

## NATO TO RE-EXAMINE DETENTE

JAN. 17 (IPS) - IN A LEADING PAGE ONE ARTICLE DOCUMENTING THE REACTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS TO THE SOVIET TRADE DEAL CANCELLATION, TODAY'S DIE WELT INFORMS THAT, "THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF NATO IN BRUSSELS HAVE MEANWHILE ENTRUSTED AN EXPERT COMMITTEE WITH THE TASK OF EXAMINING THE ACTION OF THE SOVIET UNION IN RELATION TO THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE EFFORTS AT RELAXATION OF TENSION IN THE DEFENSE AREAS." IN RELATION TO THIS, THE WESTERN POSITION IN THE VIENNA AND GENEVA TALKS WILL BE THOUGHT OVER. DIE WELT ALSO REPORTS THAT THE PEIPUT NEWSPAPER - AN NAHAR. DOES NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ARAB OIL NATIONS "HAVE OFFERED THE SOVIET UNION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN SIBERIA, AND IN RETURN RECEIVED A PROMISE OF A CUT-BACK IN JEWISH EMIGRATION."

JAN 17, (IPS) - TODAY'S FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG RUNS A COMMENTARY WHICH EXAMINES THE VARIOUS FASHIONS IN WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS VIEWS THE SOVIET CANCELLATION OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. WHILE U.S. AND BRITISH PRESS SOURCES DO NOT SEE THIS EVENT AS "A CHANGE OF COURSE IN SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY," THE FRENCH, MOST ESPECIALLY, VIEW THIS AS A SIGN OF INCREASING "STIFFNESS" BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS, BOTH AGREE THAT THE MOVE RELATES TO SOVIET DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

JAN. 17 (IPS) - UNDER THE HEADLINE, "PRAGUE TOO CANCELS AGREEMENT WITH AMERICA," THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG JAN. 17 REPORTS THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS ANNULLED AN OUTLINE FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH THE USA DRAWN UP IN JULY 1974. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDED FOR COMPENSATION OF SEIZED HOLDINGS, AND WAS ANNULLED BECAUSE OF THE "ATTACHED POLITICAL CONDITIONS." THIS WAS REPORTED ON THURSDAY, IN THE PARTY NEWSPAPER, RUDE PRAVO, THROUGH PUBLICATION OF THE DECISION OF THE FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARLIAMENT.

## II. DECLARATION OF TWENTY EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES

JAN. 17 (IPS) - TODAY'S ISSUES OF THE WEST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY (DKP) PAPER, UNSERE ZEIT, THE ITALIAN CP'S UNITA, AND THE FRENCH CP'S HUMANITE, CARRIED IDENTICAL VERSIONS OF YESTERDAY'S DECLARATION BY TWENTY WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES, WHICH CALLED UPON THE EUROPEAN WORKING CLASS TO STOP "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" IN ITS TRACKS. HUMANITE ADDED A COMMENTARY FROM PCF POLITBURO MEMBER JEAN KANAPA STATING THAT "THIS COLLECTIVE INITIATIVE CAN BE SEEN AS AN EXTENSION OF THE BRUSSELS CONFERENCE HELD BY OUR PARTIES A YEAR AGO." THE BRUSSELS CONFERENCE TO WHICH KANAPA REFERRED, RESOLVED TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

JAN. 17 (IPS) - THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY UNITA TODAY GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO THE CALL BY THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF CAPITALIST EUROPE FOR ACTION AGAINST THE NEW IMPERIALIST MENACE. THE CALL SITES THE DANGERS CREATED BY THE U.S. POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND VIETNAM AND APPEALS TO WORKERS AND DEMOCRATIC FORCES FOR A STRUGGLE FOR A "PEACEFUL, DEMOCRATIC, AND INDEPENDENT EUROPE."

JAN. 17, (IPS) - HUMANITE, NEWSPAPER OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCF) RAN AN EDITORIAL TODAY WHICH DESCRIBED THE PCF'S CAMPAIGN TO " DEMONSTRATE THE MECHANISM OF AUSTERITY TO THE PEOPLE," IN THE CASE OF OIL PRICE RISES IN FRANCE. "THE COMMUNISTS WILL NOT BE QUIET," STATED THE EDITORIAL, WHICH IS FOLLOWED BY A POLITBURO COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING NEW INITIATIVES IN PCF ORGANIZING AROUND THE CAMPAIGN. A NATIONAL MEETING ON RECRUITMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF PARTY CELLS WILL TAKE PLACE JAN 23, AND BE CHAIRED BY POLITBURO MEMBER ROLAND LEROY, A LEADER OF THE PCF LEFT FACTION.

HUMANITE ALSO REPORTED TODAY A RELEASE FROM THE SOVIET PRESS AGENCY TASS, STATING THAT THE EXCHANGE RUBLE USED WITHIN THE EASTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, COMECON, MIGHT BE USED AS A BASIS FOR WORLD TRADE.

JAN. 17 (IPS) - UNSERE ZEIT, NEWSPAPER OF THE WEST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY (DKP) TODAY RAN AN ARTICLE ON SUBVERSION IN PORTUGAL, WHICH TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACK THE RIGHT WING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL DEMOCRACY. "THE RIGHTIST SPD (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN WEST GERMANY) IN THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL DEMOCRACY HAS ALWAYS STOOD FOR AN ANTI-COMMUNISM THAT IS DIRECTED AGAINST THE CAUSE OF UNIFIED ACTION."

JAN. 17 (IPS) -- TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES RAN A PAGE 7 ARTICLE BY FLORA LEWIS ON THE STATEMENT ISSUED JOINTLY YESTERDAY BY 20 WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES, WHICH CONDEMNED THE "MILITARY ADVENTURE PLANNED BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE MIDDLE EAST." THE TIMES ARTICLE STATES THAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STATEMENT IS THAT "IT IT SEEMED TO SHOW A SHIFT FROM THE MORE TRADITIONAL COMMUNIST LINE THAT EUROPE SHOULD NOT BE DIVIDED UP BETWEEN EAST AND WEST," INDICATING A LOOSENING OF TIES BETWEEN THE WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES AND MOSCOW. THE STATEMENT WENT UNREPORTED BY EUROPE'S MAJOR DAILY NEWSPAPERS.

### III. MIDEAST

#### LONDON-ROCKEFELLER AXIS ESCALATES BLACKMAIL AGAINST IRAQ

NEW YORK, JAN. 17 (IPS)--STEPPING UP ITS BLACKMAIL AGAINST THE PRO-SOVIET REGIME OF IRAQ, THE LONDON-ROCKEFELLER AXIS HAS ESCALATED OPERATIONS IN OMAN AGAINST THE PRO-IRAQI POPULAR THE LIBERATION OF OMAN REBELS. ACCORDING TO THE JAN. 17 DIE WELT, THE WEST GERMAN DAILY, THE SULTAN OF OMAN, DURING A RECENT TRIP TO THE U.S. MET WITH NELSON ROCKEFELLER AND JAMES SCHLESINGER, AND WAS CONCEDED MILITARY SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. UNDER COVER OF A MILITARY MISSION, WASHINGTON "NOW WANTS TO ESTABLISH ITSELF THERE." BASING ITS REPORTS ON ARAB PRESS SERVICE RELEASES, DIE WELT GOES TO REVEAL THAT THE U.S. IS "IN QUIET" PREPARING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A "LEGAL MILITARY PRESENCE ALONG THE PERSIAN GULF." THIS FOLLOWS BY A FEW WEEKS THE VISIT OF CIA CHIEFTAINS WILLIAM COLBY AND RICHARD HELMS TO OMAN. AMERICAN WEAPONS INSTRUCTORS HAVE ARRIVED AND THEIR NUMBER WILL INCREASE WITH DIRECT US WEAPONS DELIVERIES.