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LATE EVENING NEW WRAP-UP

1. INTERNATIONAL NEWS

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL PLANS "LOCAL" ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA WAR

NOV. 24 (IPS)—SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL ARE PLANNING THE ACTIVATION OF CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR PROVOKING AN ETHIOPIAN MILITARY ATTACK ON NEIGHBORING PRO-SOCIALIST SOMALIA, SOMALI DIPLOMATIC SOURCES WARNED TODAY. THE SOURCE POINTED TO REQUESTS FOR STEPPED-UP MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA AND KENYA BY THE UNITED STATES, MADE PUBLIC IN TWO LETTERS FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO KISSINGER LAST SUMMER.

THE KISSINGER THREAT TO PROVOKE YET ANOTHER REGIONAL CONFLICT IN THE STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT HORN OF AFRICA FOLLOWS SIMILAR RAND CORPORATION-TYPE "LIMITED WARS" IN ANGOLA, PORTUGAL, LEBANON, AND ELSEWHERE, AND IS SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT DEFLECTING THE RECENT MOTION BY SOMALIA TOWARD AN ACTIVE PRO-INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK PERSPECTIVE.

IN WASHINGTON, D.C., A STATE DEPARTMENT EXPERT ON EAST AFRICAN AFFAIRS SAID TODAY THAT ETHIOPIA "PERCEIVES A THREAT FROM SOMALIA." HE SPECIFICALLY CITI SOVIET MILITARY AID TO SOMALIA, SAYING AGAINST THEM." THE OFFICIAL CLAIMED THAT THE ETHIOPIAN "CONCERN" WAS JUSTIFIED BY THE SOMALI CONSTITUTION, WHICH, HE SAID, LAYS CLAIRM TO LARGE AREAS OF ETHIOPIA AND KENYA, WHICH ARE BOUND BY A MUTUAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT.

A THINK-TANK SPECIALIST ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA WARNED THAT THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT IS FACING SERIOUS INTERNAL UNREST AND MIGHT LOOK TOWARD A CONFLICT WITH SOMALIA, USING THE THREAT TO BOLSTER PRO-GOVERNMENT FEELING IN ETHIOPIA.

A KISSINGER-PROVOKED CONFLICT BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA WOULD MOST LIKELY BE BASED ON LONG-STANDING PROFILES OF THE INWARD-LOOKING COPTIC CHRISTIAN POPULATION OF ETHIOPIA, WHICH PERMIT EASY MANIPULA- LATION OF THE BACKWARD ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.

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FEEDING THE PARANOID FEARS OF THE ETHIOPIAN REGIME IS A U.S.-CREATED RED-SCARE OVER THE SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA. LAST SUMMER, FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JAMES SCHLESINGER PROVOKED A FUROR OVER HIS WILDLY INACCURATE CHARGE THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD ESTABLISHED A MISSILE BASE AT THE SOMALIAN PORT OF BERBERA. SCHLESINGER'S CHARGE WAS LATER PROVED FALSE.

THE THREAT TO SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA FROM THE NSC IS UNDERLINED BY RECENT, PUBLICLY EXPOSED INSTANCES OF CIA-COORDINATED FUELING OF CIVIL WARS IN LEBANON AND ANGOLA. IN BOTH CASES, IT HAS BEEN REVEALED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS SECRETLY ASSISTING RIGHT-WING EXTREMIST MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE FNLA IN ANGOLA AND THE FASCIST FALANGISTS IN LEBANON.

EMERGENCY OAU MEETING TO BE HELD ON ANGOLA: AMIN'S OUSTER ON THE AGENDA

NOV. 24 (IPS)—AN EMERGENCY ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) MEETING ON ANGOLA HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 28-30 AT ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, ACCORDING TO YESTERDAY'S BRITISH OBSERVER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED BY SOMALIA, WITH THE BACKING OF UGANDAN LEADER IDI AMIN, CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE OAU, TO SEND "PEACEKEEPING FORCES" TO CLEAN OUT THE PRO-SOVIET POPULAR MOVEMENT (MPLA) GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA.

TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST REPORTS THAT THE OAU MEETING MAY SCUTTLE AMIN HIMSELF ALONG WITH HIS "PEACEKEEPING PROPOSAL". ALREADY, PRESIDENT MARIEN NGOUABI OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE OF GUINEA-CONAKRY HAVE RECEIVED SUPPORT FOR THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENTS DEMANDING THE RESIGNATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY FIELD MARSHAL AL-HADJ IDI AMIN DADA FROM HIS POST AS OAU PRESIDENT.

MPLA GAINING, DESPITE CIA INVOLVEMENT, REPORTS BRITISH PAPER

NOV. 24 (IPS)—"THE CIA IS USING HUGE U.S. AIR FORCE STARLIFTER TRANSPORTS TO FLY WEAPONS AND SUPPLIES INTO ZAIRE...TO BOOST THE ANTI-COMMUNIST ANGOLAN FORCES," REPORTS PETER PRINGLE IN YESTERDAY'S LONDON SUNDAY TIMES. "EQUIPMENT WORTH TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS HAS BEEN FLOWN IN SINCE SPRING AND THE AIRLIFT IS NOW BEING INCREASED," PRINGLE ADDS.


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WASHINGTON SOURCES ALSO TOLD PRINGLE THAT THE $60 MILLION AID PACKAGE WHICH THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED FOR ZAIRE "WOULD THEN BE USED TO BUY U.S. WEAPONS TO PASSED ON TO THE FNLA AND ITS ALLY, UNITA (ANTI-COMMUNIST LIBERATION FORCES)." SUCH COVERT CHANNELING OF AID IS EXPLICITLY ILLEGAL UNDER THE FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE ACT.

REPORTER IN LUANDA DEVENCES PROPAGANDA ON ANGOLA

NOV. 24 (IPS)—THERE IS NO EVIDENCE "TO SUPPORT CLAIMS EMANATING APPARENTLY FROM SOUTH AFRICAN AND WASHINGTON THAT THE MPLA HAS RECEIVED SOVIET MIG FIGHTERS, T-54 TANKS, AND 400 TROOPS TO STRENGTHEN THE ARMY," REPORTS JANE BERGEROL FROM THE ANGOLAN CAPITAL OF LUANDA IN YESTERDAY'S BRITISH OBSERVER. COMMENTING THAT THERE HAS BEEN "SOME AMAZING WILD REPORTING" ON ANGOLA LATELY, BERGEROL ALSO DEBUNKS REPORTS THAT LUANDA IS BEING BOMBED, AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON DR. AUGUSTINHO NETO, PRESIDENT OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC (PRA).

THE PRA GOVERNMENT HAS EXPELLED REUTERS, AP AND UPI REPORTERS FROM LUANDA FOR INACCURATE REPORTING ACCORDING TO THE DAILY TELEGRAPH.

MONEY MARKETS EXPECT BRITAIN TO FREEZE OVERSEAS STERLING DEPOSITS, IN MOVE TO ALIGN WITH THIRD WORLD

NOV. 24 (IPS)—GREAT BRITAIN, WHICH HAS RECENTLY TAKEN STEPS TOWARD SUPPORTING THE THIRD WORLD'S DEMAND FOR A "NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER", IS CONSIDERING FREEZING THE STERLING DEPOSITS OF OPEC DEPOSITORS AND GIVING THEM AN EQUITY STAKE IN BRITISH INDUSTRY IN EXCHANGE, ACCORDING TO WALL STREET MONEY MARKET ANALYSTS.

SUCH A MOVE ON THE PART OF GREAT BRITAIN WILL PUT IT FIRMLY IN THE CAMP OF THE JAPAN-OPEC-THIRD WORLD BLOC WHICH INTENDS TO TAKE UP THE IMMEDIATE CREATION OF AN IDB-TYPE INSTITUTION AT THE NEXT MONTHS' NORTH-SOUTH CONFERENCE IN PARIS. GREAT BRITAIN HAS ALREADY ASKED FOR A SEPARATE VOICE FROM THE REST OF THE COMMON MARKET AT THE PARIS MEETING. THE BRITISH HAVE CITED THEIR COMMONALITY OF INTERESTS WITH OPEC AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES ON ISSUES RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT.

SWEDISH COMMUNIST HARD-LINER HITS ROCKEFELLER ASSASSINATION MACHINE

NOV. 24 (IPS)—HILDING HAGBERG, LEADER OF THE PRO-SOVIET NORSKENSFLAMMAN FRACTION WITHIN THE AGENT-CONTROLLED SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY (VFK), HAS RAISED THE LEVEL OF POLEMICS AROUND CURRENT NATO-DIRECTED EFFORTS TO LIQUIDATE THE VFK, IN A FEATURE ARTICLE IN THE WEEKEND EDITION OF THE NEWSPAPER NORSKENSFLAMMAN EXPOSING THE ROCKEFELLER ASSASSINATION MACHINE.

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WRITING THAT "BEHIND THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY APPEAR DIMLY BOTH THE CIA, FBI AND SOME OF THE USA'S OIL SOVEREIGNS," HAGBERG LINKS THIS APPARATUS TO THE RECENT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS ON PRESIDENT FORD. "THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR THE THIRD ATTEMPT. THE MURDERERS HAVE GOT THEIR INSPICTIONS, IT IS JUST THE OPPORTUNITY THEY ARE WAITING FOR."

HAGBERG STATES THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S HALLOWEEN MASSACRE WAS AIMED AT DEFUSING THE ROCKEFELLER ASSASSINATION THREAT: "KNOWING THIS (ASSASSINATION PLOT—ED.) PRESIDENT FORD HAS CARRIED OUT MEASURES THAT HAVE ASTOUNDED THE WHOLE WORLD.... HE HAS FIRED ROCKEFELLER AS CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT. HE HAS DEPOSED THE HEAD OF THE CIA...REPLACED DEFENSE MINISTER SCHLESINGER...FORD IS NOT ALONE. HE HAS NO DOUBT PART OF AMERICAN BIG FINANCE ON HIS SIDE AGAINST THE ROCKEFELLER MAFIA... (ROCKEFELLER IS) CLINGING TO HIS OFFICE AS HE IS CALCULATING AT ANY MOMENT TO BECOME PRESIDENT."

HAGBERG EXPLAINS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL AND NEW YORK CITY DEBT CRISIS HAVE DIRECTLY AFFECTED "ROCKEFELLER BANKS THAT ARE INTENSELY ENGAGED IN THIS BUSINESS. THE BANKRUPTCY CAN OCCUR AT ANY MOMENT, PROVIDED THE SUBJECT IN QUESTION (ROCKEFELLER—ED.) DOES NOT SUCCEED IN ASSASSINATING FORD."

HAGBERG IS A FORMER LEADER OF THE VPK WHO WAS OUSTED BY THE PRESENT ANTI-SOVIET LEADERSHIP OF NATO AGENT C-H HERMANSSON AND JORN SVENSSON. SVENSSON HAS BEEN RECENTLY TOURING THE COUNTRY PURGING KEY PRO-SOVIET REGIONAL VPK LEADERS IN AN ATTEMPT TO ISOLATE THE NORSKENS-FLAMMEN INFLUENCE IN THE PARTY.

II. CONTINENTAL.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE CITES RUMSFELD-KISSINGER SPLIT ON SALT II

CHICAGO, NOV. 24 (IPS)—SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER IS FALLING INTO DISFAVOR WITH THE FORD ADMINISTRATION INCREASINGLY BECAUSE OF HIS FAILURE TO OBTAIN A SECOND-STAGE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT (SALT II) WITH THE SOVIET UNION, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S CHICAGO TRIBUNE. THE TRIBUNE PREDICTS THAT THE NEW DEFENSE SECRETARY, DONALD RUMSFELD, WILL SOON EMERGE AS IN FAVOR OF DETENTE WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION.

"THE GULF" BETWEEN KISSINGER AND RUMSFELD, THE TRIBUNE STATES, IS "LOOMING BIG," WITH RUMSFELD REPORTedly PREPARING TO PLAY THE LEADING ROLE IN PUSHING FOR AN EARLY SALT II ACCORD. RUMSFELD REPORTedly SEES A SALT II ACCORD AS AN EXCELLENT VEHICLE FOR HIS OWN POLITICAL AMBITIONS, AND HAS REPORTedly TOLD ASSOCIATES PRIVATELY THAT HE WILL DUMP THE DEMANDS RAISED BY KISSINGER AND HIS PREDECESSOR AT DEFENSE, JAMES SCHLESINGER, WHICH HAVE BEEN HOLDING UP THE AGREEMENT.

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L'HUMANITE REVEALS KISSINGER STILL MAINTAINING KEY NSC POSTS


WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMEN CONFIRMED TODAY THAT DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT ROLE KISSINGER WILL PLAY IN THE NSC IS CURRENTLY GOING ON WITH THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADVISORS, BUT MAINTAINED THAT NO SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE. OBSERVERS NOTED THAT KISSINGER'S ASSOCIATION WITH THESE COMMITTEES COULD TEND TO BRAND HIM BOTH WITH THE STIGMA OF CURRENT COVERT OPERATIONS AND WITH POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WITH SALT.

WASHINGTON POST CALLS FOR PHONY S-1 "REFORMS"

NOV. 24 (IPS)—IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A GROWING TREND TO IMPLEMENT THE ESSENTIAL MEASURES OF THE PROPOSED FASCIST REVISION OF THE FEDERAL CRIMINAL CODE, WITHOUT PASSING THE BILL IN ITS PRESENT CONTROVERSIAL FORM, TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL CALLS FOR REMOVING THE BILL'S "MOST INFLAMMATORY" PROVISIONS, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE LEGISLATION IS NOT NEGLECTED DURING UPCOMING SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARINGS. THE "INFLAMMATORY" PROVISIONS COULD THEN BE DEBATED LATER, THE POST ADDS.

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY (D-MASS) AND ROMAN Hruska (R-NEB) LAST WEEK LED A GROUP OF SENATORS IN INTRODUCING A BILL INTO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ASKING PROVISIONS FOR MANDATORY PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN STREET CRIMES WHICH ARE IDENTICAL TO CONTROVERSIAL PROVISIONS IN S-1.

III. ORGANIZING AND INTELLIGENCE

ROCKEFELLER MOVES TO DESTROY ILLEGAL N.Y. STATE POLICE FILES

NEW YORK, NOV. 24 (IPS)—WILLIAM CONNELIE, DIRECTOR OF THE NEW YORK STATE POLICE, INFORMED ATTORNEYS FOR THE USLP TODAY THAT HE WAS PROCEEDING WITH PLANS TO DESTROY NEW YORK STATE POLICE FILES COVERING YEARS OF A CONTROVERSIAL AND HIGHLY ILLEGAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM. THAT PROGRAM, ACCORDING TO LEGISLATIVE SOURCES AND THE NEW YORK POST, WAS INSTIGATED AT THE BEHEST OF THEN GOVERNOR NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER AND INCLUDED WIDE SURVEILLANCE AND COINTELPRO OPERATIONS AGAINST POLITICAL GROUPS.

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CONNELIE TOLD ATTORNEYS FOR THE USLP THAT THE FILES HAD BEEN BUNDLED UP AND WERE BEING SENT TO THE STATE GENERAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION FOR DESTRUCTION BY FIRE. ACCORDING TO CONNELIE, OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO BEEN PURGING MATERIALS FROM THE FILES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY, DESTROYING EVIDENCE WHICH COULD IMPLICATE ROCKEFELLER IN A POSSIBLE SERIES OF CIVIL SUITS STEMMING FROM THE PROGRAM.

WHILE PRESS ARTICLES HAVE EXPOSED THE PROGRAM AS AN OUTRAGE TO CIVIL LIBERTIES AND LAMBasted FORMER OFFICIALS FOR INITIATING THE INTELLIGENCE GATHERING, IT IS CLEAR THAT ROCKEFELLER HAS MOVED THROUGH NEW YORK GOVERNOR HUGH CAREY AND HIS APPOINTEE, CONNELIE, TO STYMIE ANY ATTEMPT TO EXPOSE DEEPER ASPECTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, INCLUDING ITS COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AND THE LEA IN MAINTAINING THE FILES.

THE USLP IS PRESSING THE STATE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, HEADED BY ASSEMBLY SPEAKER STANLEY STEINTHUT, TO STOP THE MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROBABLE LEGAL EVIDENCE. IF THE STEINTHUT COMMITTEE DOES NOT MOVE IMMEDIATELY ON THE SITUATION THE USLP WILL SEEK AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FILES.

CONNELIE TOLD USLP ATTORNEYS THAT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS ON THE FILES WERE SITTING ON HIS DESK AND THAT HE IS AWARE THAT HE IS IMPLICATED IN THE DESTRUCTION OF LEGAL EVIDENCE.

BANKS ATTEMPT SABOTAGE OF BIG DEBT MORATORIUM

NEW YORK, NOV. 24 (IPS)—NEW YORK BANKS ARE ATTEMPTING TO SABOTAGE THE NEW YORK CITY DEBT MORATORIUM LEGISLATION PASSED LAST WEEK BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR HUGH CAREY.

ACCORDING TO ONE PREVALENT VIEW, THE SABOTAGE MOVE IS AN EFFORT BY THE BANKS TO BLACKMAIL THE STATE LEGISLATURE INTO PASSING GOVERNOR CAREY'S TAX AND AUSTERITY PACKAGE FOR THE CITY AND STATE. AS OF TONIGHT, THE LEGISLATURE WAS STILL DEADLOCKED OVER THE TAX PACKAGE, AND IPS REPORTERS IN ALBANY REPORTED THAT THE SCENE IN THE STATE CAPITAL RESEMBLES A "MADHOUSE."

AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT THE BANKS MAY BE DELIBERATELY PULLING OUT OF GOVERNOR CAREY'S FADING CAMPAIGN TO WIN FEDERAL LOAN GUARANTEES FOR CITY DEBT, IN THE BELIEF THAT THEY WILL FARE BETTER IN THE END IF THEY "PULL THE PLUG" ON THE CITY NOW.

SPECIFICALLY, THE BANKS ARE RENEGING ON THEIR "VOLUNTARY" AGREEMENT TO ROLLOVER $550 MILLION IN SHORT-TERM CITY NOTES AND TO REDUCE INTEREST RATES AND EXTEND MATURITIES ON MAC BONDS THAT COME DUE THIS FISCAL YEAR. THE BANKS HAD AGREED TO THIS VOLUNTARY

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PLAN IN ORDER TO WIN EXEMPTION FROM THE LEGISLATURE'S DEBT MORATORIUM PLAN, WHICH AS A CONSEQUENCE IS BINDING ONLY ON THE SIMILAR DEBT IN THE HANDS OF PRIVATE INVESTORS.

AT THE SAME TIME, IPS LEARNED, THE BANK-CONTROLLED MAC IS STALLING ON MOVES IT IS REQUIRED TO MAKE IN ORDER TO TRIGGER THE MORATORIUM FOR PRIVATELY HELD DEBT. UNDER THE MORATORIUM LEGISLATION, THE MORATORIUM BECOMES LEGALLY EFFECTIVE WHEN THE MAC OFFICIALLY OFFERS THE AFFECTED NOTEHOLDERS LONG-TERM MAC BONDS IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR CITY SECURITIES. BUT THE MAC HAS FOR SEVERAL DAYS STALLED ON FORMALLY MAKING THE OFFER.

ONE OF WALL STREET'S TOP ANALYSTS TOLD IPS THAT THE BANKS WOULD PREFER TO PULL THE PLUG ON THE CITY AND FORCE BANKRUPTCY NOW RATHER THAN FURTHER EXPOSE THEMSELVES. "AFTER ALL" HE SAID, "IF WE FORCE A BANKRUPTCY WE CAN EXPECT TO BE TREATED KINDLY SINCE WHEN NEW YORK CITY COMES BACK INTO THE MARKET THEY WILL HAVE TO BORROW FROM US AGAIN."

NEW YORKERS BOYCOTT PRO-AUSTERITY RALLY

NEW YORK, NOV. 24 (IPS) — NEW YORKERS MASSIVELY BOYCOTTED MAYOR BEAME'S "NEW YORKERS UNITED DAY RALLY" HELD AT NOON IN TIMES SQUARE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE GOV. HUGH CAREY/ROCKEFELLER AUSTERITY AND TAX INCREASE PROGRAM.

DESPITE A MASSIVE PROPAGANDA BLITZ AND THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCES OF ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS SUPERSTARS, FEWER THAN 2,000 TURNED OUT TO HEAR BEAME AND SENATOR JACOB JAVITS PROMISE THAT THE AUSTERITY AND TAXES WOULD GUARANTEE A FEDERAL BAILOUT FOR THE CITY'S ROCKEFELLER BANKING INTERESTS BEFORE DEC. 11, WHEN NEW YORK CITY IS EXPECTED TO DEFAULT ON ITS BILLS.

MOST OF THE ACUTAL CROWD WAS COMPOSED OF FBI-CONTROLLED COUNTERGANGS — THE COMMUNIST PARTY USA, THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, YAMF, AND OTHER ZOMBIE GROUPS — AND PROFESSIONAL POLITICIANS.

TEEMING LUNCH HOUR CROWDS SHUNNED THE RALLY, REFUSING EVEN TO TAKE LEAFLETS FROM THE SMALL CONTINGENT OF AUSTERITY SUPPORTERS. LARGERS CROWDS DID GATHER TO HEAR A PORNOGRAPHIC SKIT BY MOVIE STAR DUSTIN HOFFMAN AND A COMEDY ROUTINE BY WOODY ALLEN, BUT PROMPTLY DISPERSED ONCE THEY LEARNED THE PURPOSE OF THE RALLY.

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LEHMERT CALLS FOR INTERNATIONAL CRASH FUSION EFFORT

STOCKHOLM, NOV. 24 (IPS) — IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH IPS LAST WEEK, INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN FUSION SCIENTIST BO LEHMERT REVEALED THAT HE AND AN INTERNATIONAL CIRCLE OF SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATORS ARE MAPPING A DRIVE FOR A CRASH PROGRAM TO DEVELOP A WORKABLE FUSION POWER REACTOR.


PROF. LEHMERT EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT WHAT HE VIEWS AS A MISTAKEN TENDENCY TO FOCUS FUSION RESEARCH ON ONLY ONE METHOD. "THIS GOES FOR THE RESEARCH IN EUROPE, BUT AS WELL IN THE U.S.A. WHERE THE GOVERNMENT IS FOCUSING ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON THE TOKAMAK."

LEHMERT CALLED FOR AN INTENSE PUSH ON ALL OTHER DEVELOPING POSSIBILITIES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS. "THIS INCLUDES AMONG OTHER THINGS, SO-CALLED THETA-PINCH AND MIRROR PRINCIPLE AS WELL AS LASER AND ELECTRO-BEAM PRINCIPLES," HE SAID.

PROF. LEHMERT ALSO REPUDIATED RECENT STATEMENTS BY PRESS AND POLITICAL SOURCES CITING HIM AS AN AUTHORITY FOR THE VIEW THAT FUSION POWER IS NOT POSSIBLE BEFORE THE YEAR 2000. "WHAT I HAVE SAID," PROF. LEHMERT EMPHASIZED, "IS THAT WITH THE PRESENT LOW ECONOMIC FINANCING OF FUSION RESEARCH, FUSION POWER CANNOT BE REALIZED UNTIL AFTER THE YEAR 2000. ON THE CONTRARY, I WANT TO INSIST THAT WITH A REAL INTERNATIONAL CRASH PROGRAM WHERE THE ENTIRETY OF POSSIBLE RESOURCES ARE DEPLOYED, FUSION POWER CAN BE REALIZED MUCH EARLIER."

END OF LATE IPS NOVEMBER 24, 1975