

JAN. 17 (IPS) -- TODAY'S LE MONDE REPORTS THAT FIGHTING CONTINUES FOR CONTROL OF THE MEKONG. CAMBODIAN REPUBLICANS HAVE BEEN MOBI-LIZING HELICOPTERS FROM KAPOT, BATTAMPANG, AND SVAY-RIANG AS THE ONLY MEANS OF GIVING VITAL SUPPLIES SUCH AS ARMS AND FOOD TO THE TROOPS DEFENDING THE CAPITAL AGAINST AN OPERATION WHICH IS TERMED "ASPHYXIATION OF THE CAPITAL."

JAN. 17 (IPS) -- THE EAST GERMAN RADIO STATION STIMME DER DDR TODAY LED ITS NEWS BROADCAST WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF TWO NEW

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S (SED) LEFTIST ORGANIZING DRIVE AMONG WORLD COMMUNIST PARTIES. SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICIAL WINKELMANN HAS TRAVELLED TO ITALY TO DELIVER A MESSAGE TO ITALIAN CP (PCI) SECRETARY ENRICO BERLINGUER FROM SED HEAD ERICH HONNECKER. THE PCI, STILL DOMINATED BY CIA GENT GIORGIO AMENDOLA, IS A KEY TARGET FOR THE HARDLINERS TO ORGANIZE.

MEANWHILE SED POLITBUREAU HARDLINER ZURT HAGER MET WITH JANOS KADAR, CHIEF OF THE HUNGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, TO "DISCUSS IDEO-LOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES." KADAR HAD EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR AMENDOLA'S POLYCENTRISM LINE AT THE RECENT BUDAPEST MEETING OF EUROPEAN CP'S. A SIMILAR MEETING ON IDEOLOGY BETWEEN HAGER AND JAN SZYDLAK OF THE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY PRECEDED THE POLISH CP LEADERSHIP'S RECENT SHIFT TOWARDS SUPPORTING A UNIFIED COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT WITH SOVIET LEADERSHIP.

BRITISH TRUCKDRIVER STABS WIFE OVER SUGAR

JAN. 17 (IPS) -- A CASE NOW PENDING IN A WINCHESTER, ENGLAND, CROWN COURT CHARGES THAT JOHN SCARD, 53, STABBED HIS WIFE AFTER HE CAUGHT HER STEALING SUGAR FROM "HIS" SUPPLY. APPARENTLY, THE COUPLE WHOSE RELATIONS WERE ALREADY STRAINED KEPT SEPARATE FOOD SUPPLIES. SCARD HAD JUST BORROWED THE SUGAR FROM A NEIGHBOR FOR AN AFTER-WORK CUP OF TEA.

II. CONTINENTAL NEWS.

JAN. 17 -- SCIENCE MAGAZINE, WHICH HAS A HISTORY OF DISTORTING CRITICISMS DIRECTED AT THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, TODAY CARRIED A LIBELOUS ATTACK. THE U.S. LABOR PARTY FOR ITS EXPOSURE OF AEC HEAD DR. EDWARD TELLER. TELLER HAS COME UNDER CONCENTRATED FIRE FROM THE LABOR PARTY FOR HIS SUPPRESSION OF FUSION RESEARCH AND PERSECUTION OF DISSIDENT SCIENTISTS WHO OPPOSE THE POLICIES OF THE ROCKEFELERS' "SEVEN SISTERS" OIL CARTEL.

TODAY'S ARTICLE IN SCIENCE BELITTLES THE LABOR PARTY'S INSIS-TENCE THAT A MANHATTEN-PROJECT-STYLE CRASH PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOP-MENT OF THERMONUCLEAR FUSION TECHNOLOGY IS ESSENTIAL TO HUMAN SURVIVAL, ATTRIBING THIS PROGRAMMATIC POSITION TO THE RAVINGS OF A "HIGHLY SECIAN MARXIST-LENINIST GROUP."