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I. PRIORITIES

BA'ATH PARTY: LEBANESE CIVIL WAR SET UP BY U.S. TO EXPAND CONTROL OVER MIDEAST OIL

DEC. 12 (IPS) -- THE IRAQI BA'ATH SOCIALIST PARTY ORGAN, ATH-THAWRA, IN ITS ISSUE OF NOV. 25, IDENTIFIES THE FIGHTING IN LEBANON AS PART OF A U.S. DICTATED SCENARIO TO EXPAND ITS DIRECT CONTROL OVER THE MIDDLE WEAST OIL FIELD AND IN SO DOING SUBJECT BOTH THE EAST AND THE WEST TO ITS MILITARY AND ECONOMIC DECTATORSHIP.

"SOON AFTER THE SECOND SINAI AGREEMENT" ATH-THAWRA WRITES "THE LEBANESE RIGHT-WING ENCOURAGED BY U.S. IMPERIALISM AND ARAB RIGHT-WING CIRCLES, LAUNCHED A BLOODY TERRORIST OPERATION TO LIQUIDATE BOTH PALESTINIANS AND ARAB PROGRESSIVE FORCES AND TO TRANSFORM LEBANON INTO A SECTARIAN REACTIONARY ARM OF THE U.S. FOR MOVING THROUGH SYRIA, TO IRAQ AND TO THE GULF. IN THIS FASHION, THE U.S. WILL GAIN TOTAL CONTROL OF ALL OIL RESOURCES."

INTENTIONS TO PUSH AHEAD WITH THIS SCENARIO, THE PAPER REPORTS, WERE UNDERSCORED BY THE RECENT DEPLOYMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST FLEET TROUGHOUT THE PERSIAN GULF, AROUND THE SAUDI ARABIAN PENINSULA AND THROUGH THE RED SEA. "THESE NAVY EXERCISES," ATH-THAWRA CONTINUES, "HAVE NO OTHER MEANING THAN TO DECLARE THAT ALL WATERS SURROUNDING THE OIL FIELDS ARE IN AN AREA OF U.S. STRATEGIC HEGEMONY." THE U.S. INTENDS TO SURROUND THE FIELDS "WITH A MILITARY BELT CONTROLLING AT THE SAME TIME THE ROADS AND GAINING CONTROL OF ALL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AS WELL AS TERMINALS AND PIPELINES."

ATH-THAWRA WARNS THAT THIS IS THE MAJOR ASPECT OF SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, LEADING TO "FULL U.S. MILITARY DICTATORSHIP OF THE AREA...(THIS WILL) PROVOKE NOT ONLY UNLIMITED DANGERS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST BUT FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD...THE MIDDLE EAST WILL THEN BECOME A LAUNCHING PAD FOR ALL KINDS OF PROVOCATIVE MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS AND MASSIVE LOOTING..."

" THERE IS STILL TIME TO STOP THE EVIL CONSEQUENCES OF KISSINGER'S PLAN," ATH-THAWRA CONCLUDES. "RESPONSIBLE FORCES MUSTHEAREGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST TAKE "A FIRM STAND IN OPENLY DEMANDING DISUCSSION OF THESE ITENTIONS OF SUCH A U.S. IMPERIALIST SCHEME."

DIE WELT CALLS FOR END TO DEMOCRACY

DEC. 12 (IPS) -- RIGHT-WING EDITORIALIST GUSTAVE STROEHM OF THE WEST GERMAN NATO-ALLIED NEWSPAPER DIE WELT YESTERDAY CALLED FOR AN END TO DEMOCRATIC PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES BECAUSE THEY AMOUNT TO "MORE SUBTLE FORMS OF TERROR...WITH WHOSE HELP POWERFUL INTEREST GROUPS AND INFLUENTIAL INDIVIDUALS IN THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES CREATE A CLIMATE IN WHICH IT IS SUICIDAL FOR A POLITICIAN AND HIS CAREER TO REFLECT ON THE SURVIVAL OF THE STATE..."

STROEHM'S ATTACK ON WESTERN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS WAS ISSUED SPECIFICALLY IN DEFENSE OF WEST GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTER AND NUCLEAR WAR PROPONENT GEORG LEBER. "FOLLOWING THE TOPPLING OF (U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE) SCHLESINGER, GEORG LEBER IS THE LAST DEFENSE MINISTER OF NATO WHO HAS A POLITICAL CONCEPT," STROEHM WRITES. FROM THIS STANDPOINT, STROEHM CALLS UPON THE COUNTRY'S TRADE UNION BUREAUCRACY -- FAMILIAR WITH LEBER FROM HIS 20 YEARS AS A MINERS' UNION NATIONAL LEADER -- TO GIVE THE WAR-MONGERING DEFENSE MINISTER THEIR PUBLIC BACKING.

ANGOLA A NEW CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS?

DEC. 12 (IPS) -- IN RESPONSE TO THE DEC. 9 SPEECH BY SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY LEONID BREZHNEV IN WARSAW, THE RIGHT-WING WEST GERMAN DAILY DIE WELT DECLARED TODAY THAT "MANY ASPECTS OF (BREZHNEV'S IDEAS) ARE REMINISCENT...OF KRUSCHEV'S CUBAN ADVENTURE..."

IN PARTICULAR, DIE WELT WRITER KONRAD WERNER ASSERTS THAT PRESENT SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR-TORN AFRICAN NATION OF ANGOLA IS AIMED AT ONE THING: CREATING AN INTERNATIONAL CRISIS ZONE AREA IN WHICH BREZHNEV CAN RECOUP HIS COLLAPSING DOMESTIC POLITICAL CREDIBILITY. WERNER WRITES: "BREZHNEV MUST MAKE CONCESSIONS TO THOSE FORCES WHICH DESIRE A TOUGHER COURSE, AND HE MUST -- SINCE HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TO SHOW DOMESTICALLY-- SHOW SOME SUCCESS IN FOREIGN POLICY. SOVIET ENGAGEMENT IN ANGOLA ...DEMONSTRATES CLEARLY WHAT METHODS BREZHNEV (WILL USE) TO HAVE SUCCESS..."

REVEAL NY TIMES ROLE IN DESTABILIZATION OF PRESIDENT FORD

DEC. 12 (IPS) -- HIGHLY-INFORMED SOURCES AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE REVEALED TO IPS TODAY THAT A NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE APPEARING DEC. 7 ALLEGING THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD DECIDED TO DENY PRESIDENT GERALD FORD ACCESS TO FUNDRAISING LISTS BECAUSE HE WAS LOSING GROUND TO RONALD REAGAN WAS A "GROSS DISTORTION."

ACCORDING TO THE SOURCES, PRESIDENT FORD'S ELECTION COMMITTEE HAD NOT EVEN REQUESTED THE LISTS, BECAUSE THEY WERE AWAITING FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION (FEC) REGULATIONS.

THE TIMES ARTICLE, BY STAFF REPORTER WARREN WEAVER, IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF A MAJOR PSYWAR CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AT PRESIDENT FORD. REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE SOURCES CONCERNED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A "TREMENDOUS BARRAGE" OF SUCH COVERAGE OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS.

CORE RECRUITS BLACK VIETNAM VETS FOR CIA TO USE IN ANGOLA

DEC. 12 (IPS) -- "THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY (CORE) HAS BEEN RECRUITING BLACK AMERICAN VETERANS FOR SERVICE AS MERCENARIES IN THE CIVIL WAR NOW RAGING IN ANGOLA." ACCORDING TO TODAY'S LONG ISLAND NEWSPAPER NEWSDAY. THIS IS "PART OF A GROWING CIA OPERATION

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TO IMPROVE THE MILITARY FORTUNES OF THE TWO ANTI-COMMUNIST LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF ANGOLA." THE PAPER REPORTS.

CORE'S CHAIRMAN, ROY INNIS ADMITTED THAT HE WAS RECRUITING BLACK AMERICANS FOR SERVICE AS MERCENARIES IN A "POLICE FORCE" TO BE OFFERED TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) FOR USE IN ANGOLA. INNIS TERMED THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AS "SOVIET DOMINATED" AND THAT HE "DID NOT LOOK FORWARD AT ALL TO A SOVIET TAKEOVER IN ANGOLA," ACCORDING TO NEWSDAY. THE NEWSDAY STORY WAS WIDELY COVERED ON WINS AND WNWS-FM RADIO TODAY.

IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON, ROY INNIS ADMITTED THAT HE WAS RECRUITING THE MERCENARIES, BUT DENIED CIA INVOLVEMENT.

II. INTERNATIONAL NEWS

PCP ENDORSES AGENT ANTUNES' POP FRONT STRATEGY AGAINST PCP

DEC. 12 (IPS)--YESTERDAY'S L'HUMANITE, THE NEWSPAPER OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCF), FULLY ENDORSES THE ATTEMPTS OF THE PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER AND NATO AGENT MAJOR MELO ANTUNES, TO LURE THE PORTUGUESE COMUNIST PARTY (PCP) INTO A POPULAR FRONT AUSTERITY GOVERNMENT.

THE PAPER GIVES EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO RECENT STATEMENTS MADE BY ANTUNES THAT "THE PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMUNISTS IS INDISPENSIBLE FOR THE EDIFICATION OF DEMOCRACY."

THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH AN OUT-OF-CONTEXT QUOTE OF A STATEMENT BY PCP LEADER ALVARO CUNHAL IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR "NEW FORMS OF STRUGGLE" -- WRONGLY IMPLYING THAT A COALITION GOVERNMENT MAY BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PCP.

L'HUMANITE DOES NOT MENTION THAT ANTUNES IS THE HEAD OF THE RIGHTWING "GROUP OF NINE" OFFICERS NOR HIS BEING A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF THE CREATION OF A "NON-ALIGNED SOUTHERN EUROPEAN BLOC" INTENT ON SHATTERING THE WARSAW PACT.

MOVE TO SET UP JAPAN-U.S. BODY TO COORDINATE MILITARY ROLES IN ASIA

DEC. 12 (IPS)--THE U.S. AND JAPAN WILL HOLD TALKS IN MID-JANUARY TO SET UP A JOINT FORUM FOR CONSULTATION ON COORDINATION OF MILITARY ROLES IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, ACCORDING TO THE DEC. 8 JAPANESE DAILY YOMIURI TO RESPONSE TO A U.S. REQUEST.

THE FORUM WILL NOT ONLY CONSIDER JOINT ACTION IN CASE OF MILITARY ATTACKS ON JAPAN, BUT WILL ALSO -- MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR U.S. FORCES TO EFFECTIVELY USE ITS JAPAN BASES "TO MAINTAIN SECURITY AND PEACE IN THE FAR EAST." THE USE OF JAPANESE BASES FOR SUCH PURPOSES HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN OPPOSED BY THE JAPANESE GOV'T.

THE JOINT FORUM IS BEING SET UP IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN AUGUST 1975 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEN U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY JAMES R. SCHLESINGER (MORE)

AND JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY HEAD AND SCHLESINGER ADMIRER, MACHITA SAKATA.

LEFT SP LEADER CALLS FOR LIQUIDATION OF PCF

DEC 12 (IPS)—JEAN PIERRE CHEVENEMENT, MEMBER OF THE FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY (PSF) EXECUTIVE BUREAU AND LEADER OF THE "LEFT-WING" CERES FACTION, HAS CALLED FOR THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCF) TO LIQUIDATE ITSELF INTO THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

IN A MAJOR ARTICLE IN THE DEC. 10 PARIS DAILY, LE MONDE CHEVENEMENT ARGUES THAT THE PCF'S SPLIT FROM THE PSF IN 1920 ON ORDERS FROM THE COMINTERN HAS DONE IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO THE UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS MOVEMENT AND CALLED FOR THE REESTABLISHMENT OF "ORGANIC UNITY" BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. CHEVENEMENT ALSO CALLS ON THE PCF TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS NOT THE SOLE "POLE" OF THE WORKING CLASS MOVEMENT, CITING THE EXAMPLE OF THE "INDEPENDENT" CIA-AGENT LED ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY.

THUS FAR LENINIST ELEMENTS IN THE PCF LEADERSHIP HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THIS OUT-RIGHT PROVOCATION.

WEST GERMANY ANNOUNCES "MEDITERRANEAN FOREIGN POLICY"

DEC. 12 (IPS) -- DOM MINTOFF, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA -- SITE OF A MAJOR MEDITERRANEAN NATO INSTALLATION -- ARRIVED IN BONN WEST GERMANY YESTERDAY FOR CONFIDENTIAL TALKS WITH NATO AGENT AND WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND NATO AGENT HANS DIETRICH GENSCHER, ACCORDING TO WEST GERMAN RADIO, GENSCHER ANNOUNCED THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY HIS COUNTRY IN MINTOFF'S "MEDITERRANEAN" SECURITY AND POLITICAL COLLABORATION STRATEGY.

THE MINTOFF VISIT TO WEST GERMANY FOLLOWS EARLIER VISITS THIS WEEK TO ITALY AND GREAT BRITAIN. WHILE IN LONDON, MINTOFF CONSULTED WITH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER AND LABOUR PARTY LEADER HAROLD WILSON AND DUTCH PRESIDENT JOOP DEN UYL. THERE IS SPECULATION IN INFORMED POLITICAL CIRCLES IN EUROPE THAT MINTOFF IS ALSO FUNCTIONING FOR NATO AS A MESSENGER ON THE SUBJECT OF RECENT OUTBREAKS OF TERRORIST VIOLENCE IN PARTICULARLY, HOLLAND.

POLICE MOBILIZATION IN MUNICH

MUNICH, BRD, DEC. 12 (IPS) -- A MASSIVE POLICE "SEARCH" FOR AN ALLEGED MURDERER BEGAN HERE YESTERDAY, WHICH INCLUDED THE USE OF HELICOPTERS AND INDISCRIMINATE INDENTITY CHECKS. AT ONE UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE, POLICE CHECKED THE IDENTITITES OF EUROPEAN LABOR PARTY ORGANIZERS AS WELL AS THOSE OF A NUMBER OF FOREIGN AND WEST GERMAN WORKERS.

II. CONTINENTAL

SOVIETS DESERVE CREDIT FOR ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE, BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN SAYS

DEC. 12 (IPS) -- "RUSSIA DESERVES A LOT MORE CREDIT FOR (ANGOLA) BEING FREE THAN DOES THE U.S.," ACCORDING TO AN EDITORIAL IN THE DEC. 16

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ISSUE OF THE WIDELY READ BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN. THE EDITORIAL WARNS BLACK AMERICANS NOT BE TAKEN IN BY THE PROPAGANDA OF THE MASS MEDIA ON ANGOLA.

AFRICAN LEADERS ARE DRAWING THE SAME CONCLUSION ABOUT ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE. THE UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR FROM ONE OF INDEPENDENCE. THE UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR FROM ONE OF THE MORE CONSERVATIVE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS REPORTEDLY TOLD A CLOSED MEETING OF THE AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEC. 9, "THE U.S. COULD HAVE SECURED THE INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA IN THE 1960'S WITH A MERE NOD TO PORTUGAL -- IF IT HAD WISHED. NOW THA ANGOLA I S INDEPENDENT, WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS SUDDEN U.S. 'CONCERN' FOR ANGOLA? THIS IS LAUGHABLE!" THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION UNITY (OATUU), DENNIS AKUMU, EXPRESSED SIMILAR SENTIMENTS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE UN.

IV. ORGANIZING AND INTELLIGENCE

KISSINGER PUSHES PSYWAR ARMS PROPOSAL TO NATO MINISTERS

DEC. 12 (IPS) -- SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER INSTRUCTED REPORTERS HERE AND IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK TO REPORT THAT HE WOULD ISSUE A "MAJOR PROPOSAL" TO NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING HERE FOR A REDUCTION IN THE U.S. TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPON ARSENAL IN WESTERN EUROPE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF A FULL SOVIET TANK ARMY FROM EASTERN EUROPE. MOST REPORTERS OBEDIENTLY FILED THE STORY WHICH WAS PLAYED UP TODAY BY THE NEW YORK TIMES' DREW MIDDLETON.

ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES, KISSINGER IS SEEKING TO FOSTER THIS "PROPOSAL" -- WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN REJECTED AS RIDICULOUS BY THE SOVIET UNION OVER SIX MONTHS AGO -- AS A MEANS TO CREATING THE APPEARANCE OF A SOVIET UNWILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS. ALSO, SOURCES SAID, THE SO-CALLED KISSINGER "PROPOSAL" IS INTENDED TO LEAD TO STATEMENTS OF OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL FROM ROCKEFELLER-LINKED LEADERS IN WESTERN EUROPE WHO WOULD THEN DECLARE SUPPORT FOR U.S. OCCUPATION FORCES IN EUROPE.

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