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WORLD PRESS SUMMARY — WORLD NEWS

U.S. PRESS DEVOID OF SUBSTANTIVE CONVERGENCE OF CSCE

JULY 31 (IPS)—THE MAJOR U.S. NEWS DAILIES TREATED THE HISTORIC HELSINKI CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE) SUMMIT IN PICTURE POST-CARD FASHION TODAY, IGNORING THE SUBSTANTIVE DEBATES AND HIGH LEVEL DISCUSSIONS PROCEEDING OPENLY AND IN PRIVATE AT THE 35-NATION GATHERING.

DESPITE FRONT-PAGE PICTURES AND NUMEROUS HEADLINES ON THE CSCE MEETING, EVEN A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ROCKEFELLER-CONTROLLED ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON SAID HE WAS FORCED TO USE HIS OWN RESOURCES TO OBTAIN ANY REAL NEWS FROM HELSINKI.

THE IPS WAS THE ONLY INTERNATIONAL PRESS AGENCY DENIED ACCESS TO THE CONFERENCE.

WILSON STRESSES DETENTE AT CSCE

JULY 31 (IPS)—CONTRARY TO EARLY RADIO REPORTS, BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON DID NOT MAKE "PROVOCATIVE" STATEMENTS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS AT THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE) IN HELSINKI.

IN A PRESS STATEMENT RELEASED BY THE BRITISH OFFICE OF INFORMATION, WILSON WAS QUOTED AS STRESSING THE FACT THAT "DETENTE IS INDIVISIBLE, AS IN THE ULTIMATE, FREEDOM AND PEACE ARE INDIVISIBLE." HE ALSO CALLED FOR "WORLD-WIDE ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN STOPPING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR TERROR."

WILSON DECLARED: "THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE A LANDMARK IN THE HISTORY OF EUROPE AND THE DEVELOPING WORLD."

SCHMIDT: BERLIN AND THE ECONOMY ISSUES OF CSCE

JULY 31 (IPS)—WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT MET AT NOON TODAY WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON IN A BREAK AT THE EUROPEAN SUMMIT IN HELSINKI. ACCORDING TO WEST GERMAN RADIO, THE SUBJECT OF THE DISCUSSION WAS BERLIN AND THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION.

L'HUMANITE REPORTS SCHMIDT SPEECH AT CSCE

JULY 31 (IPS)—AT THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE) SUMMIT IN HELSINKI YESTERDAY WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TOOK UP THE THEME OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE GERMAN NATION, THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY L'HUMANITE REPORTED TODAY. "THIS IS, AS EVERYONE KNOWS, AN ATTEMPT TO RECONSTRUCT A GERMAN REICH," L'HUMANITE CONTINUED. "THE REALITY OF EUROPE IN 1975 DOES NOT LEND ITSELF VERY WELL TO SUCH AMBITIONS."

WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR PLAYS DOWN CSCE

JULY 31 (IPS)—WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT'S EVALUATION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE) IS THAT IT "HAS SET FORTH CERTAIN STEPS TOWARD PEACE, BUT NOW WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FOLLOWING WORDS WITH DEEDS", ACCORDING TO TODAY'S FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG.

PCI SAYS WHAT THE CSCE IS NOT

JULY 31 (IPS)—THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY PAPER UNITA TODAY WROTE THAT THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE IS "NOT A UNIVERSAL PANACEA, DOES NOT LIQUIDATE THE NUMEROUS PROBLEMS WHICH THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE KNOW, DOES NOT OF ITSELF INAUGURATE AN ERA OF PERMANENT PEACE, AND DOES NOT OF ITSELF DO AWAY WITH SEVERAL IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES. THE CONFERENCE IS RATHER A DEMONSTRATION THAT THE EUROPEAN STATES, WITH ALL THEIR DIVERSITIES, CAN WORK TOGETHER."

IL SOLE 24 ORE WAVERS ON TRADE AND DETENTE

JULY 31 (IPS)—THE ITALIAN BOURGEOIS DAILY IL SOLE 24 ORE TODAY WRITES THAT "THE SOVIET UNION CONTINUES TO BE A THREAT TO EUROPE. THE CSCE MUST NOT BE OVER-VALUED.... THERE IS MORE TO DETENTE THAN THE INCREASE IN TRADE."

MEANY HYSTERICAL OVER CSCE

JULY 31 (IPS)—YESTERDAY, AT A MEETING OF THE AFL-CIO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN CHICAGO, AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY ATTACKED THE FORD ADMINISTRATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION (CSCE). MEANY RANTED AGAINST THE SALE OF U.S. GRAIN TO THE SOVIET UNION AND SHRIEKED THAT "BY SIGNING AN AGREEMENT AT HELSINKI WITH THE SOVIET UNION, THE U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE WILL BE CONSIGNING THE ONCE FREE NATIONS OF EASTERN EUROPE TO SUBJUGATION UNDER COMMUNIST RULE."

PRESIDENT GISCARD APPOINTS CIA-MAN WYBOT
TO INVESTIGATE FRENCH FBI

JULY 31 (IPS)—FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING IS NOW CONSIDERING A "TOP-TO-BOTTOM" RE-EVALUATION OF THE DST (FRENCH FBI) OPERATION. THE INVESTIGATIONS WILL BE HEADED BY ROGER WYBOT, WHO FOUNDED THE AGENCY AFTER WORLD WAR II BUT WAS KICKED OUT BY DE GAULLE IN 1958 BECAUSE "THE DST HAD BECOME TOO CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES", ACCORDING TO THE JULY 31 WASHINGTON POST.

ARAFAT STRENGTHENING HIS PEKING CONNECTION

JULY 31 (IPS)—PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION CHIEFTAIN YASSER ARAFAT IS STRENGTHENING HIS TIES TO PEKING, TODAY'S WEST GERMAN SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG REPORTS. A DELEGATION OF AL FATAH — ARAFAT'S PERSONAL WING OF THE PLO — LED BY ARAFAT'S PERSONAL DEPUTY —

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HAS GONE TO PEKING TO DISCUSS CHINESE SUPPLIES OF WEAPONRY FOR ARAFAT'S TERRORIST BANDS, ACCORDING TO THE ZEITUNG.

PEOPLES' COMMITTEES IN INDIA GIVEN MORE POWER

JULY 31 (IPS)—THE PEOPLES' COMMITTEES RECENTLY FORMED IN MANY AREAS OF INDIA AT THE INSTIGATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA WILL NOW BE GIVEN GREATER LEGAL POWER.

ACCORDING TO A REPORT YESTERDAY IN THE EAST GERMAN DAILY, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, THE COMMITTEES WILL HAVE A CONTROL FUNCTION THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED ECONOMIC PROGRAM.

MAOISTS BACK U.S. MILITARY IN JAPAN

JULY 31 (IPS)—A PRO-CHINESE LEADER OF THE JAPANESE SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) HAS REVEALED THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS THE UNITED STATES/JAPAN MUTUAL SECURITY SYSTEM. KOZO SASAKI, A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE JSP, EXPLAINED IN A JULY 25 INTERVIEW WITH THE ASAHI NEWSPAPER: "CHINA RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR THE U.S./JAPAN MUTUAL SECURITY SETUP, NOT BECAUSE SHE FINDS A VALUE IN IT, BUT BECAUSE THE PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS IN JAPAN DOESN'T HURT SINO/JAPANESE TIES."

CHINA FEARS SPREAD OF SOVIET INITIATIVES IN ASIA

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, JULY 31 (IPS)—THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS DENOUNCED PROPOSALS BY THE SOVIET UNION TO ESTABLISH A COLLECTIVE SECURITY PACT WITH THE NATIONS OF ASIA. A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE CHINESE NEWS AGENCY HSINHUA HERE YESTERDAY STATED "THE 'ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM' DISHED UP BY THE SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISTS UNDER THE SIGNBOARD OF 'PEACE' AND 'SECURITY' SERVES ONLY THEIR POLICY OF AGGRESSION AND EXPANSION, AND THEIR PURPOSE OF CONTENDING WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR HEGEMONY IN ASIA..."

MEXICAN COLUMNIST LINKS KISSINGER TO DRUG-RUNNING COVERUP

JULY 31 (IPS)—TELLEZ GIRON, MEXICAN JOURNALIST WRITING IN EL DIA OF JULY 29, ACCUSES U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AND VARIOUS NORTH AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN OF INITIATING AN INVESTIGATION OF AMERICANS HELD IN MEXICAN JAILS IN ORDER TO PROTECT DRUG-RUNNING OPERATINS. GIRON SPECULATES THAT "PERHAPS THE MEXICAN POLICE...CAUGHT SOME FISH THAT WERE TOO BIG. IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE MAFIA, PERHAPS. AS YOU MUST KNOW, CURRENTLY IT ISN'T EASY TO DISTINGUISH WHERE THE MAFIA ENDS AND WHERE THE OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT BEGINS."

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YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMIC HITS COLOMBIA

JULY 31 (IPS)—EL COLOMBIANO, A WIDELY READ CONSERVATIVE COLOMBIAN DAILY, HAS CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL MOBILIZATION TO INNOCULATE THE COLOMBIAN PROVINCES OF SANTANDER AND MAGDALENA MEDIO, WHERE AN EPIDEMIC OF YELLOW FEVER HAS ALREADY KILLED 18 PEOPLE. THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY BEGUN A MASSIVE 71,000 UNIT VACCINATION CAMPAIGN.

EL COLOMBIANO HAS FURTHER REPORTED OUTBREAKS OF POLIO, TYPHOID FEVER, SMALL POX, DIPHTHERIA, MEASLES, AND WHOOPING COUGH THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, WHICH COINCIDE WITH EXTENSIVE PRICE INCREASES AND CUTBACKS IN WATER, ELECTRICITY AND GENERAL SERVICES.

WORLD PRESS SUMMARY — U.S. NEWS

MCGOVERN OFFERS CUBAN PROOF OF CIA PLOTS AGAINST CASTRO

JULY 31 (IPS)—AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. YESTERDAY, SEN. GEORGE MCGOVERN (D-SD) ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED BY FIDEL CASTRO ON 24 ALLEGED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS BY THE CIA ON THE CUBAN PREMIER.

TODAY'S CHICAGO TRIBUNE GAVE THE REVELATIONS BANNER HEADLINES AND REPORTED THAT MCGOVERN CHARGED, "IF (THESE ALLEGATIONS) ARE TRUE, THE CIA HAS ENGAGED IN THE MOST SHOCKING, MURDEROUS AND UN-AMERICAN BEHAVIOR AGAINST THE LEADERS OF A NEIGHBORING STATE."

FORMER HUGHS AIDE REVEALS CASTRO ASSASSINATION PLOT

JULY 31 (IPS)—A CIA-MAFIA PLOT TO POISON CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY ROBERT MAHEU, FORMER AIDE TO HOWARD HUGHES, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST. MAHEU, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE, SAID THE PLOT WAS PART OF THE BAY OF PIGS PLANS BUT WAS NEVER GIVEN A "GO" SIGNAL.

SCHLESINGER PROPOSES EXECUTIVE CONTROL OF NATIONAL GUARD

JULY 31 (IPS)—SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JAMES SCHLESINGER TESTIFIED YESTERDAY BEFORE THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF A BROOKINGS INSTITUTE PROPOSAL TO GIVE THE PRESIDENT POWERS TO CALL UP NATIONAL GUARDSMEN AND RESERVISTS FOR 90 DAYS WITHOUT DECLARING WAR OR A NATIONAL EMERGENCY, REPORTS TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST.

IF PASSED, THIS BILL WOULD TAKE THIS POWER OUT OF THE HANDS OF STATE GOVERNORS WHO PRESENTLY CAN ACTIVATE THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES FOR 15 DAYS, AND ALLOW THE PRESIDENT TO ACTIVATE UP TO 50,000 MEN FOR 90 DAYS.

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N.Y. POST COLUMNIST PUSHES NADER
AS ONLY VIRTUOUS CANDIDATE ALIVE

JULY 31 (IPS)—NEW YORK POST COLUMNIST, NICHOLAS VON HOFFMAN WROTE TODAY THAT RALPH NADER IS THE "ONE LEADER" WHO "HASN'T DIED YET." "THE ONLY ARGUMENT ONE CAN HEAR AGAINST HIS CANDIDACY IS THAT THE OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY IS NOT AVAILABLE TO ONE SO VIRTUOUS AND ABLE," VON HOFFMAN WRITES.

ORGANIZING AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT

CREEP ELECTORAL INTERFERENCE ESCALATES

JULY 31 (IPS)—IPS HAS LEARNED OF ONGOING CREEP OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT IN THE LAST 24 HOURS TO DISRUPT KEY USLP CAMPAIGNS:

* IN DELAWARE, REPORTER BILL FRANK HAS CONTINUED A SERIES ENTITLED "THE USLP VS. YAWF (YOUTH AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM)" IN THE DELAWARE NEWS. THE SERIES PORTRAYS USLP CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR LEROY JONES AS A DUPE CAUGHT UP IN SECTARIAN MADNESS.

* IN CHARLOTTE, A WBTV-TV REPORTER PRESENTED USLP MAYORAL CANDIDATE STAN EZROL WITH A LETTER SENT BY THE INSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN DEMOCRACY TO CIVIC LEADERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY REQUESTING INFORMATION ON USLP CAMPAIGNS TO BE USED IN FURTHER CREEP HARASSMENT. (SEE IPS NEWS BULLETIN NO. 474, ISSUED EARLIER TODAY, FOR DETAILS)

* YORK CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL TREASURER JOHNSON ADMITTED HARASSMENT OF USLP CAMPAIGNS TO IPS TODAY IN AN UNDERCOVER INTERVIEW CALL. JOHNSON, SPEAKING AS TREASURER OF THE YORK CLC, SAID: "WE'VE GOT THEIR (THE USLP'S) CANDIDATE ON BAD CHECKS."

WILPF LEADER SIGNS CALL FOR
CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF CIA

JULY 31 (IPS)—RHODA LEWIS, CHAIRMAN OF THE PRINCETON AREA CHAPTER OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM, YESTERDAY ENDORSED A CALL FOR A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF THE CIA AND THE NATIONAL CAUCUS OF LABOR COMMITTEE'S EVIDENCE OF STATE DEPARTMENT CONTROLLED DOPE-RUNNING OPERATIONS OUT OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA. PROFESSOR DON HESTER OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OF TRENTON STATE COLLEGE, ENDORSED THE CALL EARLIER IN THE WEEK. OTHER ENDORSERS INCLUDE: JORDAN SIMMS, PRESIDENT OF UNITED AUTO WORKERS' LOCAL 961 IN DETROIT; AND DR. JOHN KATKO, LORAIN, OHIO AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION.

NEW YORK CITY CRISIS

GOTBAUM SELLS OUT

NEW YORK, JULY 31 (IPS)—FOLLOWING A MORNING MEETING WITH MAC AND

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CITY OFFICIALS, AFSCME DISTRICT COUNCIL 37 DIRECTOR VICTOR GOTBAUM ANNOUNCED A VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT FOR A GRADUATED SCALE OF WAGE INCREASES DEFERRAL ACCORDING TO SALARY LEVEL, ALSO INCLUDING THE LAY-OFF OF 1,000 PROVISIONAL EMPLOYEES TO BE REPLACED BY LAID-OFF CIVIL SERVICE WORKERS. ACCORDING TO THE PLAN, THE DEFERRED RAISES WOULD BE PAYABLE AT THE END OF 1978, IF THE CITY IS IN A "VIABLE" POSITION ON THE BOND MARKET.

BEAME ANNOUNCES WAGE FREEZE,
BUDGET SLASHES

NEW YORK, JULY (IPS)—IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE FROM THE MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE CORPORATION'S (MAC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NEW YORK MAYOR ABRAHAM BEAME TODAY ANNOUNCED ANOTHER SERIES OF BUDGET CUTBACKS, INCLUDING A MANDATORY WAGE FREEZE ON ALL CITY WORKERS.

THE CUTS, ANNOUNCED AT A CITY HALL PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON, INCLUDE: (1) A WAGE FREEZE "IF NOT VOLUNTARY, THEN IMPOSED", BY ENABLING LEGISLATION IN PREPARATION FOR PASSAGE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND, IF NECESSARY, BY THE STATE AS WELL. (2) A \$32 MILLION CUT IN NEW YORK CITY AID TO THE CITY UNIVERSITY. (3) A 15 CENT SUBWAY AND BUS FARE INCREASE. (4) A \$375 MILLION CUT IN CAPITAL BUDGET OUTLAYS.

ACCORDING TO BEAME, THERE ARE NO ASSURANCES THAT THESE CUTS WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO INSURE THAT THE BANKS WILL LOAN THE CITY THE MONEY NECESSARY TO PREVENT DEFAULT BY AUGUST 22, WHEN \$741 MILLION IN CITY NOTES COME DUE.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY IPS AS TO WHETHER THE CITY WOULD CONSIDER CANCELLING ITS OBLIGATIONS TO THE BANKS NOW THAT IT HAS UNILATERALLY DECLARED UNION CONTRACTS INVALID, BEAME SAID THAT THE "PREPONDERANCE OF OPINION" SAYS THAT THE WAGE FREEZE WAS LEGAL WHILE A DEBT MORATORIUM WAS ILLEGAL. BEAME REFUSED TO DISCLOSE WHAT THE SOURCE OF THAT UNQUALIFIED OPINION WAS.

BEAME ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT VICTOR GOTBAUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AFSCME DISTRICT COUNCIL 37 AND SANITATION UNION CHIEF JOHN DELURY HAVE ACCEPTED A VOLUNTARY WAGE FREEZE FOR THEIR UNIONS, WHILE PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION HEAD KEN MCFEELEY, FIREFIGHTERS' CHIEF MICHAEL MAYE AND UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS DIRECTOR ALBERT SHANKER REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE MAC'S WAGE FREEZE PROPOSAL.

BEAME CALLS PROGRAM ZERO GROWTH

NEW YORK, JULY 31 (IPS)—MAYOR BEAME THIS AFTERNOON PRESENTED HIS 8-POINT "ACTION PROGRAM" TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE AMONG POTENTIAL MAC BOND PURCHASERS, INCLUDING THE IMPOSITION OF A WAGE FREEZE, REDUCED CAPITAL BUDGET, AND A PROGRAM FOR PRODUCTIVITY AND "EFFICIENCY" INCREASES. AFTER OUTLINING THE PROGRAM, BEAME CALLED IT A "NEAR ZERO-GROWTH BUDGET" BUT A NECESSARY "PROGRAM FOR RECOVERY."

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CBS PINS BEAME ON INVESTIGATION OF BANKS

NEW YORK, JULY 31 (IPS)--FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF MAYOR BEAME'S SO-CALLED 8-POINT ACTION PROGRAM, CBS REPORTER DAVE MARRASH ASKED BEAME IF HE STILL STOOD BY HIS TWO-MONTH OLD CALL FOR A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF NEW YORK CITY BANKS' ROLE IN THE FISCAL CRISIS. BEAME EVASIVELY REPLIED THAT "WE ARE LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, NOT THE PAST."

UFA AND PBA REFUSE TO SWALLOW WAGE FREEZE

NEW YORK, JULY 31 (IPS)--IN RESPONSE TO AFSCME HEAD VICTOR GOTBAUM'S AGREEMENT TO A WAGE FREEZE PLAN FOR NEW YORK CITY'S MUNICIPAL WORKERS, FIREFIGHTER'S HEAD MICHAEL MAYE CHARGED THAT A "DEAL WAS MADE SOMETIME DURING THE NIGHT THAT WE'RE NOT KNOWLEDGABLE OF," FURTHER CHARGING THAT THE POINT OF THE MARATHON TALKS WAS TO "FORCE US INTO A POSITION TO SUBMIT TO THIS." MCFEELEY, PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION HEAD, STATED AT THE JOINT UNITED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION/PBA PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE WAS "NOT ABOUT TO SELL OUT" HIS MEMBERSHIP.

MIA RAISES TRANSIT FARES

NEW YORK, JULY 31 (IPS)--DAVID YUNICH, HEAD OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY, ANNOUNCED THIS AFTERNOON AN INCREASE IN MASS TRANSIT FARE TO 50 CENTS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1. AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE YUNICH STRESSED THE NEED FOR "INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY" OF TRANSIT WORKERS AND WARNED OF POSSIBLE SERVICE CUTBACKS AND A FURTHER FARE INCREASE TO 60 CENTS BY NEXT YEAR.

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