

LATIN AMERICA

PLO EMBRACES PINOCHET

April 21 (IPS) -- Mahid Mohammed, Latin American Director for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), recently spent 15 days fraternizing with the top authorities of the Chilean government, according to a report in the April 16-22 issue of Ercilla magazine. Mohammed told the Chilean news agency, ORBE, that he is fundraising from the reactionary Arab industrialists in Chile.

OUTBREAKS OF EPIDEMIC DISEASES REPORTED IN LATIN AMERICA

April 21 (IPS) -- The Mexican press yesterday reported epidemic outbreaks of hepatitis and typhoid fever in the city of Torreon, with 37 cases in the last three days. In nearby Monterrey, dehydration has claimed two lives and accounts for the 200 hospitalized in the midst of a heat wave of over 72 hours' duration. The victims reported are children of ages from one to three years. At the same time, cases of hepatitis have been reported in the La Plata region of Argentina, but medical authorities there are denying that it has reached epidemic proportions.

COLOMBIAN ARMY CONTROLS BOGOTA

April 21 (IPS) -- Colombian Army and police units rounded up 566 persons in Bogota this weekend in what they called "Operation Cobra." Police said the move was a response to Friday's burning of the car of the Papal Nuncio by student demonstrators at the university. The destruction of the auto by "extremists" was featured in all major Colombian press yesterday in an effort to excite the Catholic and anti-clerical fanaticisms which plunged Colombia into a bloody civil war during the 1950s.

MAOISTS SET UP COLOMBIAN LEFT FOR REPRESSION

April 21 (IPS) -- In the midst of an escalating Red Scare in Colombia, a leader of the Maoist countergang, MOIR, threatened the Bogota City Council, saying, "We and other leftists and communists are prepared to make your heads roll."

COLOMBIAN EX-PRESIDENT ENDORSES MAOIST MOIR

April 21 (IPS) -- Misael Pastrana, conservative ex-president of Colombia, called on liberals and conservatives to unite against "extremists ... in the irrevocable defense of public order and legality" in a document published yesterday.

HONDURAS "PROGRESSIVE DEPOSED; CLARK CLIFFORD CHOSEN AS COUNSEL FOR INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

April 22 (IPS) -- "Progressive" General Oswaldo Lopez Arrellano, President of Honduras, was removed from office today by his right-wing rival Col. Alberto Melgar Castro. Lopez, for the past few weeks, had been the target of widespread publicity accusing him of accepting bribes from the United Brands Fruit Company last year in exchange for the lowering of the Honduras tax on banana exports. Lopez' removal coincides with a move on the part of the Honduras Embassy in Washington to secure Rockefeller-man and former U.S. Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford as counsel to the Honduras Investigating Committee which is looking into the bribery charge.

MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY SET UP FOR REPRESSION

April 22 (IPS) -- The Rockefeller-controlled Mexican daily, Excelsior, set the Mexican Communist Party (PCM) up for repression in an article today, reporting the "confession" of terrorists from the "Union del Pueblo" CIA-created terrorist group. The detained revealed the names of several "accomplices" to the bombing of which they are accused, including three leading PCM members: Pablo Gomez Alvarez, Joel Ortego and Evaristo Perez Arreola.

Although these accusations are totally absurd to anyone who knows the political history of the PCM members, just such absurd and false accusations served as the basis of the interrogation of LALC leaders Carlos de Hoyos and Carlos Mendez, who were detained and tortured by the CIA-controlled Mexican Federal Security Police for two weeks.

REPRESSION HEIGHTENS IN VENEZUELA

April 23 (IPS) -- Student members of the Comite de Lucha de Estudios Revolucionarios (CLER) have denounced the illegal political arrest of Armando Diaz, general manager of the left-wing newspaper Que Hacer. Diaz has not been seen since last Friday. The denunciation appeared in the back pages of the major Caracas daily El Universal and comes at the middle of a heightened repression campaign conducted by fascist President Carlos Andres Perez' government, which has particularly targeted the Liga Socialista, a pro-Iraqi, pro-Moscow, pro-development party with rapidly growing strength on the Venezuelan scene.

CIA TERROR OPERATIONS CONTINUE IN MEXICO

April 25 (IPS) -- In the straight style of the CIA terror operation which began 2 days ago in Stockholm, a gang of terrorists killed 12 people, including 8 policemen and injured 4 others, in a bank robbery on the southern fringes of Mexico City this morning. This bloody incident is aimed at creating the climate for further overt military and police control of Mexico, smashing the left and pre-

venting working class resistance and represents an intensification of the destabilization of the Echeverria regime.

CIA TERRORIST MURDERS IN MEXICO CITY -- PART OF ROCKEFELLER INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR BONAPARTISM, FASCIST REGIMES

MEXICO CITY, April 26 (IPS) --The bloody terrorist attack here yesterday by the CIA-controlled "Liga Comunista 23 de Septiembre," like the CIA's Baader-Meinhof attack in Stockholm earlier this week, is part of Rockefeller's internationally coordinated campaign to install Bonapartist "crisis management" regimes in Western Europe and outright military dictatorships in Mexico and other Third World countries slated for immediate triage.

The bestiality of the attack in Mexico City, in which 8 policemen and three civilians were murdered, shows the same CIA modus operandi used by the suicidal zombies of the Baader-Meinhof in their raid on the West German Embassy in Stockholm. The activation of these terrorist gangs has as its most modest objective total police control over and terrorization of the population. In Mexico City the campaign of terror and chaos is part of a de facto state of seige. The police are in total control of the city searching for "murderers on the loose" who are rumored to be hiding "somewhere in the city." Guns drawn, the police are searching the southern zone of the city house-by-house, interrogating residents, advising them not to open their doors to anyone. All city exits, bus routes, highways, railways and planes are being blocked and searched under massive police control. This latest CIA move represents the harsher phase of the CIA's destabilization against the Mexican presidency, which Rockefeller plans to replace by open military or civilian-military rule, to administer triage of 30 million Mexicans.