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PRG REJECT MINH PROPOSAL FOR TRUCE NEGOTIATION

April 28 (IPS)--Provoked by the continued refusal of the U.S. to remove its military and civilian forces from South Vietnam, as well as the maintenance of what the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) termed a "Thieu administration without Thieu," the PRG brought its armed forces to within three miles of Saigon and cut the capital off from its port and the food-producing Mekong Delta.

KHMER ROUGE AGAINST FOREIGN BASES OR U.S. SUBVERSION UNDER GUISE OF "HUMANITARIANISM"

April 29 (IPS)-- The Khmer Rouge Announced that they are prohibiting "any country from establishing military bases in Cambodia...and absolutely struggling against all forms of aggression against Cambodia from the outside...under whatever form of so-called humanitarianism" -- a clear reference to the proposals of some U.S. circles to use "humanitarian" aid and various "relief" agencies to maintain a foothold in Cambodia.

JAPANESE POLICE PUSH HITLER-YOUTH-TYPE PLAN

April 29 (IPS)--Under the guise of stopping terrorism, the Japanese police are moving to set up a spy system reminiscent of the Hitler Youth who spied on their parents for the Nazis. The Japan Times editorial of April 24 enthusiastically endorsed the plan.

JAPAN EXTENDS UNCONDITIONAL RECONSTRUCTION AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM

April 30 (IPS)--High level sources in the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) are ready to approach the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) of South Vietnam or a coalition government with an offer for immediate reconstruction materials in return for Vietnamese-produced goods, according to today's Journal of Commerce.

ALBERT CONFIRMS STRATEGIC ALLIANCE WITH CHINA

Washington, May 1 (IPS)--Carl Albert (D-Okla.), the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, said today through a spokesman that a strategic alliance now exists between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China against the Soviet Union and its allies.

In a related development, Congressional sources, including an aide to New Hampshire Senator Thomas J. McIntyre (D) said today that the pursuit of such an alliance has been "generally understood" as "national policy," and that for the past seven years the U.S. has intentionally "tried to exploit the differences between the Soviet Union and China."

KOREA TARGETED FOR FLARE-UP BY CIA THINK TANKS

May 1 (IPS) -- A seminar, convened today at Georgetown's Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), concluded that Korea would be the next world hot spot to explode, according to a Copley News Service report. The Japanese Ambassador, the Central Intelligence Agency, various academic "experts," and journalists attended.

GANDHI HAILS PRG VICTORY

May 2 (IPS) -- Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India hailed the PRG victory in South Vietnam yesterday in the British Commonwealth conference of Jamaica. Gandhi paralleled the current developments in Indochina with India's development of a close relation with the Soviet Union. India and Laos are the only Asian countries that have recognized the Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam.

BRD, JAPANESE FINANCE MINISTERS TO MEET

WIESBADEN, West Germany, May 2 (IPS) -- IPS learned today that West German Finance Minister Hans Apel has begun a 10-day visit to Japan, neither Apel's office nor the official spokesman of the Finance Ministry would comment on the circumstances around or purpose of the sudden trip.

CIA'S MOBUTU UNLEASHES ANGOLAN COUNTERGANGS AGAINST PRO-SOVIET MPLA

May 2 (IPS) -- Lisbon's O Seculo, in a page-one article yesterday entitled "FNLA Assaulting and Seizing With Impunity," revealed details of new attacks against the mass-based popular movement for the liberation of Angola (MPLA) and the National Union of Angolan Workers (UNTA) by rival "Liberation Movements" controlled from neighboring Zaire by notorious CIA agent Mobutu -- the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA).

CHINESE SUPPORT NEW ROLE FOR U.S. IN ASIA

May 3 (IPS) -- According to a report by John Burns, Peking correspondent of the Toronto Globe and Mail, high level officials in the Peoples' Republic of China are privately feeling a "sense of relief" about the U.S. defeat in Indochina because it will "free the United States to play a positive role elsewhere in Asia." Burns wrote that the Chinese see the U.S. security presence as a "bulwark against attempts by Moscow to strengthen its influence in the area."

FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA APPROVES JAPAN'S NUCLEARIZATION

May 3 (IPS) -- Today's Yomiuri News reported that Japanese Foreign

Minister Kiichi Miyazawa gave tentative permission for the installation of U.S. nuclear arms on Japanese territory to U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger during Miyazawa's visit to Washington last month. The weapons are to be installed "in case of emergencies which affect Japan or South Korea." This move, which will make Japan a key pawn in the Schlesinger endgame of nuclear confrontation with the Soviets, is expressly forbidden by the Japanese Constitution.

McGOVERN ON "REFUGEE QUESTION"

May 4 (IPS) -- In a lecture to be given today at Eastern Illinois University Sen. George McGovern called for the return of South Vietnamese evacuated in the panic fueled by the collapse of the puppet Thieu regime. Debunking the idea that the new government would "engage in a bloodbath our policymakers have talked about so much," McGovern said that 90 per cent of the Vietnamese refugees who left would be better off going back to their own land now that the initial panic has subsided.