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I. PRIORITIES

TETHER: MORATORIUM SPREADS TO ADVANCED SECTOR

FEB. 13(IPS)--NOW THAT "QUESTIONING THE VALIDITY OF DEBTS" HAS BECOME THE CHIEF TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AMONG THIRD WORLD NATIONS, IT WOULD BE "HARDLY SURPRISING" IF THIS THEME WERE TO CATCH ON IN THE ADVANCED SECTOR, WRITES FINANCIAL TIMES COLUMNIST C. GORDON TETHER IN HIS FEB. 12 LOMBARD COLUMN.

TETHER STATES THAT THERE IS "GROWING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSITION THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ALLOWED AS A GENERAL RULE, TO DECLARE A MORATORIUM ON THEIR EXTERNAL INDEBTEDNESS WHICH WOULD LAST UNTIL THE WHOLE QUESTION OF ITS FUTURE HAD BEEN THRASHED OUT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CREDITOR COUNTRIES." GIVEN GROWING MOTION TOWARD SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, SAYS TETHER, SPECIFICALLY CITING PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR'S CALL FOR A CANCELLATION OF THIRD WORLD DEBT AT THE RECENT MANILA MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, IT SEEMS "HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT THE THEME WILL BE TAKEN UP, THOUGH IN A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT WAY IN THOSE AFFLUENT WORLD COUNTRIES--AND THERE ARE QUITE A FEW OF THEM-- THAT HAVE DEVELOPED LARGE DOMESTIC INDEBTEDNESS PROBLEMS."

CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS BUCKS ATLANTICIST ATTACK ON ITALY--FACES ARM-TWISTING OPERATION

CHICAGO, FEB. 13(IPS)--WELL INFORMED SOURCES HERE HAVE REVEALED THAT THE CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, CHICAGO'S NUMBER TWO BANK, HAS BUCKED THE ATTACK ON THE ITALIAN ECONOMY BY NEW YORK-BASED ATLANTICIST FINANCIERS BY ISSUING \$100 TO \$150 MILLION IN CREDITS TO ITALIAN BORROWERS SINCE THE LIRA CRISIS BEGAN LAST MONTH. THE SOURCES ALSO INDICATE THAT CONTINENTAL FEELS THAT IT "CAN LIVE WITH" AN ITALIAN DEBT MORATORIUM.

THESE MOVES, WHICH REFLECT THE THINKING OF AN IMPORTANT CURRENT IN THE MIDWEST FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY, ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE PROMPTED THIS WEEK'S CONGRESSIONAL WATERGATING ATTACK BY ATLANTICIST STOOGUE REP. BENJAMIN ROSENTHAL (D-NY) AGAINST FORMER TREASURY SECRETARY AND CONTINENTAL EXECUTIVE DAVID KENNEDY AND ITALIAN FINANCIER MICHELE SINDONA AROUND THE COLLAPSE OF THE FRANKLIN NATIONAL BANK IN 1974. AT THE SAME TIME, WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHER KATHARINE GRAHAM, ACCOMPANIED BY SENATOR FRANK CHURCH (D-ID) MADE AN APPEARANCE IN CHICAGO TWO DAYS AGO TO WARN BUSINESS LEADERS THAT HER PAPER MAY LAUNCH A FULL EXPOSE OF THE ALLEGED FRANKLIN SCANDAL. CHURCH TOLD REPORTERS: "IF THEY (THE ITALIANS) DON'T GET THEIR DEBTS PAID THEY'LL GO BANKRUPT. SO THEY BETTER PAY THEIR DEBTS. AND IF THEY DON'T PAY THEIR DEBTS," CHURCH THREATENED, "THEN THEY GET NO MORE CREDIT."

KISSINGER THREATENS TO RESIGN OVER PIKE

FEB. 13(IPS)—SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER SAID YESTERDAY THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER RESIGNING IF HE FELT THAT CONTINUING CHARGES ABOUT HIS MISUSE OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY HAD DIMINISHED HIS CAPACITY TO CONDUCT FOREIGN POLICY. KISSINGER TOLD A WASHINGTON, D.C. PRESS CONFERENCE THAT LEAKED REPORTS OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY ABROAD WERE SUBJECTING HIM AND THE REST OF THE FORD ADMINISTRATION "TO A NEW VERSION OF MCCARTHYISM." COMMENTING ON THE LEAKED REPORT OF HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, EXCERPTS OF WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN THIS WEEK'S VILLAGE VOICE, KISSINGER SAID THAT THE DOCUMENTS WERE USED IN SUCH A DISTORTED MANNER THAT EVEN WHEN INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTS MIGHT BE CORRECT, THE TOTAL IMPACT IS "A MALICIOUS LIE." BRISTLING AT REPORTERS' QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS POSSIBLE RESIGNATION, HE SAID THAT QUITTING MIGHT BE UNWISE IN THAT IT WOULD REWARD THE "TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR OF THE PIKE COMMITTEE." (THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY REP. OTIS PIKE (D-NY).) PUBLISHED PORTIONS OF THE PIKE COMMITTEE REPORT ACCUSED KISSINGER OF LYING, OF HAVING "A PASSION FOR SECRECY AND OF TRYING TO CONTROL DISSEMINATION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA."

FORD OFFERS FBI HELP TO PROBE INTELLIGENCE LEAKS

FEB. 13(IPS)—PRESIDENT FORD YESTERDAY VOLUNTEERED "ALL SERVICES AND RESOURCES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH," INCLUDING THE FBI, TO AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE SOURCE OF THE LEAK OF THE SECRET REPORT TO THE VILLAGE VOICE. WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FORD HAD MADE THE OFFER TO REP. CARL ALBERT (D-OKLA) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE. YESTERDAY'S NEW YORK POST REPORTED THAT NESSEN SAID IT WAS FORD'S "DISPOSITION" TO BELIEVE THE VILLAGE VOICE LEAK AND OTHERS THAT STEMMED FROM THE WORK OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE "CAME FROM CONGRESS." ATTRIBUTING SUCH LEAKS TO CONGRESS AND AN "EXECUTIVE INVESTIGATION" CREATES A CLIMATE FOR IMPLEMENTING SEN. FRANK CHURCH'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A BRITISH STYLE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT, WHICH WOULD IMPOSE HEAVY SANCTIONS AGAINST CONGRESSMEN, AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF AND PRESS FOR ALL LEAKS ON NATIONAL SECURITY MATTERS.

PIKE ACCUSES CIA OF PIKE COMMITTEE REPORT LEAK TO VILLAGE VOICE

FEB. 13(IPS)—REP. OTIS PIKE (D-NY) YESTERDAY ACCUSED THE CIA OF DELIBERATELY LEAKING A COPY OF THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE VILLAGE VOICE. ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES, PIKE CHARGED THAT ONLY THE CIA STOOD TO BENEFIT FROM THE DISCLOSURE. FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBER REP. GIAMO (D-CONN) CONCURRED IN PIKE'S ACCUSATION.

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