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EARLY NEWS ROUND-UP
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I. PRIORITY ITEMS

RAF CHIEF GIVES WARNING OF SOVIET AIR POWER

DEC. 20 (IPS)--THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE OF BRITAIN, AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ANDREW HUMPHREY, WARNED AT A PRESS LUNCHEON DEC. 17 THAT THE SOVIET UNION'S AIR POWER CAPABILITIES HAVE FAR OUTSTRIPPED THOSE OF THE NATO COUNTRIES. QUOTING FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER'S FIGURES ON SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH, HUMPHREY WARNED THAT NEW AND ALARMING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENTS NOW ENABLE THE SOVIETS TO RESORT TO MILITARY ACTION "MUCH MORE QUICKLY THAN US."

BASED ON THESE CALCULATIONS, HUMPHREY, WHO IS TO BECOME CHIEF OF STAFF OF ALL UNITED KINGDOM FORCES, MADE A FURTHER PLEA AGAINST PRUNING OF U.K. FORCES IN EUROPE.

THE AIR CHIEF MARSHAL, WHOSE REMARKS WERE QUOTED IN THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, GAVE HIS WARNING AT A PRESS LUNCH SPONSORED BY ROLLS ROYCE, WHICH HAS JUST ANNOUNCED A \$200 MILLION ORDER TO PROVIDE MILITARY ENGINES FOR CHINA FOR USE IN ARMING AGAINST THE SOVIETS.

WEST GERMAN ANTI-ROCKEFELLER FORCES WATCHING CLOSELY FOR PRO-DETENTE STRENGTH

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, DEC. 20 (IPS)--REPRESENTATIVES OF PRO-DETENTE LAYERS WITHIN THE WEST GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SPD) AND THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (CDU) INDICATED IN CONVERSATIONS WITH EUROPEAN LABOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES YESTERDAY THAT THERE IS NO INTENSE FACTIONALIZATION AND CONCERN IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OVER WEST GERMAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROVOCATIVE ANTI-SOVIET POSTURE ADOPTED BY U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, AND THAT LEADING FIGURES ARE CAREFULLY WATCHING THE STRENGTH OF ANTI-ROCKEFELLER POLITICAL SPOKESMEN AND PRESIDENT FORD IN PARTICULAR.

ONE LEADING SPD PARLIAMENTARIAN AND TRADE UNION ORGANIZER REPORTED THAT FEDERAL CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT HAD TOLD A RECENT PARLIAMENTARY MEETING THAT, "IT WON'T COME TO A THIRD WORLD WAR BECAUSE DETENTE IS STILL THE LEADING POLICY IN THE WORLD." THE PARLIAMENTARIAN STATED THAT "FORD WILL NOT RESIGN...ALL FRIENDS OF DETENTE MUST UNITE AGAINST THE COLD WARRIORS." ANOTHER SPD OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT THE PRO-DETENTE FORCES IN THE PARTY CONTEMPLATE NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S POTENTIAL CAPTURE OF THE PRESIDENCY WITH HORROR.

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IN THE COURSE OF A DISCUSSION ON THE NATO HILEX MANEUVER AND THE PRESENT WATERGATE ATTACKS AGAINST PRESIDENT FORD, ONE LEADING PRO-DEVELOPMENT CDU OFFICIAL REMARKED, "I THINK YOUR ECONOMIC POLICIES ARE A LITTLE ECCENTRIC, BUT I TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY. YOU ARE WELL INFORMED ABOUT THE U.S. SITUATION."

TIMES SAYS KISSINGER FAILED AT NORTH-SOUTH CONFERENCE

DEC. 20 (IPS)--IN STRIKINGLY ACCURATE COVERAGE OF THE PARIS NORTH-SOUTH CONFERENCE, YESTERDAY'S NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS THAT SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER HAS FAILED IN HIS EFFORTS TO "DRIVE A WEDGE IN THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN OIL PRODUCING STATES AND OIL DEPRIVED UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES BY EMPHASIZING HIS BELIEF THAT THE HIGH PRICE OF OIL WAS CHIEFLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE POOR COUNTRIES POORER."

THIRD WORLD DELEGATES WERE FULLY COGNIZANT THAT THE KISSINGER TACTIC OF ATTACKING HIGH OIL PRICES WAS AIMED AT WRECKING THE CONFERENCE, THE TIMES REPORTED: "IN THEIR (THE DELEGATES) VIEW THIS (DISCUSSION OF OIL PRICES) WOULD NARROW THE SCOPE OF THE DIALOGUE AND SIMPLY TURN IT INTO AN ENCOUNTER BETWEEN OIL PRODUCERS AND POOR NATIONS..."

"POOR COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES GAVE NO INDICATION THAT THEY WOULD WITHDRAW THEIR SUPPORT FROM THE OIL STATES," THE TIMES REPORTS. INDICATING THAT KISSINGER'S 'DIVIDE AND CONQUER' TACTICS HAVE TOTALLY BACKFIRED, THE TIMES QUOTES THIRD WORLD DELEGATES AS SAYING THAT THE THIRD WORLD STANDS MORE UNIFIED THAN EVER IN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE "ORGANIZING OF A FAIRER ECONOMIC SYSTEM."

II. INTERNATIONAL NEWS

PROVOCATIVE AMERICAN WAR GAMES IN WEST BERLIN SUBWAY TUNNELS

DEC. 20 (IPS)--UNITED STATES SOLDIERS CONDUCTED A PROVOCATIVE EXERCISE IN THE WEST BERLIN SUBWAY SYSTEM LAST WEEK, ACCORDING TO WEST BERLIN PRESS REPORTS. "AS PART OF THEIR TRAINING," ONE PAPER STATED, "AMERICAN SOLDIERS WENT ON A TOUR OF THE WEST BERLIN SUBWAY SYSTEM...YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, THE MORTIZPLATZ SUBWAY STATION WAS THE SCENE OF A MOCK ATTACK...IN THE SUBWAY TUNNELS, NOT FAR FROM THE TERRIFIED PASSENGERS WHO WANT TO LEAVE, THE MOCK BATTLE CONTINUES TO RAGE. TWO PRACTICE GRENADES BURST...THE LIGHTS IN THE CEILING ARE BARELY VISIBLE IN THE SMOKE."

THE SUBWAY TUNNELS IN WEST BERLIN ARE A PART OF THE SAME SYSTEM WHICH SERVES BERLIN, THE CAPITAL OF THE SOCIALIST GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. THUS, THE EXERCISE CONSTITUTED A MAJOR PROVOCATION AGAINST THE WARSAW PACT.

PAKISTAN CHARGES INDIA WITH TROOP MOBILIZATION

DEC. 20 (IPS)--RADIO PAKISTAN HAS ACCUSED INDIA OF AMASSING TROOPS ON THE INDIA-PAKISTAN BORDER, ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN THE DEC. 13

ECONOMIC TIMES OF INDIA. IN RESPONSE TO THE RADIO PAKISTAN CHARGES THE INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID, "WE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THIS KIND OF BASELESS PROPAGANDA DOES NOT HELP THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS ON THE SUBCONTINENT."

THE CHARGES BY PAKISTAN FOLLOW THE EXCHANGE OF HIGH LEVEL MILITARY DELEGATIONS, REPORTED IN THE INDIAN DAILY PATRIOT DEC. 13, BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND CHINA. CHINA IS ALSO REPORTED TO BE PROVIDING PAKISTAN WITH TU-16 MEDIUM RANGE BOMBERS.

PORTUGUESE NORTHERN FARMERS DENOUNCE ANTI-AGRARIAN REFORM MEET

DEC. 20 (IPS)--THE PORTUGUESE NORTHERN TENANT FARMERS MOVEMENT HAS ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE DENOUNCING THE DEC. 14 ANTI-AGRARIAN REFORM MEETING AT THE TOWN OF RIO MAIOR WHICH WAS ATTENDED, THEY SAY, "BY INTERMEDIARIES, LATIFUNDISTS, AND OTHER REACTIONARY SPEARHEADS" WHO WERE DEFENDING THEIR "PARASITICAL INTERESTS." THE COMMUNIQUE WAS CARRIED BY THE LISBON DAILY DIARIO POPULAR OF 12/17.

SOVIETS NEGOTIATING STEEL PIPE DEAL WITH JAPANESE

DEC. 20 (IPS)--THE SOVIET UNION HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PURCHASING 400,000 TO 500,000 TONS OF GASOLINE PIPING FROM JAPANESE STEEL COMPANIES, WHICH WOULD BE THE LARGEST ORDER FOR JAPANESE LARGE DIAMETER PIPE SINCE THE ALASKA PIPELINE DEAL SEVERAL YEARS AGO. ACCORDING TO NIPPON STEEL, THE SOVIETS ARE INQUIRING ABOUT JAPANESE FINANCING FOR THE DEAL. THE REPORT WAS CARRIED IN YESTERDAY'S LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES.

III. CONTINENTAL PRESS

MEXICAN "INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT" FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA ROASTED BY THE PRESS

DEC. 20 (IPS)--MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER EMILIO O. RABASA WAS STRONGLY CHASTISED BY THE PRESS UPON HIS RETURN TO MEXICO CITY THREE DAYS AGO AFTER A VISIT TO ISRAEL DURING WHICH HE "APOLOGIZED" FOR MEXICO'S SUPPORT FOR A UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ZIONISM. RABASA WAS DEPLOYED TO ISRAEL BY MEXICO'S RIGHT-WING "INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT" FORCES HEADED BY FORMER PRESIDENT MIGUEL ALEMAN, HEAD OF THE NATIONAL TOURISM COUNCIL, A LEADING LATIFUNDIST, AND A GOOD FRIEND OF KISSINGER, WHO WAS ALSO PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN "NEGOTIATING" WITH THE AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS WHO LAUNCHED A "BOYCOTT" OF MEXICAN TOURISM AFTER THE FIRST ZIONISM VOTE BY MEXICO LAST MONTH.

RABASA RETURNED TO MEXICO CITY A DAY AFTER REPRESENTATIVES OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMED MEXICO'S POSITION AGAINST ZIONISM BY SUPPORTING A SECOND RESOLUTION AT THE UN WHICH INCLUDED AN ATTACK ON ZIONISM.

THE PRESS CORPS AWAITING RABASA AT THE AIRPORT IMMEDIATELY

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ASKED RABASA TO EXPLAIN IF, AS "THE FOREIGN RELATIONS MINISTER, YOU ACT ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, OR ON YOUR OWN?" AFTER RABASA MUTTERED THAT "OF COURSE I HAVE FREEDOM OF ACTION," THE REPORTERS DEMANDED THAT HE EXPLAIN WHAT HE HAD MEANT BY HIS "APOLOGY" TO THE ISRAELIS, SINCE "SOME SECTORS OF THE COUNTRY, SIR, FEEL THAT THE COUNTRY'S SOVEREIGNTY WAS DAMAGED...BY THIS RECENT EVENT."

ASKED BY ANOTHER REPORTER, "DO YOU INTEND TO RESIGN?" RABASA ANSWERED, "NO, NO, I'M NOT THINKING OF RESIGNING," AND QUICKLY CHANGED THE SUBJECT...

THE INTERVIEW WAS FULLY COVERED BY ALL THE MEXICO CITY PRESS DEC. 17.

MEXICAN AGENCY TO CUT ELECTRICITY TO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IF DEBT NOT PAID

DEC. 20 (IPS)—THE MEXICAN ELECTRICITY COMMISSION (CFE), UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM THE WORLD BANK AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL CREDITORS, YESTERDAY DEMANDED THAT THE MUNICIPALITY OF TORREON IN THE NORTHERN STATE OF COAHUILA PAY ITS BACK DEBT IMMEDIATELY OR LOSE ITS STREET LIGHTING. THE ULTIMATUM EXPIRES TOMORROW, ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN YESTERDAY'S EDITION OF THE GOVERNMENT PAPER, EL NACIONAL.

THE FOREIGN DEBT OF THE CFE, \$5 BILLION, REPRESENTS FULLY A QUARTER OF MEXICO'S TOTAL FOREIGN DEBT OF OVER \$20 BILLION.

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