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I. PRIORITIES

AGNELLI PAPER PREDICTS CHILE-STYLE COUP IN ITALY-- HAILS CHAOS IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

April 26 (IPS)--Today's edition of the Italian daily La Stampa Sera, a paper owned by Atlanticist leader Gianni Agnelli, reports in an article titled "Moro Government: Three Days to Live," that a scheduled debate on the collapsing of the minority government of Prime Minister Aldo Moro has been moved forward from mid-May to this coming Thursday, April 29. Conferences of Atlanticist think-tanks in both the U.S. and Italy in the past month have explicitly stated that the fall of the government would be the start of a coup scenario modeled on the 1973 coup in Chile.

Emphatically supporting the collapse of the regime, Stampa Sera notes that there is a near chaotic confrontation underway between virtually all of Italy's parliamentary parties, and that they are agreed only on the need to dump Moro. "From such a confrontation was born the fascist dictatorship in Chile," the paper states.

Stampa Sera reports that a minority faction within the Communist party -- headed, it says, by Party General Secretary Enrico Berlinguer--now supports the continuation of the Moro government because it fears the consequences of a vote of no-confidence in "such a confrontation climate." However, Stampa Sera notes, the majority, reportedly under the leadership of Giorgio Amendola, has taken a "hard line" against "those who wish to postpone early elections."

ANTI-AUSTERITY FORCES EXPOSE LOCKHEED AS PLOY TO PROVOKE COUP

April 26 (IPS)--The present issue of Tempo Illustrato, the Italian weekly linked to that nation's anti-austerity forces warns that the Lockheed scandal revelations involving the President of the Republic, Giovanni Leone, are a ploy being used to undermine the Italian Republic and prepare for a coup. Journalist Lino Jannuzzi, a close ally of Socialist Party faction leader Giacomo Mancini, comments that rather than further disclosures on Lockheed bribes, there should be an investigation of the CIA role in Italy. Jannuzzi concludes: "It is as if some mysterious authority has operated to cover up an essential strategic link (i.e. to the U.S.

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CIA and Italian Atlanticists) and to accelerate the crisis of the system...Let us hope that while we are hunting "antelopes" (code name for the as yet unnamed Italian president allegedly involved in Lockheed scandals, who is rumored to be Leone--ed.) with a Christian Democratic buffalo gun, that some one does not prepare himself to pass over us with tanks."

NATION WIDE CIVIL DEFENSE MANEUVERS IN YUGOSLAVIA

April 26 (IPS)--European radio reports yesterday indicated that national civil defense and military maneuvers were carried out in Yugoslavia over the weekend.

The exercise, an annual event, was carried out on the largest scale ever this year, said the reports. The exercise coincides with the growing threat of a NATO coup in Italy, which borders on Yugoslavia in the Trieste area.

LEBANESE FALANGE PROVOKE MORE FIGHTING TO BLOCK ELECTIONS

April 26 (IPS)--Lebanon's CIA-equipped and funded Falangists touched off another round of fighting in Beirut's business and hotel district after infiltrating leftist strongholds in Beirut says AP today. At least 80 people have been killed and 250 wounded in the past 24 hours, with further Falangist attacks on three Palestinian camps and the mountains to the east, an area heavily inhabited by leftists.

The Falange leadership which has expressed its commitment to partitioning Lebanon, has provoked the most recent round of fighting to block the upcoming meeting of Parliament to replace the current president Suleiman Franjeh, a member of the Falange. Further complicating the moves to elect a new president--a major demand of the Lebanese left--right wing Christian Interior Minister Camille Chamoun has announced his presidential candidacy.

UDALL CALLS FOR KISSINGER'S RESIGNATION

April 26 (IPS)--Democratic presidential hopeful Morris Udall (D-Ariz.) said that "the time has come for Henry (U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger --ed.) to move on... for the good of the country," in an interview with the Washington Post that appeared yesterday. "But," he added, "I think history is going to be very kind to Kissinger and Nixon about the opening to China."

SADAT CALLS FOR GENEVA, ASKS ISRAELI PEACE MOVES

April 26 (IPS)--Egyptian President Anwar Sadat today called for the immediate reconvening of the Geneva conference as the only means to rapidly solve the explosive Middle East situation, in a joint interview with the visiting Danish Prime Minister Jurgenson, according to Radio Cairo.

Regarding the Palestinian question, Sadat stressed the necessity for the creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza strip. He said that no peace could be established in the region unless it were reached by a Geneva conference, and that certain positive moves must come from the Israeli side, notably on the

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issue of the occupied Arab territory.

Today's Le Monde, the French daily, also reports that Sadat is willing to end the "state of war" with Israel, provided Israel recognizes the rights of Palestinians for an independent state.

RABIN GOVERNMENT DISINTEGRATING

April 26 (IPS)--The government of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is rapidly collapsing, according to a front-page Baltimore Sun feature by Michael Parks today. Faced with mounting pressure from "both hawks and doves," Rabin is "on the defensive, with his political base eroding and his public popularity declining almost weekly," Parks writes. "Speculation is widespread that new parliamentary elections will have to be held this fall, a year early."

Yesterday, Voice of Israel Radio reported that Foreign Minister Yigal Allon has postponed his scheduled trip to Washington, D.C., in order to be present at an emergency government meeting to debate the hotly contested issue of right-wing Jewish settlements on the West Bank. The announcement of the debate, which could force the collapse of the Rabin government, follows a public statement two days ago by Justice Minister Haim Zadok who accused the right-wing settlers such as the Gush Emunim sect of "undermining democracy" and urged that they be "opposed."

Yesterday's Baltimore Sun reported that the cabinet now narrowly supports left-wing moderates favoring eviction of the settlers.

RABIN GOVERNMENT HIT WITH PUBLIC SECTOR STRIKE AND THREATENED WEST BANK GENERAL STRIKE

April 26 (IPS)--In the third day of a strike over wages, Israeli government workers have closed down most of the Israeli government offices in Tel Aviv and crippled the Israeli capital's public train service, according to NBC news yesterday. The strike threatens to spread to include an estimated 20,000 public sector workers protesting a stalling action by the bankrupt government in allocating a negotiated pay raise. The strike action by the Israeli workers coincides with an announced general strike on the West Bank by Arabs protesting the continued Israeli "settler" occupation.

LAROCHE ON MIDEAST CITED IN NEWARK STAR LEDGER

April 26 (IPS)--Yesterday's Newark Star Ledger quoted excerpts of a press statement by U.S. Labor Party presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche on the Mideast immediately following the announcement that Lebanese President Franjieh will step down. The relevant quotations, the first coverage of LaRouche's statement in the U.S. press, are:

"U.S. labor Party presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche issued a statement yesterday denouncing Secretary of State Henry Kissinger for manipulating a conflict in the Middle East.

"LaRouche said a workable agreement is possible between Israelis and Arabs if a common policy is defined for Middle East agricultural

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and industrial development. He said Kissinger is preventing such cooperation."

The USLP has been waging a 6-day campaign to gain coverage of LaRouche's peace strategy in the U.S. and international press.

SCRANTON CRITICIZES ISRAELI WEST BANK SETTLEMENT,
SAYS PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IMPROVING

April 26 (IPS)--U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations William W. Scranton strongly criticized Israel's continuing policy of establishing Jewish settlements on the West Bank of the Jordan in a taped interview this weekend. Prospects for peace are improving, provided Lebanon quiets down, Scranton said, because Arab nations are beginning to accept the right of Israel to exist.

Scranton called the Israeli settlements "illegal" and "an obstacle to peace." According to today's Baltimore Sun, Scranton also said that at least three Arab governments--Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia--are now prepared to accept the right of Israel to exist, which he called an encouraging sign in the long run.

JAVITS PRAISES ISRAELI WARHAWKS, WARNS OF
"GRAVE THREAT TO ISRAEL"

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 26 (IPS)--In a telephone interview today, Senator Jacob Javits (R-NY), who has just returned from the Middle East, praised Israeli warhawks Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Shimon Peres as the best leaders of that nation, and said he would not issue a call for a Geneva conference on the Middle East situation. Echoing the RAND Corporation line that the fighting in Lebanon is "communal religious strife," Javits also said that the Lebanese fighting stems from "Christian versus Moslem" conflicts, adding that "Lebanese partition poses a grave threat to Israel."

Javits' interview followed a press conference yesterday at which he stated that overall peace in the Mideast would not be possible for "10 to 15 years." Javits urged that the Ford administration deal with the West Bank Arab politicians who have just been elected, and offer aid for capital improvements in the West Bank.

FRENCH GENERAL TOTALLY REJECTS SCHLESINGER DOCTRINE

April 26 (IPS)--French General Gallois today absolutely rejected the possibility of a French lineup behind the "regional wars" limited confrontation defense policy associated with former U.S. Defense Secretary James Schlesinger.

Secretary of State Kissinger predicted the outbreak of "regional wars" in a recent speech. In a radio broadcast interview, Gallois reaffirmed his own commitment to the traditional Gaullist defense posture of a "multipolar" defense, directed against any enemy who would transgress France's national borders. Gallois stated that "one cannot impose a limited war. No limited military adventures."

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After renewing a call for the development of a professional army in France centered around the Gaullist-created tactical nuclear "force de frappe," Gallois suggested the possibility of a new kind of European diplomacy premised on "the economic supremacy of the Federal Republic of Germany" and "counterbalanced by the nuclear role of France."

DEBRE CALLS ON RIGHT WING TO ADDRESS NATIONAL PRIORITIES FIRST

April 26 (IPS)--Former Gaullist Prime Minister Michel Debre today called on the conservative layers of French society to end their preoccupations with their special interests and consider the "moral responsibilities" of national government. In an article addressed to the daily readership of the rightwing Le Figaro, Debre warned that "the authority of the state is moral first: the imperatives of collective life are superior to individual aspirations ...It is a wrong policy in difficult times to give priority to 'categorical satisfaction.' We must remind the French that they are French first."

As part of this recognition, Debre called on the French to wake up to the necessity to impose an incomes policy in France as one key aspect of the fight to stifle inflation. In previous statements, Debre has specifically linked such a policy to an industrial development program for France in cooperation with the Third World.

NYERERE MEETS WITH KISSINGER;
DECLARES RHODESIAN WAR ON

April 26 (IPS)--After meeting with Secretary of State Kissinger yesterday, Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere declared to reporters that "the war has started" in Rhodesia, according to today's New York Post. "It can't be avoided," added Nyerere, "the United States might not support the war. We will not quarrel with that."

Nyerere's meeting with Kissinger followed a state banquet last night at which Tanzanian Prime Minister Ibrahim Kadura declared in a toast to Kissinger: "Sometimes we feel that you do understand about our struggle and why we struggle, but you lack the will to help."

Earlier yesterday, Kissinger met with Kenyan President Jomo Kenyatta with whom he discussed increased arms aid.

VENEZUELA WILL PROPOSE DEBT MORATORIUM AT UNCTAD

April 26 (IPS)--"Venezuela will propose a world debt moratorium" at the upcoming United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in May, announced Herrera Campins, a Venezuelan Senator and member of the Christian Democratic Party (Copei), at the World Interparliamentary Union now under way in Mexico. Campins opened his speech saying that "The search for a new international economic order constitutes a desire of human solidarity and a fundamental necessity to establish a true peace," according to the Venezuelan daily, El Nacional yesterday.

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SAO PAULO, BRAZIL RAT POPULATION SOARS, INFANT MORTALITY UP

April 26 (IPS)--Hordes of rats are swarming into newly constructed subway tunnels in the Brazilian city of Sao Paulo, according to Folha de Sao Paulo April 18. Fleeing the tenement houses which the subway constructors are demolishing, the rats are destroying the just-installed electrical cabling. Subway construction companies are attempting a mass extermination campaign, but the number of rats inhabiting the tunnels is so large that they do not expect an early success.

The latest rat count in Sao Paulo puts the rat population at ten rats to every human. A year ago the ratio was 6 to 1.

Municipal authorities from the city, meanwhile, released a report stating that the infant mortality rate of the city is astronomically increasing, according to Veja magazine April 21. For 1976, 104 infants out of every 1000 are expected to die, a more than 20 percent increase over last year's rate of 86 per 1000. The report indicates that there is a direct relation between the growth in the infant death rate and the decrease in the real minimum salary of Brazilian workers.

NYC CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE

ALBANY, April 26 (IPS)--Paul Kreingold, U.S. Labor Party candidate from Brooklyn's 13th CD, will hold a press conference here tomorrow at noon to present the New York State Legislature with priority guidelines for the current session, USLP headquarters in New York City has announced.

Mr. Kreingold will speak of the international situation, highlighting the deadly implications of both the current Lebanon conflagration and coup preparations now underway in Italy and will present proposals on the equally deadly U.S. municipal crisis.

UNIONISTS AGREE: KISSINGER MUST GO

TRENTON, NJ April 26 (IPS)--At the invitation of the President of the Paper Workers Local no. 657, U.S. Labor Party candidate Elliot Greenspan addressed the union's meeting here yesterday on the Mideast crisis. After Greenspan presented an international briefing, the local Vice President and all members in attendance approved the following resolution:

"We members and leaders of Paper Workers Local 657, convened at this union meeting, Sunday, April 25, urge the Congress to immediately investigate the role of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in the current Mideast crisis. If Mr. Kissinger is holding back the convening of a Geneva Conference to settle that crisis, he must be immediately removed from office. Let us go on with the business of economic reconstruction in the Mideast and at home: No war, no plague, no depression."

Official endorsement of the statement will be sought at a later meeting from the majority of the 100-man union. The officials and members present did agree that their names could be used to pressure Congressmen to endorse the statement.

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