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## **NATO MANEUVERS TO FOCUS ON ITALY**

April 27 (IPS) — Two NATO maneuvers, one a simulated invasion of Italy, will take place within the next two weeks, keeping large numbers of NATO troops on alert in the area of the Southern Mediterranean. "Operation Dashing Impact", an annual exercise, will involve air, sea, and land units from Italy, the U.S., and West Germany in coordinated troop movements in the Brenner-Trieste area of northern Italy, contiguous with the Yugoslav border. In past years, the exercise has included a simulated invasion of Italy complete with air support and so forth.

The other maneuver, reported in the newspaper, La Repubblica, will combine portions of the fleets from the U.S., Italy, Great Britain, and Turkey in a large naval exercise throughout the Mediterranean, effectively putting the major segments of the NATO southern fleet on alert for the course of the exercise.

## **WEST GERMAN PRESS CONTINUES TO PREDICT COUP IN ITALY**

April 27 (IPS) — For the second consecutive day, the conservative West German daily, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung has predicted that a coup will soon occur in Italy. "It can not be ruled out," writes the Zeitung's Italian reporter, Schmitt Van Vorst, "that the overlap between the Lockheed scandal and the political crisis can still lead to some surprises in the next couple of days."

The NATO-connected West German daily Die Welt, on the other hand, called Italy "ungovernable" today.

## **AGNELLI: A FASCIST "CONSENSUS" OR "THE BRUTALITY OF FORCE"**

April 27 (IPS) — FIAT magnate and President of the Italian Industrialists confederation, Gianni Agnelli, stated in an interview with his own paper, La Repubblica, today that "In order to govern, one needs consensus, or the brutality of force." Yesterday, the major Italian newspapers, La Stampa and Corriere della Serra, warned of possibilities of a Chile-style coup in Italy.

The leading Atlanticist in Italy, Agnelli, was asked what he will do if the left wins an early election there: "Even on the left, there are some serious people. In Turin, there is a left junta which has continuous interchanges with FIAT...but the problem of collaboration at the local level is one thing, at the national level, it is another. If the entrepreneur is reduced to an employee, then it is useless to speak of pluralism and ask for consensus....There is still time to demonstrate with deeds those things indicated by words. I believe that over the next few months, everything will depend on this point."

## **ITALIAN SOCIALISTS TO WITHDRAW SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT**

April 27 (IPS) — The Italian Socialist Party (PSI) has categorically stated that if Prime Minister Aldo Moro asks the Italian Parliament for a vote of confidence on his government, the PSI will vote against it. A spokesman for the PSI further stated that even if Moro does not ask for such a vote, the PSI will withdraw its implicit support of the government — previously expressed by abstaining on such votes — and pass to the opposition. This will pose the need for early political elections in the country.

The PSI statements, reported in today's Avanti, newspaper of the PSI, came at the end of party executive committee meetings concerning a proposal by the Christian Democratic Party (DC) to bring the issue of a governmental crisis into Parliament for debate — a desperate move by the DC to avoid the early elections which they are expected to lose to the Italian left.

## **ITALY TO GET SHORT-TERM FINANCING FROM EEC**

April 27 (IPS) — The Italian Minister of the Treasury, Emilio Colombo, has announced that the EEC is willing to grant Italy some loans "if the circumstances will require it and if the Italian government will ask for it." He made his statement after the meeting of the European Economic Community (EEC) Finance Ministers reported

today by the financial daily Il Fiorino. The paper also reports that according to French Finance Minister Fourcade, the governors of the European Central Banks yesterday had already approved a short-term loan of 1.2 billion dollars to Italy.

Last month, Il Fiorino reported that Italy will have to repay foreign loans worth over 2 billion dollars by next September.

## **ZIONIST LEADER WARNS OF POLITICAL EXPLOSION IN ITALY**

April 27 (IPS) — An official of the Zionist Organization of America yesterday discounted the possibility of an immediate explosion in the Middle East, stating: "There will be no explosion in the Mideast, just watch Italy," he warned. Having just returned from Italy, he stated that there were "many rich people" in positions of power desiring to bring the Italian Communist Party (PCI) into the government. He compared the situation to that in the 1930s when the German ruling class backed the Nazis.

## **FRANJIEH, LEBANESE LEADERS CALL FOR SYRIAN INTERVENTION**

April 27 (IPS) — Lebanon's universally opposed President, Suleiman Franjeh, has made an official request for Syrian military intervention and for him to be allowed to stay in office for six months to "end the civil war," according to combined dispatches from WINS radio in New York and Radio Kuwait, monitored in Western Europe.

Franjeh's call has been echoed over the past 48 hours by the Lebanese section of the renegade Syrian wing of the Ba'ath Party, which demanded that the Syrian army intervene to separate the "Moslem and Christian armies"; and by top Damascus agent, Zuhair Mohsen, leader of the Syrian-controlled "As Saiqa" Palestinian group, who, in an interview in the latest issue of the West German news magazine, Der Spiegel, proposed the confederation of Syria and Jordan.

## **LEBANESE PARLIAMENT SPEAKER**

### **OFF TO DAMASCUS**

April 27 (IPS) — Speaker of the Lebanese Parliament, Kamel Assad, a

Moslem rightist with strong ties to Damascus, left today for the Syrian capital for the second time in the past 24 hours, Radio Kuwait reports. Assad has been attempting to arrange a date for the election of a replacement for Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh by the Lebanese parliament. Speaker Assad is reported to favor Syrian military intervention.

Fighting was reported to be heavy in Lebanon today by several press sources.

#### **PLO FOREIGN MINISTER CALLS ISRAEL "RACIST; FASCIST"**

April 27 (IPS) — Farouk Kaddumi, Foreign Minister of the Palestinian Organization (PLO) issued a scathing attack on Israel today, according to Radio Kuwait and the French daily, Le Figaro. Kaddumi denounced Israel as "racist" and "fascist", and asserted that the PLO would never recognize Israel. "Israel is like the Nazi state of South Africa," Kaddumi said. "We will struggle (against it) to the end." Last week, Kaddumi announced that the PLO was waging a guerrilla war "and we are not afraid of nuclear bombs."

The French press also reports the newly-elected Arab mayor of Ramallah said yesterday, "Co-existence will never exist between Arabs and Jews...The Jews are different from other human beings."

#### **ISRAEL FACES COUP FROM THE RIGHT, U.S.**

##### **MILITARY SOURCE SAYS**

April 27 (IPS) — A well-informed U.S. military officer today warned that Israel now faces "a real coup danger." "If a dovish government came to power, they'd get an ultimatum from the general staff immediately — a coup d'etat." He cited the precedent for such a coup being when former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan seized power just before the 1967 war, and warned that the war machine in Israel is tightly unified under the leadership of warhawk General Mortachai Gur. He concluded, "The present Israeli government cannot, and will not, move toward peace...They talk about peace and so on, but they don't mean it. They're not honest. The Israelis have to make concessions."

#### **CZECH PRESS LINKS FALANGE TO THE U.S.**

April 27 (IPS) — The small Christian "state" now being created in Lebanon by the right-wing Falange cannot survive without the support of the

United States, says Rude Pravo, the daily of the Czechoslovakian Communist Party. Rude Pravo also quotes from numerous press sources on the U.S. Sixth Fleet's conduiting of arms to the Falangists.

#### **KENNEDY, ABOUREZK QUIZZED STATE DEP'T. ON FALANGE**

April 27 (IPS) — In a hearing before the Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees of the Senate Judiciary Committee, two weeks ago, both Sen. James Abourezk (D-SD) and Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass) asked Undersecretary of State Joseph Sisco if the U.S. was funding the Lebanese fascists, the Falange. Sisco answered that the U.S. was not and added, "But can we go into executive session on this?" The Committee complied with Sisco's request.

#### **EGYPTIAN TRADE MINISTER IN MOSCOW**

April 27 (IPS) — Egyptian Trade Minister Fattah arrived today in Moscow, where he is meeting with his Soviet counterpart, Patolitshev, to extend the Soviet-Egyptian trade accord. The new Soviet-Egyptian trade talks follow the call yesterday by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat for immediate reconvening of the Geneva peace conference on the Mideast.

#### **ENERGY CHIEF TO GO TO MIDDLE EAST**

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 27 (IPS) — Federal Energy Administrator Frank Zarb will visit Saudi Arabia and Iran in the first week of May, according to FEA headquarters here. The visit is strictly a "business trip" to discuss energy matters and will not be accompanied by diplomatic fanfare, FEA sources report. Mr. Zarb warned last week in an interview with the Knight News Service and in a speech before the American Power Conference in Chicago, of the possibility of a "second Arab oil embargo."

#### **NATO-BACKED BLOODBATH THREATENED FOR PORTUGAL**

April 27 (IPS) — Following Sunday's legislative elections in Portugal in which no single party received an absolute majority, Freitas do Amaral, the head of the right-wing Center Democratic Party (CDS), at a press conference in Lisbon, stated that Socialist Party (PS) head, Mario Soares, must form a government coalition with the right-wing or else "the danger of a right-wing coup...is

always omnipresent." Amaral added that such a coalition is necessary because "some anti-popular measures to face the grave economic crisis will be absolutely essential", according to an Associated Press dispatch.

#### **LEWIS "WARNS" OF COUP THREAT IN PORTUGAL**

April 27 (IPS) — Flora Lewis writes in today's New York Times that the "risk of 'South Americanization' in Portugal," the "failure of government that rests on popular approval to cope with popular needs and demands", then turns to "authoritarian government imposing order by military and police forces."

#### **MEXICAN PRESS CONTINUES COVERAGE OF WORLD DEBT MORATORIUM PROPOSAL**

April 27 (IPS) — The Mexican press continues to give wide coverage to the debt moratorium proposal that Venezuela will present at the upcoming UNCTAD meeting in Nairobi, as announced by Venezuelan trade official Figueredo several days ago. An article in yesterday's left-leaning Mexican daily El Dia by Ricardo Quiroz notes that a greater "internationalization" of the world economy would have to follow a Third World debt moratorium. Quiroz adds that present regional groupings would participate in this process and warns that unless a debt moratorium is followed by the "creation of an economic system which is articulated and capable of self-direction...paralysis (of the world economy) will be aggravated...and therefore payments on debt will increase — making a return to development much more remote."

Genaro Maria Gonzalez writes in yesterday's Excelsior that "The fundamental demand" of the developing countries at the upcoming UNCTAD meeting "is the construction of the new world economic order with the active participation of all peoples." Among the "poor countries' demands", Gonzalez cites "credits and cancellation of their previous debts," along the lines of the Venezuelan proposal.

#### **NEW LAND SEIZURES FLARE TENSION IN MEXICAN COUNTRYSIDE**

April 27 (IPS) — New land seizures have broken the "truce" imposed less than two weeks ago by Mexican President Luis Echeverria between landowners and peasants in the nor-

thern state of Sonora, the Mexico City daily El Sol reported yesterday. Two new land seizures carried out by peasants belonging to the ruling PRI party's peasant confederation, the CNC, and involving 108 peasant families, took place two days ago in the Yaqui Valley region in Sonora.

At the same time, 300 armed landowners violently ousted a group of squatters from their property in the state of Zacatecas, burning the provisional housing which the 500 squatters had built. One leader of the squatters group declared that they are willing to "get arms and take on" any attempt against them. Meanwhile, the Mexico City daily Excelsior reports that there have been 52 land seizures in Zacatecas by peasants moved to desperate action by hunger.

#### **MEXICAN PARTY YOUTH: U.S. AMBASSADOR MUST STAY OUT OF COUNTRY**

April 27 (IPS) — A top leader of Mexico's National Youth Movement of the Republic — the youth arm of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party in Mexico — declared three days ago that the Movement is mounting a campaign to prevent the return of U.S. ambassador to Mexico, John Joseph Jova, to the country. Jova has been in the United States on "vacation" since making statements in late March that Mexican President Echeverria was a "monarch" who travelled "with his court."

The PRI youth leader, Rafael Morales, announced the Movement's campaign at a press conference held April 24th to welcome a delegation of

Cuban youths. Leaders of the two groups denounced the "macabre plans of North American imperialism" to "destabilize and destroy" progressive governments in Latin America.

#### **MARSHAL GRECHKO DIES**

April 27 (IPS) — Marshal Andrei Grechko, Defense Minister of the Soviet Union, died yesterday in Moscow. The Soviet news agency TASS reported that Grechko, who was 72, suffered a heart attack.

Grechko, who had a long career of leadership as a Red Army officer, a General in World War II, a commander of Warsaw Pact Forces, and Defense Minister, was a member of the Soviet Politburo. In his last major speech, in March of this year, Grechko warned of increasing U.S. and NATO aggressiveness.