

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

ROCKEFELLER AGENTS PUSH FOR NUCLEAR CONFRONTATION PORTUGAL AND KOREA SINGLED OUT AS TRIGGER POINTS; COMMUNIST PARTIES, ICLC LEAD COUNTERTHRUST

ROCKY MOVES TO COOPT "GREAT DEBATE"

May 19 (IPS) -- The Rockefeller-Schlesinger forces are moving rapidly to coopt the timid move by some Congressional opponents to openly debate the Rockefeller nuclear showdown policy on the floors of Congress. Last Wednesday, a group of 24, mostly liberal, senators, many of whom are opposed to Schlesinger's tactical nuclear warfare doctrine, sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) requesting that the debate on the new defense budget be postponed until after the Memorial Day recess to permit a more thorough-going debate on U.S. strategic policies generally.

On Thursday, May 15, Senators Javits, Goldwater, Kennedy, Cranston, H. Byrd Jr., and McClure issued a bi-partisan call for a "great debate" on U.S. foreign and military policy in the context of the military budget. The debate, to begin June 2 and span two days, will be tightly structured to preclude any meaningful discussion.

PCF WARNS KISSINGER: SOVIETS AREN'T BLUFFING

May 19 (IPS) -- Today's L'Humanite, the French Communist Party daily, carries a front-page warning to Kissinger that if he does not choose detente and cooperation, he will get Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) since the Soviets will not tolerate any "limited nuclear warfare."

Max Leon, the L'Humanite correspondent in Moscow, writes on the Kissinger-Gromyko meeting: "The events of the past months have demolished the illusions that were fostered at the White House and the American Congress on the chances of success of the blackmail policy towards the USSR, of diversion in the Middle East and utilization of brute force in Indochina.

ROCHESTER PRESS DEMANDS OPEN DEBATE ON SCHLESINGER DOCTRINE

May 19 (IPS) -- The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, part of the New York State based national Gannett newspaper chain, has broken the press black-out on the U.S. Labor Party call for an open debate in Congress on impeaching Rockefeller, Kissinger, et al. for nuclear war crimes. In its lead editorial May 18, the Democrat and Chronicle denounced Defense Secretary Schlesinger and called for open debate on nuclear policy, particularly on the need for a clear policy on "what stakes we have in South Korea and Lebanon."

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EAST GERMANS BACK SOVIETS ON MAD; STRESS INTERDEPENDENCE OF PEACE, SECURITY, AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION

WEST BERLIN, May 19 (IPS) -- The East German military has reaffirmed its full support for the Soviet nuclear doctrine of "Mutually Assured Destruction" (MAD). Simultaneously, the East Germans have posed economic cooperation between East and West as the only alternative to war.

In a special 12-page supplement to the East German weekly Horizont, Vice-Defense Minister Waldemar Werner states that a resolute struggle for detente "presupposes the capability of the united armed forces (of the Warsaw Pact) to deliver an annihilating blow to any aggressor."

DREW MIDDLETON WARNS OF NUCLEAR WARFARE THREAT IN EUROPE

May 19 (IPS) -- New York Times military fetishist Drew Middleton warns today that any outbreak of war in Europe will rapidly develop into tactical nuclear warfare because of chaos in NATO's military arsenal. Middleton declares that there could be "an early recourse to tactical nuclear weapons" in any fighting in Europe, triggered by war setbacks resulting from shortages of supplies and repair parts because of lack of standardization of NATO equipment.

NORTH KOREA'S KIM: "NO INTENTIONS OF WAR"

May 19 (IPS) -- North Korea's President Kim Il Sung clearly stated in an interview to the Japanese paper Yomuiiri Shimbun that his country has "no intentions of provoking a war in Korea since the majority of the population is busy planting crops," according to UPI reports today.

BRD DEFENSE COUNCIL MEMBER CONFIRMS MC 14/4

WIESBADEN, BRD, May 20 (IPS) -- A member of the defense council of the Federal Parliament in West Germany told IPS today that he had corroborated information given him by the ICLC on both the existence and the contents of the NATO policy document MC 14/4. The official confirmed with certainty that the document sets forth the Schlesinger doctrine, a policy of thermonuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union as soon as possible.

BALL REVEALS KISSINGER AIMS TO FORCE "LIMITED NUCLEAR" DEAL ON GROMYKO

WIESBADEN, BRD, May 20 (IPS) -- In a commentary today on Secretary of State Kissinger's advisor, George Ball, the daily Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung leaks the content of yesterday's discussions between Kissinger and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. The FAZ report reveals that Kissinger will attempt to force the Soviet Union to "deal" on the issue of tactical nuclear warfare.

KISSINGER VISIT TO WEST BERLIN AN ANTI-SOVIET PROVOCATION

WIESBADEN, BRD, May 20 (IPS) -- The visit of U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to West Berlin is intended as a provocation against East Germany and East Berlin, according to today's Die Welt. Reporter Friedrich Kenna claims that the Soviet Union is attempting to "isolate East Berlin from the free part of the country." Revanchist Kenna concludes, "If the communists set their hopes on a new test of the (four-power) agreement and steadfastness of the allies, Kissinger's trip could bring swift and fundamental enlightenment."

CUNHAL CRITICIZES PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT FOR DISMANTLING POLITICAL PARTIES

May 20 (IPS) -- In an unprecedented move, Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) head Alvaro Cunhal criticized the Armed Forces Movement (MFA), the NATO-controlled military junta currently ruling Portugal. "We believe the general condemnation of the political parties by the military is a grave error," Cunhal said, in a speech quoted today in the Washington Post and on French radio.

NORTH KOREA CLAIMS U.S. THREATENS NUCLEAR ATTACK

May 20 (IPS) -- In a radio broadcast yesterday, North Korea charged that the United States - which it said was behind the recent increase in tensions on Korea and South Korean President Park's latest anti-communist drive - had threatened use of nuclear weapons in Korea. The broadcast said in part, "Of late, Ford and others in U.S. authority proclaimed South Korea as their forward defense area... and went to the extent of openly making aggressive outbursts that they would not withdraw U.S. troops, launch all-out military interventions if necessary, and would not hesitate in the use of nuclear weapons."

BALTIMORE SUN CRACKS BLACKOUT, DEMANDS "GREAT DEBATE" ON FOREIGN POLICY

May 20, (IPS) -- The lead editorial in today's Baltimore Sun, "toward a post-Vietnam policy," states, "What Congress must consider carefully is whether the only lasting alternative is the quintessential Pentagon strategy enunciated by Mr. Schlesinger. Many Americans who opposed the Vietnam war are probably not ready to seek this strategy adopted on the basis of the emotions aroused by the Mayaguez incident. If the nation is to have a 'Great Debate' on foreign policy and security that means something, its legislators should see whether other alternatives are available that would provide more hope of a peaceful world."

NEW YORK TIMES EDITOR WARNS SOVIETS TO DROP MAD

May 20 (IPS) -- In a signed Op-Ed piece in today's New York Times,

Robert Kleiman, a member of the Times editorial board, comments on "Detente: Past and Future."

Noting that during the 1940s the Soviet lost 15 million lives to fascism, Kleinman asks, by inference, whether the Soviets will continue to risk such losses by sticking to their MAD (Mutual Assured Destruction) nuclear deterrent policy.

JACKSON REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO NUCLEAR WAR

May 20 (IPS) -- Senator Henry Jackson (D-Wash), declared yesterday before a gathering of 1,600 Essex County, N.J. Democrats that he opposes the reconvening of the Geneva conference to take up peace initiatives proposed by Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko. Gromyko's proposals would immediately defuse the threat of nuclear war in the Mideast.

In response to questions from IPS about the Schlesinger "MC 14/4" strategy of confrontation with the Soviet Union, now in operation, Jackson lied, "I don't know anything about MC 14/4.... I believe the U.S. should go ahead with its development of nuclear weapons." He admitted the de facto anti-Soviet alliance of Rockefeller and Mao Tse-Tung, saying "The strongest supporters of a strong NATO are the Chinese of Peking."

WEST GERMAN COMMUNISTS PRESS SOVIET PROCLAMATION

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, May 21 (IPS) -- A call to the West German government and parliament not to allow themselves to be hindered by opponents of detente from a positive response to the two-week-old Soviet proposal for international development appears in today's issue of Unsere Zeit, the daily newspaper of the Communist Party of West Germany (DKP).

SOUTH KOREA ASKS U.S. TO PROVIDE MORE MILITARY "BACKUP"

May 21 (IPS) -- According to today's Washington Post, the National Assembly of South Korea unanimously passed a resolution ordered by dictator Park Chung Hee, which called for more U.S. military aid and asked the U.S. to move its forces closer to Korea -- a reference to the Seventh Fleet and strategic aircraft.

SOVIET CONSUL WARNS OF DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR "MADMAN"

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 (IPS) -- Vladimir Kuleshov, Deputy Consul of the USSR, spoke here yesterday before 100 people in commemoration of the victory over fascism in World War II. He echoed the statement of the USSR's highest Party and Government bodies in their recent "Open Call to Governments, Parliaments, and Peoples" for world economic development, and their commitment to a policy of "Mutually Assured Destruction" in the face of Vice-President Rockefeller's drive for nuclear war.

Citing the equal nuclear capacities of both countries, Kuleshov

warned, "Only a madman would put them to a test of thermonuclear war. Today a spark anywhere in the world can begin a confrontation that can spread beyond control."

SOARES CALLS FOR CIVIL WAR

May 21 (IPS) -- Mario Soares, head of the CIA-run Portuguese Socialist Party (PSP), has just declared, "We have to mobilize the country in an open war against the power of the military," according to the May 19 issue of Lisbon's Diario de Noticias.

PCF CONTINUES ATTACK ON FRENCH NUCLEAR POLICY

May 22 (IPS) -- In the latest of a series of public statements against the French government's criminal nuclear policy, former French Communist Party Politburo member Pierre Villon blasted France's adoption of the Schlesinger doctrine in the National Assembly yesterday. "The new commandment doctrine coldly envisages that France use the nuclear weapon first (i.e. as a provocation -- ed)... the constitution of a new nuclear European Defense Community would be a real provocation against the socialist camp," Villon warned.

Villon also cited final proof that this policy of provocation is in fact official French policy: "The official National Defense Review in December 1974 described in detail the way to operate the constitution of a nuclear Anglo-Franco-German force and practically, France's return to NATO."

SOVIETS SCORE GENSCHER PROVOCATION

May 22 (IPS) -- The embassy of the Soviet Union in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) today issued a press statement charging West German Foreign Minister Genscher with violating the four-power agreement on West Berlin by his appearance in the West Berlin parliament when U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger was speaking there. The Soviet Embassy declared its commitment to uphold the agreement, which the Soviet Union co-signed, for the sake of its importance for European security.

MFA CONDEMNS PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY FOR ANTI-COMMUNIST PROVOCATIONS

May 22 (IPS) -- A General Assembly meeting of Portugal's ruling Armed Forces Movement released a communique condemning the Portuguese Socialist Party for its anti-communist provocations during the May Day rally in Lisbon, according to yesterday's Neues Deutschland, the daily paper of the East German Communist Party. The action is a result of dramatic organizing inroads by the Portuguese Communist Party among lower officer ranks and non-commissioned officers of the MFA.

DKP, INDONESIAN COMMUNISTS BLAST MAOISM

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, May 22 (IPS) -- Today's issue of Unsere

Zeit, the West German Communist Party paper, lashes into the Maoist leadership of the Indonesian Communist Party and gives support to the pro-Moscow Indonesian Communists who are "rejecting the adventurous policies of the Maoists and are placing the party on the correct basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism again."

DAILY TELEGRAPH BACKS EAST-WEST TRADE

May 22 (IPS) -- Bowing to growing anti-Rockefeller factionalization within the ranks of British industrialists, the arch-conservative Daily Telegraph ran a strong pro-East-West trade editorial May 20. This reversal of the Telegraph's traditional anti-communist attitudes coincides with the visit of British Trade Minister Peter Shore to Moscow to concretize cooperation in the areas of science, technology, trade and economic relations.

GISCARD D'ESTAING MAKES 'LEFT' TURN

PARIS, May 23 (IPS) -- Today's Le Figaro reports that French President Giscard D'estaing and the Soviet Union have reached a "tacit entente" in their efforts for the early convening of the European security and cooperation conference summit.

The summit will be held in Helsinki, Finland, in late October, following a French proposal. At the Soviets' request, Giscard will remain an additional two days in Helsinki. Le Figaro states that it was the extension of Giscard's trip which was the final block to complete French-Soviet agreement on the preparations for the conference.

PCP DENOUNCES SOCIALIST-MAOIST ALLIANCE

May 23 (IPS) -- The Central Committee of the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) has issued a statement denouncing the open alliance between the Second International Portuguese Socialist Party (PSP) and the Maoists. The Central Committee statement, according to the East German radio station Voice of the GDR, accuses the PSP of acting as "an opposition party that gathers reactionary forces and pseudo-revolutionary extreme groups around itself."

GAULLISTS REACTIVATE FOREIGN POLICY "WATCHDOG" COMMITTEE

PARIS, May 23 (IPS) -- In light of intense debate around the pro-Schlesinger defense policies of the French government of Valery Giscard d'Estaing, four Gaullist political leaders have announced the reactivation of their own "watchdog" committee to keep an eye on official French foreign policy and defense commitments. This new group, named "the presence of Gaullism," will function as an official policy agency of these anti-Rockefeller Gaullists, under the direct control of former Defense Minister Michel Debre, Louis Joxe, Pierre Messmer and Couve de Murville.

SWEDISH PRESS DEPARTMENT ATTEMPTS TO OUST IPS

STOCKHOLM, May 23 (IPS) -- The Swedish Foreign Department Press Bureau is currently attempting to decertify IPS as a duly accredited press service on the spurious grounds that it is "not a real press agency."

The head of the foreign journalist section told IPS yesterday the actual reason for the move - the European Labor Committee's repeated charge that Swedish Premier Palme is a fascist taking orders from Rockefeller. "Even the VPK called here and said it was too much," he said, referring to the Swedish Communist Party, whose leadership had previously slandered the ELC and fraternal Communist Parties in Eastern Europe.

WASHINGTON POST PEDDLES "NORTH KOREAN INVASION THREAT" LIE

May 23 (IPS) -- Today's Washington Post continued the propaganda barrage of the Western press that North Korea is planning an invasion of South Korea. Using for its purposes the visit of North Korean President Kim Il Sung to Rumania, the Post quotes alleged "communist circles" to the effect that the purpose of Kim's visit is to drum up support from Rumania and other East bloc countries for his invasion plans, but fails to print Kim's own charge that speculation about a war is an attempt by the United States to create a "confrontation mentality" in South Korea.

EAST GERMANS: SECOND INTERNATIONAL INTERFERING IN PORTUGAL AGAIN

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, May 24 (IPS) -- The East German daily Neues Deutschland today notes that West German Social Democratic Party head Willy Brandt has again interfered in the Portuguese situation, by declaring his solidarity with Portuguese Socialist Party head, CIA agent Mario Soares while the Portuguese government is in crisis. Neues Deutschland says that Portugal was the central topic of talks between Brandt and fellow Social Democrats Bruno Kreisky (Austria) and Olof Palme (Sweden) yesterday. Similar attacks on the Second International for its meddling in Portugal appeared in the West German Communist Party paper Unsere Zeit today.

NATO MEETING DISCUSSES EMERGENCY MOBILIZATIONS

May 24 (IPS) -- The meeting of NATO defense ministers held this week considered measures for forcibly mobilizing Europe under NATO for military confrontation, reports the East German daily Neues Deutschland today. While this aspect of NATO preparedness has been withheld from European readers in the bourgeois press, Neues Deutschland writes that the ministers called for "maximum use of civilian resources to support military plans," and that detailed plans in the civilian domain were presented which would make possible a rapid transition of the economy under "emergency conditions."

PORTUGUESE COMMUNISTS SCORE SOARES; CALL FOR UNITED FRONT

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, May 24 (IPS) -- The Portuguese Communist Party yesterday issued an official declaration condemning the Portuguese Socialist Party for allying with the right wing and Maoists, violating its agreements with other parties and the Armed Forces Movement (MFA), and aiding in aggravating Portugal's social and economic crisis. The PCP statement, as reported prominently today in the East German daily Neues Deutschland, warned that if the PSP destroys the government coalition, there would be no further basis for the Constitutional Assembly to exist. The declaration appealed to the PSP as a whole: "In spite of the strong anti-communism of the Socialist Party, the PCP stands firm for the necessity of a joint review of the relations and possible cooperation of the two parties."

In conclusion, the PCP statement called "...for unity of the working class, the popular masses and all democratic and progressive forces to strengthen the alliance of the people's movement with the MFA in defense of freedom and the Portuguese revolution."

FORD HEDGES ON CIA MANIPULATION OF PORTUGUESE ELECTIONS

May 24 (IPS) -- According to today's New York Times, at a press conference yesterday, President Ford was asked by a European correspondent whether the United States had considered some covert CIA effort to influence the outcome of the vote in Portugal last month. According to the Times, Mr. Ford replied "I don't think I ought to discuss internal matters. The elections turned out very well. We had no involvement, so I think I should leave it right there."

KISSINGER CAUGHT "OFF GUARD" BY FORD'S THREAT TO BOOT PORTUGAL OUT OF NATO

May 25 (IPS) -- Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and State Department officials jointly put the damper on President Ford's surprise announcement yesterday that the U.S. intends to seek Portugal's expulsion from the NATO alliance at this week's upcoming summit meeting of NATO leaders. The New York Times, reports today that both State Department experts on Portugal and Kissinger were caught off guard by the President's mooted threat. Kissinger is quoted as saying that "Ford obviously spoke off his own bat."

Kissinger reflected the Rockefeller cabal's reluctance to act while the NATO alliance is split over the Schlesinger doctrine of "limited" nuclear warfare. Kissinger said, "We are not going to Brussels with the intention of producing a confrontation with Portugal."

KIM IL-SUNG DENOUNCES PRESS

May 25 (IPS) -- The President of the Democratic People's Republic

of Korea, Kim Il-Sung attacked reports in the Western press and other places of a planned invasion of South Korea by his country, according to a Reuters story carried in today's New York Times. Kim claimed that the reports were "nothing but a last ditch effort of the doomed...." Reiterating his country's commitment to a peaceful, political settlement of Korean tensions, Kim said, "We invariably hold fast to the policy that the reunification of the country should be realized without interference by any outside forces, on democratic principles, and by peaceful means."

U.S. GENERAL INSPECTING FRENCH NUCLEAR SITES

May 25 (IPS) -- General George Brown, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, is now touring French nuclear weapons sites on invitation from the French Joint Chiefs, according to a report on the U.S. Armed Forces Radio Network this morning. The station's commentary refers to this as a manifestation of growing French rapprochement with NATO.