba."

Lewis further gives Kissinger his due credit for enlarging the Vietnam war and then going to the extreme of advertising the end in Vietnam as proof of American weakness. He states that it is no surprise that the public begins to worry and the way is opened for Ronald Reagan "when a country's leaders talk constantly about the fears of looking 'weak,' when they draw lines in the most inconvenient corners of the earth and declare they are the tests of national manhood." Lewis suggests that the final verdict of history on L'enfant terrible must be that "Vietnam and the other expressions of his obsessions with dominance have destroyed the good he might have done on the larger question of detente."

CHICAGO TRIBUNE PUTS RUMSFELD AND INGERSOLL UP FRONT TO SCORE KISSINGER

April 19 (IPS) — The Chicago Tribune issued a thinly veiled attack on Secretary of State Henry Kissinger today with a front-page article on a news conference by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who reassured reporters that detente is very much in the interest of the U.S. Contradicting Kissinger's repeated calls for "regional confrontations," Rumsfeld said that the U.S. cannot become the "policeman of the world" nor should it become "isolationist." When he was asked whether Europeans are worried about a lack of military protection from the U.S. against the Soviets, the Defense Secretary said, "Our NATO allies are aware that we have sufficient deterrent."

The Chicago Tribune's Washington correspondent, Frank Star, told IPS today that the Rumsfeld article was meant to be an "anti-Kissinger piece."

In addition to the anti-Kissinger thrust, the Tribune drew attention to East-West trade by profiling a leading spokesman for the Chicago industrial community, Borg-Warner executive James Ingersoll; the full-page article covered his personal background and involvement in international trade.

CHICAGO SUN TIMES SAYS BRAINWASHING A FACTOR IN HEARST SENTENCING

April 19 (IPS) — The Chicago Sun Times in an editorial yesterday claimed that the possibility that Patri-

cia Hearst had been brainwashed cannot be ignored by Federal Judge Carter in determining her sentence. The editorial noted that court testimony firmly established that Miss Hearst was bound and locked up in order to "humiliate" and "depersonalize" her. Reflecting exposure for over a year to U.S. Labor Party documentation of the CIA role in Miss Hearst's brainwashing which was made available to the Sun Times editorial board, the Sun Times concluded that the possibility that Miss Hearst "yielded to Inquisition-like torture" is a possibility that Judge Carter must consider in deciding whether "brainwashing exists at all."

THIRD WORLD HITS STATE DEPARTMENT "RESOURCE BANK"

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 19 (IPS) — A delegate of a leading Third World nation said here today that he considers the U.S. State Department's proposal for an "International Resource Bank" to be "humorous" and not very serious. The New York Times made the proposal public in a report last week, and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is likely to introduce it in his presentation to the upcoming United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Nairobi, Kenya.

While he did not take the "IRB" proposal seriously, the delegate went on to say, however, that the major topic of discussion at the UNCTAD meeting will be commodity price stabilization measures, also a touchstone of Kissinger's policy.

The question of the debt problem in the international monetary system will not be a very high priority for discussion at the Conference and will primarily be dealt with in the Finance Commission. Specifically, the Finance Commission will discuss a proposal for the Group of 77 developing nations for the convening of a "Debtor-Creditor Conference" where the debt problem would be addressed, he said. The Finance Commission of the "North-South" talks, which is now discussing the problem of debt in Paris, will provide a progress report of its discussions to the UNCTAD meeting Finance Commission.

INDIA-CHINA EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS NOT ANTI-SOVIET

NEW YORK, April 19 (IPS) — Indian

diplomatic sources today categorically denied reports alleging that the recent steps taken by India to upgrade its diplomatic relations with China to an ambassadorial level were in any way a sign of deterioration in Indo-Soviet relations. Today's New York Times, in a lead editorial on the "Chinese-Indian Thaw," speculated that the Gandhi government, now more able to show "independence of Moscow," hopes "to play the Russians and Chinese off against each other for India's benefit." The New York Times editorial, however, was forced to admit the possibility that the China-India moves may be part of an "initial probe" by China "to mend fences with Moscow."

The Indian source termed the Times' emphasis "in one word — asinine" and stressed that Indo-Soviet relations are based on a firm friendship that cannot be affected in any way by an improvement of Indian relations with China. On the contrary, the source indicated, Indian efforts in this regard are fully coherent with Soviet offers of reconciliation with China made recently by Premier Kosygin in a congratulatory note to new Chinese Premier Hua Kuo-feng.

BRITISH REPORTER CLAIMS KISSINGER TO BE TOLD GET OUT OF AFRICA BY HOSTS

April 19 (IPS) — "Dr. Henry Kissinger... will be told bluntly next week that southern Africa and the Indian Ocean are not part of the United States' sphere of influence" by Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere, according to British reporter David Martin in the April 18 Observer. Martin claims Nyerere will deliver this message to Kissinger during the Secretary of State's two-day visit to Tanzania next week.

ECHVERRIA CALLS MASSIVE PEASANT RALLY APRIL 19 TO MOVE AGAINST LATIFUNDISTS

CIUDAD OBREGON, Mexico, April 19 (IPS) — Mexican President Luis Echeverria has called a meeting of peasants and government officials in this city for today which is being considered the most significant agrarian conclave of his term. An expected 50,000 peasants, primarily from the northwest states of Sinaloa and Sonora, already began to congregate for the meeting here yesterday, and virtually all of Echeverria's cabinet, all of the nation's peasant lead-

ers and most of the nation's governors are expected to arrive by this morning.

The stated purpose of the deliberations is to forge a "Single Peasant Union" out of the several major peasant groupings now active nationally and formulate specific changes in the Mexican constitution to strike at the landholding privileges of the nation's large landholders, the latifundists.

RAY CLINE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES PRESCRIBES "ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTE"

April 19 (IPS) — Ray Cline, former deputy director of the CIA now at Georgetown's Center for Strategic and International Studies, yesterday called for a return to the dangerous policies associated with the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in an article in the New York Times. Entitled "Alternatives to Detente," Cline's article presents a program to replace Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's old detente policy which includes the following eight points:

— "Recognize that far-reaching United States-Soviet Union cooperation in a generation of peace is a goal in the dim future, an illusion or a deception."

— "Say flatly that substantial Soviet expansion of control of territory, resources and populations cannot be tolerated, and that we will counter each Soviet challenge in strategic areas crucial to the United States at any necessary level."

— "Restore primary strategic emphasis on alliance-building... and on strengthening transoceanic strategic economic ties with allied nations."

— "Recognize that we have abandoned our former military superiority without getting Soviet restraint in areas where their military interests are involved."

— "Maintain military forces second to none and adequate to our guarantees to allies."

— "Aim at spending no less than 6 percent of our enormous GNP on military expenditures."

— "Tell Moscow coolly that our vastly superior economy will for the immediate future be harnessed to strengthen our transatlantic alliance system, rather than to invest in stabilizing the Soviet Union's economy, providing grain and transferring our advanced technology."

— "Finally, buy no more friendly words from Moscow... by concessions at the expense of allies who depend on us or at the expense of our future independence of strategic action in a danger-

ously unstable world."

YUGOSLAVIA WESTERN TURF, SAYS TIMES

April 19 (IPS) — The New York Times' C. L. Sulzberger said yesterday that socialist Yugoslavia is a "vital, strategic" interest of the United States. Under the title "Tempest in the Samovar," Sulzberger also emphasizes alleged points of friction between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union.

PRAVDA CHARGES U.S. WITH INTERFERENCE IN WESTERN EUROPE

April 19 (IPS) — Yesterday's Pravda charged that the United States is interfering in the internal affairs of Western Europe through its opposition to Communist participation in governments, reports the lead page one article in today's New York Times. The Pravda commentary, by George Ratiani, was aimed at recent warnings by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger that the U.S. cannot be expected to "defend" nations that have Communists in their governments.

The Times report notes that the Soviets are of two minds on the question of government participation by the polycentrist French and Italian Communist Parties due to the anti-Soviet stance of those parties and their support for NATO. But the Times cites diplomatic analysts in Moscow who believe that the Soviet Union would prefer to see the Western European Communists in power since that would ostensibly "create complex problems" for NATO.

WEST GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS REPEAT WARNING TO MEMBERS: NO CONTACT WITH EUROPEAN LABOR PARTY

WIESBADEN, W. Germany, April 19 (IPS) — Members of the European Labor Party (ELP) in West Germany learned over the weekend that the Executive Committee of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) in the Ruhr region city of Dortmund has issued another warning to its members that discussion and contact with ELP members is strictly forbidden. The new letter further admonishes its members that the current trend of four SPD members joining the ELP in the last week must not continue.

**TIMES SCORES FORD'S
LABOR POLICY AS
"SOFT ON LABOR"**

April 19 (IPS) — In a major editorial, yesterday's New York Times accused President Ford of being "soft on inflation" and warned both Republicans and Democrats of the consequences of allowing wage gains comparable to the nationwide Teamsters' settlement. The Times stated that "the White House now appears just as tolerant of inflationary wage and price actions" as it has been of high unemployment and that "instead of applauding the Teamsters' settlement of roughly ten per cent a year, President Ford should have warned that such an outsized pay boost — if followed as a pattern in other major industries — would lock the economy into an inflationary trend."

**THOUSANDS OF PEASANTS
POUR INTO SONORA —
DEMAND DEBT MORATORIUM**

FLASH! MEXICO CITY, Mexico, April 19 (IPS) — Mexican television is giving nationwide coverage to the demonstration by tens of thousands of peasants in Ciudad Obregon, Sonora in support of Mexican President Luis Echeverria's prodevelopment policies. The peasant confederation, known as UGOCM, has a huge banner which reads "Debt Moratorium now!", while Mexican Labor Party organizers report that 10,000 Labor Party leaflets have been distributed to peasants from all over the country with the aid of the wide PLM peasant periphery in the state, calling for debt moratorium and the International Development Bank as the only solution to Mexico's agricultural problems.

President Echeverria and many leading government and political figures are in Ciudad Obregon, where they have summoned peasants to rally in support of Echeverria's land reform program.