

CUBA CALLS FOR OIL PRODUCERS TO USE OIL AS PART OF DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

March 22 (IPS)--According to today's Le Monde, Cuba has attacked the oil-producing countries for "not using their surplus revenues for direct investments and aid in the developing countries." Said Fidel Castro: "There does not exist a real strategy for cooperation between the oil states and the underdeveloped countries with the exception of Venezuela, Algeria, and Iraq." Castro made these remarks at the Havana Conference of Non-Aligned Nations, which was chaired by Algeria's Foreign Minister Bouteflika.

MIDEAST

FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU SUGGESTS ALGERIA COUP POSSIBLE

March 18 (IPS)--The Frankfurter Rundschau today increased the pressure on the Houari Boumedienne government in Algeria by suggesting that a coup d'etat was possible. The West German daily reported that there are technocrat, nouveau-riche, right-wing, forces in the country who do not want to go along with Boumedienne, and who are flirting with the United States.

Boumedienne was targetted for this obviously coordinated attack as a result of his opening speech to the OPEC conference in Algiers March 3, where he proposed that oil-producing OPEC countries increase their oil production in return for real productive input from the advanced sector.

PRESS CONTINUES TO SLANDER IRAQ

March 18 (IPS)--Western press sources have escalated attacks on the government of Iraq following the Iran-Iraq accord last week which ended Iran's support for the CIA-trained Kurdish forces under Mustafa Barzani.

The right wing Daily Telegraph of London, singling out Iraqi Vice-President Saddam Hussein as "one of the twistiest dealers in the Arab world," accuses the Iraqi government of "disregarding the common rules of humanity" in cleaning out Barzani's guerrillas.

NEW YORK TIMES CITES "THAW" IN IRAQ-U.S. RELATIONS

March 19 (IPS)--The New York Times' travelling CIA conduit, Juan de Onis, headlines today's fabrication, "Iraq's Wealth Opens A New Market For The West." Onis, trying to counter the most recent proposal of pro-Soviet Iraq for a \$35 billion Third World development fund, states that Iraq in the past has had an "unfriendly attitude" towards American imperialism and that the growing market between Iraq and the West suddenly indicates an "official thaw" in the U.S.-Iraq relations.

LABOR PARTY DEMANDS KISSINGER BE BROUGHT BACK TO U.S. TO
PREVENT MIDEAST SABOTAGE

March 19 (IPS)--Buried in the back pages of the Washington Post is an announcement by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger that "several substantial areas of disagreement" remain between Israel and Egypt and that he will be staying in the Mideast for more "shuttle diplomacy" in his continuing attempts to find a "just and lasting peace."

In view of recent developments in the Mideast, the U.S. Labor Party is calling on the U.S. government to call Henry Kissinger back to the U.S. now and discontinue his role as Rocky's agent provocateur in the Mideast.

NYT TRIES RED SCARE IN IRAN TO BLUDGEON CONGRESS

March 19 (IPS)--In an OpEd article in today's New York Times, C.L. Sulzberger warns that Iran (the CIA's Middle East headquarters) is buying arms from the Soviets. Dropping last month's moves by Rockefeller to have Europe replace the U.S. in arming the Middle East, Sulzberger's column is a direct threat to Congress to obey Rockefeller's foreign policy directives.

RIGHT-WING ALGERIAN FORCES DON'T EXIST, SAYS U.S. STATE DEPT.

March 20 (IPS)--The Algerian desk of the U.S. State Department denied any knowledge of right-wing forces in Algeria opposed to President Houari Boumedienner who were reportedly "flirting with the U.S." The desk officer, however, strongly hinted to IPS that the U.S. wished that such forces existed. On March 18, the West German daily, the Frankfurter Rundschau had printed reports of the activity of such right-wing forces.

SDZ PUBLISHES FAVORABLE REPORT ON IRAQI DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Wiesbaden, BRD, March 20 (IPS)--The West German Sueddeutsche Zeitung today reported favorably on the development proposals of the pro-Soviet Ba'athist government of Iraq, breaking through the usual screen of anti-Iraqi and anti-Soviet propaganda prevalent in the European bourgeois press. The article reports straightforwardly that "the friendship with the Soviet Union determines Iraq's economic policies, while the economic relations between the Soviet Union and other social systems is stagnating.

WALL STREET JOURNAL ANNOUNCES ROCKY PLANS FOR GUERRILLA
TERRORISM IN IRAQ

March 21 (IPS)--The Rockefeller press has announced its intention to begin "guerrilla" terrorism in Iraq in order to wreck the pro-socialist Ba'ath Party government in Baghdad. In an editorial

in today's Wall Street Journal, the Rockefeller financier faction reports that the CIA's Kurdish rebels have "drawn the lesson that only two things impress the United Nations, oil and terror." The policy of Kurdish terrorism was also announced in yesterday's fanatically pro-Kurdish London Times.

MIDEAST WARMONGERING

New York, March 23 (IPS)--Following the announced collapse of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's step-by-step negotiations, radio reports this morning in the U.S. and Europe report clashes between Palestinians and Israelis in southern Lebanon.

BARZANI ON KISSINGER'S PLANE TO U.S.?

March 23 (IPS)--In a new round of attacks on Iraq the Washington Post, the New York Times and the Baltimore Sun ran a coordinated story stating that the CIA-backed Kurdish leader Mustafa Barzani has asked for asylum in the United States.

CALL-UP UNDERWAY IN ISRAEL AS KISSINGER FLOUNDERS

March 22 (IPS)--According to various press sources, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat suddenly cancelled tonight any further talks with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger around a separate peace settlement with Israel, in protest against the Israeli government's refusal to make any further concessions to Egypt.

While Kissinger's retreat opens up the situation in the Middle East for growing receptivity to Iraqi development proposals, Rockefeller has no intention of accepting an Indochina-type defeat in the region. Having written off significant areas of Asia to communist organizing, Rockefeller is threatening to mobilize Israel--already on full alert--and the newly formed Syrian/PLO joint command for an all-out push for war.

IRAQ'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS TO "REDUCE WORLD HUNGER"

New York, March 22 (IPS)--In his second article this week from Baghdad, New York Times reporter Juan de Onis quotes Iraq Revolutionary Command Council member Adnan Hammdani, responsible for Iraq's oil strategy, that "we feel that it is Iraq's duty to the Arab world to insure agricultural supplies to this region, as we will also reduce thereby the possibilities of world hunger."

NEW YORK TIMES ON THE ANTI-DEMOCRATIC SHAH

March 22 (IPS)--From Teheran, capital of Iran, the New York Times' C.L. Sulzberger continues his reportage on the CIA's Shah's increasing moves toward even more blatant authoritarianism. According to Sulzberger, the Shah has proclaimed: "I've seen in some countries how

parliamentary democracy can become a farce."

The Nato-connected Sulzberger comments that the Shah's dislike of democracy is understandable in view of the problems of "chaotic Italy and paralyzed Trukey" and that "democracy's effectiveness is declining in many corners of the earth."

INDOCHINA

U.S. FORCES ON ALERT TO "EVACUATE" PHNOM PENH

March 17 (IPS)--Pentagon and State Department sources confirmed today that U.S. military forces are on alert for possible evacuation of U.S. personnel from Phnom Penh. As the media reported heavy rebel assaults on Phnom Penh, the helicopter carrier USS Okinawa and other vessels remained poised off the coast of Cambodia in the Gulf of Siam for an evacuation operation.

KHMER ROUGE ATTACK PHNOM PENH; POPULATION IN PANIC

March 17 (IPS)--Military sources in Phnom Penh said that the Khmer Rouge forces "continue to inflict punishing mortar and artillery attacks as well as ground assaults against the defensive perimeter of Phnom Penh's Pochentong airport, while whittling away the last bastion of government forces at Pochentong airport, according to a UPI dispatch: "Meanwhile, the population in Phnom Penh is in panic, with some people discussing the possibility of intense attack against the capitol within 24 hours," the report continues.

CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT TROOPS SURROUNDED AT TOWN NEAR PHNOM PENH

March 17 (IPS)--Cambodian government troops who yesterday took the key town of Toul Leap, five miles from Phnom Penh's Pochentong airport, have now been surrounded and cut off there by Khmer Rouge forces, reports today's New York Times. Reporters trying to get into the town were told that the road to it was cut and that the town was under heavy shelling.

SIHANOUK SAID PREPARED TO TALK WITH SECONDARY PHNOM PENH LEADERS

March 17 (IPS)--Senator Mike Mansfield claims that Prince Sihanouk would be "willing to enter into talks with those in a lower bracket" if the U.S. removes the top leaders in Lon Nol's Cambodian government." Mansfield's comments, reported in today's Christian Science Monitor, follow appeals by the Baltimore Sun and various U.S. Senators for him to open contacts with Sihanouk, his long-time personal friend.