

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

ROCKEFELLER-CIA FAIL TO PREVENT CONSOLIDATION OF INDIA-IRAQ-ALGERIA DEVELOPMENT AXIS

NEW YORK TIMES COLUMNIST LIES TO JUSTIFY LIFTING OF ARMS EMBARGO TO INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

March 5 (IPS)--One week after the U.S. arms embargo to the Indian subcontinent was lifted to enable shipments of arms to Pakistan, Bernard Weinraub wrote in yesterday's New York Times that India was interested in using the same provision to buy A-4 Skyhawk fighter planes, helicopters and air missiles.

Mr. Weinraub gives no sources for such claims, coming at the very time that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is scheduled to visit Moscow following Marshall Grechko's trip to India last week. State and Defense Department sources reported today that no such requests have been received by the U.S.

SHAH RENOUNCES AGGRESSION AGAINST IRAQ

March 6 (IPS)--According to New York radio reports, Algerian President Houari Boumedienne has arranged a pact between Iraq's vice-President Saddam Hussein and Iran's Shah, ending long-standing territorial disputes.

ISRAELI SOLDIERS BUTCHER 24 PEOPLE IN RETALIATION AGAINST FATAH COMMANDO ACTION

March 6 (IPS)--The New York Times reports today that immediately after a group of Arab commandos had come ashore in two small boats and held at least 40 guests and employees hostage in a Tel Aviv Hotel, Israeli soldiers stormed the hotel, killing several of the commandos and butchering 16 others.

CIA-SPONSORED AGITATION INCREASES IN INDIA

March 6 (IPS)--Opponents of the government of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi have stepped up their activities in the wake of moves to strengthen Indo-Soviet relations. Today, UPI reports that J.P. Narayan, who is known to have ties to the U.S. Intelligence agencies and the Ford Foundation reportedly lead a demonstration of tens of thousands of sympathizers in New Delhi yesterday.

The New York Times reports that Mohan Dharia, the Minister of Works and Housing fired by Gandhi for supporting a reconciliation between Gandhi and Narayan, predicted "chaos and anarchy" unless the ruling Congress Party responds to J.P. Narayan's so-called "anti-corruption movement." Dharia is known as an anti-communist "socialist", as is Mr. Narayan. In the past, Mrs. Gandhi has

compared Narayan's movement to the brown shirts of Hitler and Mussolini, using the "corruption" issue as their "big lie."

BOUMEDIENNE ADOPTS IRAQI THRUST FOR DEVELOPMENT AT OPEC CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS

March 8 (IPS)--In a wide-ranging speech March 5 that 'stunned' delegates at the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) summit meeting 'by its sweep and ambition', according to the March 5 Journal of Commerce, Algeria's President Houari Boumedienne has proposed a global plan for international cooperation among the industrial and development countries.

Stating that 'if the price of oil must be frozen,' we will freeze it, if it must be lowered, we will lower it,' Boumedienne insisted that 'industrial countries make an equal effort to right the world economy' and that Europe 'must not ally itself with those who intend to use our deposits of petrodollars as a maneuver to extend their hegemony over countries in difficulty, for the purpose of sustaining policies which are directly contradictory to the interests of the Third World.'

Instead, toward serious development of the Third World, Algeria will consider expanding supply of its oil reserves for use by the depression-ridden advanced sector.

IRAQ WINS MAJOR TACTICAL VICTORY, SHAH WON'T SUPPORT KURDS...

March 8 (IPS)--In a major defeat for the CIA's hopes to destabilize the pro-socialist government of Iraq, the official communique of the talks held between Iran's Shahanshah and Iraq's Saddam Hussein, released in Algiers yesterday, calls for a "definitive cessation of all subversive infiltrations" across the Iran-Iraq border, according to today's New York Times.

In effect, in 'extremely frank' talks with Iraq, the Shah of Iran has backed down and agreed to halt Iran's support for the CIA-instigated rebellion of Kurdish tribal nationalists in Northern Iraq. Speaking in Teheran, the humbled Shah stated yesterday that the 'ancient differences between Iran and Iraq are now over.'

FINANCIAL TIMES WEEPS OVER KURDS...

March 8 (IPS)--Reacting in terror to the sharp setback suffered by their pet Shah, the London bankers' daily, the Financial Times headlined their coverage of the Iraq-Iran accord: 'Iran, Iraq Reach Accord As Kurds Are Bombed.'

SOVIET SUPPORT FOR INDIA-IRAQ PROGRAMMATIC ALLIANCE

March 8 (IPS)--An article in the weekly economic newspaper of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union,

Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta (No. 10) provides crucial back-ups to the emerging Iraq-India-ICLC initiatives for economic reconstruction. Dr. M. Volkov describes how capitalists have looted the 'Third World countries', and then states the positive programmatic alternative:

'The fact that the contemporary economy requires more raw materials and natural resources than in the past, and that their distribution around the world is uneven, demands the establishment of a system of international economic relations based on new principles. Its fundamental traits have stood the test of time, in various forms of cooperation between the socialist countries and the 'Third World.' As a result, for example, of Soviet-Iraqi cooperation based on equality, it was possible to rapidly develop one of the richest oil deposits in Iraq --the Northern Rumalian fields. They now produce about 20 million tons of oil a year.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN LEBANON PRESAGING ISRAELI OCCUPATION?

March 8 (IPS)--After two weeks of unrest throughout Lebanese coastal cities resulting from suspicious disputes about local fishing rights in the southern town of Sidon, thousands of Lebanese marched in protest against the police shooting of a 'leftist politician' yesterday.

Meanwhile, 'all Palestinian units and militia were placed on maximum alert in case of an Israeli reprisal attack for the commando raid in Tel Aviv on Wednesday,' on orders from Zuher Muhsen, head of the CIA-controlled Palestine Liberation Organization's military wing, reports today's Washington Post.

NEW YORK TIMES REVEALS 'NEW GUERILLA PLAN' AGAINST ISRAEL

March 8 (IPS)--Citing 'a high Palestinian source', today's New York Times claims that 'the guerilla attack in Tel Aviv Wednesday night was the first step in a new plan worked out by the main guerilla group, Al Fatah, for intensifying military action against Israel.'

SHAH SUPPLIES 50 JET FIGHTERS TO PAKISTAN

March 8 (IPS)--With his position at home collapsing as a result of Iraq's programmatic offensive, the deflated Shah of Iran has ordered the supply of 50 F-5 jet fighters to Pakistan, in a last-ditch effort to shore up his Eastern flank, according to today's Washington Post.

MIDDLETON TRIES TO JUSTIFY U.S. MILITARY BUILD UP IN PERSIAN GULF

March 8 (IPS)--Doing his best to counter the growing Iraqi political hegemony in the Persian Gulf region, New York Times military expert Drew Middleton today issues a frantic attempt to

build a red scare around Soviet 'air and naval activities in the Persian Gulf.

Middleton's rationale for an American arms build up in the CIA satrapies of Iran and Saudi Arabia cites 'intelligence sources' on supposed 'steadily expanding' Soviet military presence in the area, specifically mentioning a Soviet 'naval port' in Iraq--despite the fact that even Middleton is forced to note that 'the Iraqi government has denied the construction is intended as a Soviet base.'

BAHRAIN THREATENS U.S. MILITARY POSITION IN PERSIAN GULF

March 9 (IPS)--In a move which further threatens the U.S. military grip on the Persian Gulf, the Prime Minister of Bahrain announced that the continued use of the U.S. naval base in his country would depend on the "American stand toward peace and stability in the Mideast and the just cause of our Arab brothers."

SECOND INTERNATIONAL GEARS UP FOR FASCIST CORPORATIVIST OFFENSIVE

FRENCH GOVERNMENT SEEKS AID AGAINST PCF FROM CIA SECOND INTERNATIONAL

March 4 (IPS)--This week-end French Minister of the Interior Michel Poniatowski enlisted the aid of Portuguese Socialist Party General Secretary and CIA agent Mario Soares in the French government's battle against the French Communist Party (PCF). Invited to speak on the television network run by the government March 2, Soares launched a series of attacks against the Portuguese Communist Party which incorporated an attack on all hardline communist parties, including the PCF.

SOVIETS SCORE SABOTAGE OF FINNISH EAST-WEST COOPERATION PROPOSALS

March 4 (IPS)--A commentary in Izvestia March 1 on the recent Nordic Conference in Iceland praised the proposals of Finnish representatives for the creation of a nuclear-free zone in Northern Europe and for participation by the Soviet Union in Northern economic cooperation.

The article noted, however, that the Finnish proposals were opposed by "certain circles in Scandinavia and the west" who were trying to use the conference for their own goals, opposed to the interests of the people of the area, and which exclude Soviet participation. The reference is to efforts by Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme and others at the conference to squash Finnish organizing for expanded east-west trade.