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I. PRIORITIES

IL FIORINO REPEATS WARNING ON OIL BOYCOTT AGAINST ITALY

FEB. 14 (IPS)—THE ITALIAN FINANCIAL DAILY IL FIORINO WARNED TODAY THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENTLY ALERT TO THE THREAT OF AN ATLANTICIST OIL BOYCOTT AGAINST ITALY.

IL FIORINO REPORTS THAT THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE ENERGY SUPPLY DIRECTED A "FIRM INVITATION" TO THE OIL MULTINATIONAL WHICH SUPPLY ITALY'S OIL TO RESPECT THE TERMS OF THEIR CONTRACTS WITH ITALIAN DISTRIBUTORS.

COMMENTING ON THE MINISTRY'S DIRECTIVE, IL FIORINO STATES THAT THERE IS A QUESTION WHETHER THE OIL COMPANIES ARE BLUFFING IN THEIR THREAT TO CUT ITALY'S IMPORTS, AND THAT THE MINISTRY IS THUS TELLING THEM TO DISCARD ANY IDEA OF IMPLEMENTING THEIR THREAT, OR WHETHER ITALY'S OIL SUPPLY IS IN FACT NEARLY EXHAUSTED, AND THE MINISTRY IS ATTEMPTING TO HAVE STOCKS REPLENISHED.

STATING THAT "IT APPEARS THE MINISTRY IS WORKING UNDER THE FIRST HYPOTHESIS," FIORINO GOES ON TO REITERATE PREVIOUS REPORTS THAT TANKERS BOUND FOR ITALY HAVE BEEN HALTED ON THE HIGH SEAS FOR AT LEAST A WEEK.

UNDERSCORING THE THREAT, ANOTHER ARTICLE IN FIORINO QUOTES AN OFFICIAL AT EXXON, ONE OF THE COMPANIES DEMANDING HIGHER PRICES FROM ITALY, AS STATING: "COMPANIES SUCH AS OURS HAVE INDISPENSIBLE LOGISTICAL SYSTEMS WHICH CANNOT BE DONE AWAY WITH IF ONE WANTS TO SHIP OIL TO THE WORLD MARKETS."

ITALIAN INDUSTRIAL UNIONS BLOCK WAGE-GOUGING EFFORT BY AGENTS

FEB. 14 (IPS)—ITALY'S INDUSTRIAL UNIONS, LED BY THE METALWORKERS FEDERATION (FLM), HAVE BLOCKED EFFORTS BY THE AGENT-DOMINATED LEADERSHIPS OF THE NATION'S THREE PARTY - CONTROLLED UNION CONFEDERATIONS, THE COMMUNIST CGIL, AND CATHOLIC CSIL, AND THE SOCIALIST-DOMINATED UIL, TO PROMOTE SEVERAL WAGE GOUGING SCHEMES, INCLUDING WAGE FREEZES, WAGE REDUCTIONS, AND WAGE INDEXING.

IN AN ARTICLE TITLED "THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE CONFEDERATIONS AND THE INDUSTRIAL UNIONS," THE FINANCIAL DAILY IL FIORINO REPORTED TODAY THAT "THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INDUSTRIAL UNION SECTORS

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ENGAGED IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SAW A VICTORY IN THE FACT THAT THE FINAL DOCUMENT VOTED AT THE STEERING COMMITTEE (OF THE THREE CONFEDERATIONS HELD FEB. 12) DID NOT MAKE AN EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS TO REDUCE WAGES, ETC., WHICH WERE CIRCULATED AND DISCUSSED."

REPORTING MAJOR CLASHES BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIAL UNIONS AND THE AGENT-DOMINATED CONFEDERATION LEADERS OVER "THE QUESTION OF THE CONTRACTS WHICH THE INDUSTRIAL UNIONS MUST REACH IN THIS PERIOD," FIORINO REPORTED THAT CSIL LEADER STORTI NARROWLY ESCAPED A MOTION OF CENSURE FOR HIS PROPOSAL TO ACCEPT A WAGE FREEZE IN RETURN FOR PROMISES OF MORE EMPLOYMENT. "THE MOTION DID NOT PASS," FIORINO EXPLAINED, "DUE TO A DECISIVE INTERVENTION FROM (COMMUNIST PARTY TRADE UNION LEADER LUCIANO) LAMA, WHO DID NOT HESITATE TO PUT ALL HIS WEIGHT, HIS AUTHORITY, AGAINST IT."

IN A SIMILAR ARTICLE, TITLED "UNCERTAINTIES AND DIFFICULTIES IN THE UNION SECTOR," CORRIERE DELLA SERA REPORTS THAT "THE INDUSTRIAL UNIONS ARE THE ONES THAT FEEL THE IMMEDIATE PRESSURE FROM THE BASE AND THEY ARE AFRAID THAT THE CONFEDERATIONS WILL BE NEGOTIATING AN INCOMES POLICY WITH THE GOVERNMENT (THAT OF CIA AGENT AND FORMER DEPUTY PREMIER UGO LA MALFA - ED.) WHICH THE INDUSTRIAL UNIONS ALREADY REJECT A PRIORI."

FIORINO ALSO REPORTS THAT THE METALWORKERS "HAVE COMMITTED AN ACT OF BELLIGERENCE IN THE PAST FEW DAYS BY PLANNING A MEETING OF THE FACTORY COUNCILS OF THE COMPANIES IN CRISIS TO BE HELD FEB. 23." FIORINO STATES THAT THE MEETING IS INTENDED TO GIVE MORE MILITANT TONE TO A SIMILAR MEETING PLANNED BY THE CONFEDERATIONS FOR FEB. 25.

GAULLIST CALLS FOR SEPERATE REPRESENTATION OF FRANCE AT NORTH-SOUTH CONFERENCE

FEB. 14 (IPS)—GAULLIST BARON MICHEL DEBRE YESTERDAY ISSUED A STATEMENT TO FRENCH FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER JEAN SAUVAGNARGUES DEMANDING THAT FRANCE BE REPRESENTED IN ITS OWN RIGHT AT THE NORTH-SOUTH CONFERENCE TAKING PLACE IN PARIS. FRANCE IS CURRENTLY REPRESENTED AT THE TALKS BY THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. ACCORDING TO TODAY'S FRENCH DAILY LE MONDE, DEBRE CHARGED THAT "IT SEEMS FROM EXPERIENCE THAT THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY SIMPLY ALIGNS ITSELF ON AMERICAN POLICY, NOTABLY CONCERNING ENERGY POLICY AND THE FLOOR PRICE OF OIL."

DEBRE STATED THAT THE CONFERENCE BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WAS ONE OF "SUCH IMPORTANCE" THAT FRANCE COULD NOT AFFORD TO LET ITSELF BE MISREPRESENTED THERE.

FRENCH PAPERS WARN AGAINST 3RD WORLD DEBT MORATORIA

FEB. 14 (IPS)—TODAY'S LE FIGARO, A CONSERVATIVE FRENCH DAILY CARRIES TWO PROMIMENT ARTICLES WHICH WARN THIRD WORLD NATIONS AGAINST DECLARING DEBT MORATORIA.

IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE TRUTH ABOUT THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE POOR COUNTRIES," JEAN PAUL VILLAIN TELLS THE THIRD WORLD THAT ALTHOUGH

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DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS PRESENTLY GORBLE UP ABOUT 18.4% OF THEIR RECEIPTS FROM EXPORTS , BY 1977 THAT PERCENTAGE SHOULD DECREASE SINCE THEY WILL EXPORT MORE. HE REPORTS THAT THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL MONETARY INSTITUTIONS ARE AWARE OF THE THIRD WORLD'S PLIGHT, AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO MAKE THE REFINANCING DEBT "EASIER."

JEAN ULLMO, TAKES A HARDER LINE TELLING THE UNDERDEVELOPED SECTOR THAT THEY WILL BE THE VICTIMS OF SHORTAGES AND INTOLERABLE SUFFERING OF A MAGNITUDE IMPOSSIBLE TO ENVISAGE IF THEY DECLARED A DEBT MORATORIA. ULLMO THEN TRIES TO BLAME THE 1930'S FINANCIAL CRASH ON THE FACT THAT U.S. PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER GRANTED WESTERN EUROPE A MORATORIUM ON DEBT (REPARATIONS PAYMENTS) IN 1931.

CBS'S DANIEL SCHORR IN SETUP BY COUNTERGANG JOURNALISTS

FEB. 14 (IPS)—CBS INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER DANIEL SCHORR ADMITTED TODAY THAT HE WAS THE SOURCE FOR LEAKS OF A HOUSE PIKE COMMITTEE SECRET REPORT ON CIA ACTIVITIES, IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SITUATION SET UP BY COUNTERGANG JOURNALISTS TO WATERGATE SCHORR. THE VILLAGE VOICE PRINTED SELECTED PARTS OF THE SECRET DOCUMENT THIS WEEK.

SCHORR WAS ENGINEERED INTO HIS ADMISSION AFTER A WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE FEB. 12 REPORTED THAT SOURCES FROM THE REPORTERS' COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, A GROUP ASSOCIATED WITH CIA CONDUIT NAT HENTOFF OF THE VILLAGE VOICE, NAMED SCHORR AS THE SOURCE OF THE LEAK. THE POST SAID THAT SCHORR ARRANGED THE LEAK VIA FRED GRAHAM, A CBS COLLEAGUE AND A MEMBER OF THE REPORTERS' COMMITTEE, TO WHICH THE VOICE PLANNED TO DONATE A SUBSTANTIAL SUM.

INITIALLY THE PIKE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS EXPECTED TO BE MADE PUBLIC AND REPORTEDLY IT WAS CIRCULATING WIDELY ON CAPITOL HILL. SUBSEQUENTLY THE CIA CLASSIFIED THE REPORT, WHICH MEANS THAT SCHORR IS NOW THREATENED WITH PROSECUTION FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN DISSEMINATION OF "OFFICIAL SECRETS." VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA CARRIED LEAKS OF THE INFORMATION, AND CONGRESSMAN OTIS PIKE (D-NY), CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE, NAMED THE CIA ITSELF AS THE LIKELY SOURCE OF LEAKS OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

SCHORR IN THE PAST HAD EXPOSED THE COVERUP BY THE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION REPORT OF CIA ASSASSINATIONS, AND HE ARRANGED CBS COVERAGE OF FORMER CIA AGENT ROY FRANKHAUSER'S EXPOSURE OF CIA GUN AND DRUG-RUNNING AND COUNTERGANG ACTIVITIES.

SPLITS IN NATO: STATE DEPARTMENT ZEITUNG DOUBTS NATO ESTIMATES OF SOVIET DEFENSE BUDGET INCREASES

FEB. 14 (IPS)—THE MILITARY EDITOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT-CONNECTED WEST GERMAN DAILY, THE SUEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG, CHRISTIAN POTYKA, TODAY ATTACKED NATO'S INFLATED ESTIMATES OF THE SOVIET DEFENSE BUDGET. "A COUPLE OF LEADING MILITARY MEN ARE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO UNDERMINE THE THESIS, THAT THE SOVIET UNION'S MILITARY POTENTIAL HAS CONTINUED TO GROW," POTYKA WROTE, "...FINNISH MAJOR HAGGLUND IS OF THE OPINION THAT SOVIET MILITARY EXPENDITURES...HAVE

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BEEN FROZEN AROUND THE 1969 LEVEL OF 13 BILLION RUBLES." POTYKA SPECIFICALLY ATTACKS THE NATO-LINKED LONDON-BASED THINKTANK, THE INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC STUDIES, FOR USING "MAGIC TRICKS" TO COMPUTE SOVIET SPENDING FIGURES. INFLATED FIGURES OF SOVIET MILITARY SPENDING HAVE BEEN USED AS JUSTIFICATION FOR INCREASED NATO ARMS PRODUCTION UNDER THE "INDEMAN'S PLAN."

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