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## I. PRIORITIES

### WALL STREET JOURNAL OP-ED ANTICIPATES MEXICAN PESO DEVALUATION

April 14 (IPS)--An op-ed article in yesterday's Wall Street Journal urges Mexican president Luis Echeverria to devalue the Mexican peso by Easter to "end this period of uncertainty." Describing Mexico's foreign debt, inflation rate and unemployment as "alarming," the op-ed's author, an American economics professor Hart, suggests that the prolonged Easter weekend would be "a handy time" for a devaluation. Although both President Echeverria and his anticipated successor Lopez Portillo have made clear their refusal to devalue the national currency, Hart insists that the devaluation is a foregone conclusion and that pesos are already being turned into dollars in anticipation. He concludes with the suggestion that Echeverria devalue the peso now to save Lopez Portillo the "embarrassment" of having to begin his presidential term with a devaluation.

### CHILEANS WARN THAT U.S ARMS SALES TO PERU COULD PROVOKE WAR

April 14 (IPS)--American manipulations of arms sales to Latin America could lead to war, charges the leading Chilean magazine, Ercilla in its April 7-13 issue.

Ercilla says that Chileans strongly fear that "their hands are tied" in respect to future conflicts with their neighbors by the Kennedy Amendment, which the U.S. Congress passed to ban certain kinds of arms sales to Chile. Peru can now buy weapons freely from the United States, under a recent arrangement made by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Ercilla concludes by alluding to the hopes of revanchist elements in the Peruvian military to reconquer lands Peru lost to Chile in the War of the Pacific (1879-83): "The potential danger is that these countries (Peru and Argentina--ed.) could have aspirations which the apparent superiority of their war materiel inspires them to believe they can achieve."

### BALTIMORE SUN EDITORIALIZES FOR WORLDWIDE VACCINATION PROGRAM FOR SWINE FLU

April 14 (IPS)--Yesterday's Baltimore Sun editorializes in favor of a worldwide immunization program against the threat of a killer pandemic of swine flu. "Every effort must be made to immunize as many people as possible worldwide," the editorial states. "It is imperative that the developed nations work, probably through the World Health Organization to extend immunization programs to

Third World populations. The swine flu virus is radically different from other strains and no one is certain that a local epidemic could not become a worldwide pandemic."

Last week, a spokesman for the U. S. Labor party briefed the author of the editorial on the swine flu threat and on the urgent need for a worldwide vaccination program. "If this (the threat) is true," the editorialist responded, "then we'll have to come out with an editorial on it."

#### REPORT RESURGENCE OF MALARIA IN INDIA

April 14 (IPS)—Dr. S. Pattanayak, director of India's National Malaria eradication program, has predicted that malaria cases in India will rise from three million in 1975 to between six and seven million in 1976 and placed the blame for this rise on funding cutbacks in malaria control programs. "The main problem is money," Dr. Pattanayak explains in a Reuters dispatch. As recently as 1965, the mosquito situation (malaria is carried by mosquitos) had come under control but since then, the erosion of funding has reversed the situation. "The mosquito is back on the rampage in India," the dispatch reports.

#### BILL TO RESTORE NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL CUTS PASSES: BEAME VOWS "DRASTIC AND SENSELESS CUTS" IN OTHER SERVICES

April 14, (IPS)—Voting by an overwhelming 46 to 11 margin to override a veto by Governor Hugh Carey, the New York State Senate last night gave final approval to the Stairsky Bill, which requires that New York City's budget for school spending not fall below the level of the past few years, just above 20 percent. The bill would restore 150 million dollars to the Board of Education budget, according to today's New York Post.

Mayor Beame has responded to the passage of the bill by pledging "drastic and senseless cuts" in other city services.

Passage of the bill, the first override of a New York governor's veto in 104 years, came after seven Democratic State Senators—all from Brooklyn and Queens—reversed their votes against the override last week. While the bill was most strongly pushed by the city's United Federation of Teachers, most other city unions reportedly ignored urgings by Mayor Beame and Governor Hugh Carey to lobby against the bill, apparently in the belief that they are now in a position to demand similar measures to protect other city services. The only major city union leader to oppose the bill was Victor Gotbaum of the Municipal Employees Union District Council 37.

#### STRONG COMMUNIST SHOWING IN WEST BANK A "SURPRISE"

April 14 (IPS)—The strong showing by Palestinian nationalist candidates in this week's West Bank elections had been widely expected, but "the strong showing of the Communists, who proved to be the best-organized campaigners and biggest vote-getters, surprised many West Bank Palestinians," today's Baltimore Sun reports.

According to Sun reporter Michael Parks, the Communists—outlawed by Jordan's King Hussein—"now appear to be the strongest cohesive political group on the West Bank."

End of Priorities.