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I. PRIORITIES

CRISIS LOOMS IN LEBANON OVER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION — SYRIAN TROOPS POUR INTO COUNTRY

April 30 (IPS) — The presidential election in Lebanon slated for tomorrow has already been put off, according to Radio Tel Aviv today. Efforts are underway to find a compromise candidate other than moderate Raymond Edde and Syrian-backed banker Elias Sarkis, and the left has been insisting on postponing the elections because it finds none of the candidates acceptable, according to Western press sources.

Radio Tel Aviv reported that Syria is sending thousands of additional troops into Syria, while U.S. news media today report that hundreds of Syrian-controlled Palestinian Liberation Army troops have been deployed to Beirut and around the Beirut airport.

PERES SAYS THAT ISRAEL WILL NEVER RETREAT TO 1967 BORDERS

April 30 (IPS) — Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres, leading warhawk connected to the U.S. National Security Council, claimed today that Israel's borders prior to the June 1967 war are "non-defendable" and said that "it is out of the question to discuss" a return to these borders, in an interview with the Voice of Israel radio in Jerusalem. Peres emphasized that Israel will "never give back the Golan Heights" border area with Syria, since "the heart of Israel will immediately be threatened."

LABOUR PARTY, MAPAM PARTY INTENSIFY CONFLICT OVER ISRAELI PEACE PROGRAM

April 30 (IPS) — "Very hard discussions" took place today between Israel's leftist Mapam Party and the majority Labour Party over the future

of the common front coalition between the two parties that now governs Israel, Radio Tel Aviv reports today. The radio reports that the Mapam asked "precise questions" to be resolved by the Labour Party, including the latter's position on recent provocative attempts by religious fanatics to illegally settle in the Arab-populated West Bank and Mapam's own recommendations that Israel withdraw to the 1967 borders.

Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin labelled the Mapam detente policy "particularly inopportune," charging that "in fact" no Arab countries supported it.

EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER: MIDEAST SITUATION WORSE THAN BEFORE OCTOBER

April 30 (IPS) — In an interview with Egypt's semi-official daily newspaper, Al Ahran, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi declared yesterday that the situation in the Middle East now is "more explosive than before the outbreak of the October 1973 war," according to West Germany's Deutschlandfunk radio. Fahmi called for the immediate reconvening of the Geneva Conference with the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization, for the recognition of a new Palestinian state and for the renunciation of the use of all nuclear weapons in the Mideast.

According to accounts by U.S. media and Radio Tel Aviv today, Fahmi further declared that if Israel were to use nuclear weapons in a new Mideast war, Egypt would immediately retaliate in kind.

MORO RESIGNS

April 30 (IPS) — Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro today resigned in a meeting of the nation's Chamber of Deputies. According to Associated Press, Moro resigned after initiating a discussion of the economic austerity program which was the cause of the collapsing of his coalition government in January by the anti-austerity forces in the Italian So-

cialist Party (PSI). Criticisms of the economic program were so intense during today's session that Moro was forced to resign without the Chamber holding a scheduled "vote of confidence" in the one-party minority cabinet he has headed since March.

STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS THERE WILL BE NO COUP IN ITALY BUT U.S. DOES NOT FEAR SOVIET RETALIATION IF THERE IS ONE

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 30 (IPS) — Spokesmen throughout the U.S. State Department today issued widespread denials that there is any possibility of a U.S.-sponsored coup in Italy, while at the same time insisting that the U.S. has no need to fear Soviet counter-moves in case there is such a coup. Asked about the widespread mootings of an impending coup in the Italian and West German press, a spokesman for Undersecretary of State Roger Sorenson replied, "Ridiculous! There will be no coup or rightward shift in Italy.... We didn't expect a recovery this year in Europe anyway.... If currencies get out of line, they will just have to be put back into line, however painful that may be. Look at the United Kingdom, they have a great austerity program; the Italian Communist Party can impose austerity, too.... Political instability can be handled without a coup."

"The Soviets? the spokesman said. "No problem, pure religion."

A Baltimore-based think-tanker reported that he had warned State Department Counsellor Helmut Sonnenfeldt yesterday that "Kissinger's economic austerity policies for Europe are leading us straight to coups and wars." "Sonnenfeldt," he added, "says there are no problems in Italy."

GROMYKO WARNS OF MAJOR CONFRONTATION, SPECIFIES MIDEAST DANGER

April 30 (IPS) — Soviet Foreign Minis-

ter Gromyko said in France yesterday that "the world and European situations demand a solution of questions connected with averting military confrontation." According to radio reports, Gromyko specified the Mideast as a major danger area.

West German radio reports today that Gromyko and French government leaders with whom he is meeting agreed that the Mideast situation is "immediately explosive" and could lead to a "major confrontation."

BALTIMORE SUN, WEST EUROPEAN PRESS REPRINT GDR WARNING OF MASSIVE RETALIATION POLICY

April 30 (IPS) — The Baltimore Sun today reported on a declaration by German Democratic Republic Defense Minister General Heinz Hoffman that the Warsaw Pact would strike back with nuclear weapons in the event of aggression from the West and that even a nuclear war would be a "just war" and an intensification of class struggle. In the speech, first delivered in December 1975 and printed in *Einheit*, the theoretical magazine of the GDR's ruling Social Unity Party, in March, Hoffman charged that the Pentagon and executives of American air and space industries have not only made their willingness to realize expansionist desires through the use of nuclear weapons, but have held staff exercises "to test a nuclear rocket war as the devilish means to world domination," according to the report in today's Sun.

Reports of Hoffman's speech have also appeared in the French daily *Le Figaro* and the West German daily *Die Welt* this week. The speech is being widely circulated by TANYUG, the official Yugoslav news agency.

SOVIETS REPORT THAT ISRAEL HAS ATOMIC WEAPONS

April 30 (IPS) — A Soviet trade union daily, *Trud*, reported yesterday that Israel has 14 nuclear bombs, according to today's French daily *Le Monde*. *Trud* specified that the bombs were in operational status.

ZORZA LIES ABOUT NEW SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTRY APPOINTMENT

April 30 (IPS) — Internationally syndi-

cated Kremlinologist Victor Zorza today put out a black propaganda story claiming that the appointment of Soviet Politburo member Dmitrii Ustinov as the USSR's new Minister of Defense represents a "major setback" to Soviet hardliners because Ustinov is a "civilian." He portrayed the appointment as a harbinger of the reassertion of so-called "dovist" Soviet policies.

Zorza was directly contradicted in the *International Herald Tribune*, which accurately qualified Ustinov as a hardliner, citing his long career in the armaments industry and his contributions to rocket technology.

SISCO SAYS NUCLEAR WAR TRIGGERED BY MIDEAST CONFLICT "CAN'T BE REJECTED"

April 30 (IPS) — The idea that a third world war can occur due to the Middle East situation "can't be rejected," Joseph Sisco, Undersecretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, declared today, according to *Radio Tel Aviv*. Sisco asserted that the intention of U.S. policy in the region was to "maintain a regional stability."

JOBERT PRESCRIBES THREE-POINT ANTIDOTE TO ANESTHETIZED ATLANTICIST EUROPE

April 30 (IPS) — Former Gaullist Foreign Affairs Minister Michel Jobert presented a detailed program for definitely breaking Western Europe out from under the financial and military grip of the United States in his feature article in the April issue of *Revue des Deux Mondes*. The three-point program calls for:

1) A break with the dollar monetary standard, "an insidious instrument of American colonialism." Instead, Jobert calls for the creation of a strictly European standard, based at least in part on gold.

2) A break with NATO, through the transformation of the Atlantic Alliance into a cooperative arrangement strictly limited to European nations, including a proposal for the integration of European armies around an independent deterrent force along the lines of the Gaullist-created nuclear "force de frappe" in France.

3) A halt to the Atlanticist gutting of European industry and adoption of

measures for the development of a Europeanwide industry in the most advanced technological sectors, such as atomic energy, computers and aerospace. Jobert warned that "the European countries can only live by ceaselessly bettering their technology, thanks to which they will be able to manufacture and export the sophisticated materials which alone will permit them to buy the raw materials they need."

Jobert calls for a combination of political forces to implement this program, including Gaullists and socialists, "whatever their tag." As a final warning to any who would not appreciate the grave danger of the present crisis in Western Europe, Jobert concludes that "the most blind are beginning to realize that the cost of maintaining the dollar standard is the first international tax since the death of the Minotaur."

BUNDESBANK WARNS OF EXPLOSION ON UNREGULATED EUROMARKETS

April 30 (IPS) — The West German Central Bank, the Bundesbank, expressed concern about the large volume and deteriorating quality of loans on the Euromarket and stressed that international efforts must be made to improve control of international liquidity, in its 1975 annual report which was released yesterday. The report further states that while it was permissible to massively increase currency supplies in 1974 to recycle petrodollars, in general, the doubling of currency reserves in 1970-75 holds a dangerous potential for a powerful inflationary effect in the future.

The report also notes that certain efforts to tighten control of the Euromarkets are being made by the Common Market Monetary Commission and by the Federal Reserve in New York.

BANK OF ENGLAND MAKES CRITICAL MOVE TO EXTRICATE LONDON FROM THE EURODOLLAR SWINDLE

NEW YORK, April 30 (IPS) — According to a New York banking source with major underwriting business in London, the Bank of England has stopped the practice of making premium payments on sterling exchanged for dollars that London-based Eurobond under-

writers were permitted on their dollar-denominated underwriting fees. This practice required the Bank of England to pay 45 per cent more pounds sterling for the dollars than the free market currency exchange rate.

Although other New York-based Eurobond underwriters said they had not heard about changes in Bank of England regulations on such transactions, they agreed that such a step would represent a break in heretofore British policy of protecting London as a major financial center for the Euro-dollar market at the direct expense of its economy and currency.

Confirmation of the move is now being sought in London.