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EARLY EVENING ROUND-UP

LEBANESE LEFT DEMANDS COUVE REPUDIATE PARTITION PLAN


AL-NIDA ADDS THAT THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES ARE ATTEMPTING TO "EXPLAIN" TO COUVE DE MURVILLE THAT THE STRIFE IN LEBANON IS NOT SECTARIAN, BUT IS A "STRUGGLE BETWEEN PROGRESS AND DEMOCRACY FROM THE ONE SIDE AND DOGMATISM AND REACTION OF THE OTHER."

THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT "THE LEBANESE CRISIS IS PURELY A LEBANESE ONE AND CAN ONLY BE SOLVED BY THE LEBANESE THEMSELVES," A CLEAR INVITATION TO COUVE TO PACK AND LEAVE.

COUVE'S VISIT HAS BEEN WIDELY INTERPRETED AS AN INTERVENTION INTO LEBANON ON BEHALF OF U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, WHO IS A KEY INVESTIGATOR OF EFFORTS TO PARTITION LEBANON.

LEBANESE RIGHT-WING PREPARES FOR CLASS WAR

NOV. 25 (IPS) — AMIDST REPORTS OF GROWING COOPERATION BETWEEN LEBANESE CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM RIGHTISTS IN EFFORTS TO STOP COMMUNIST ORGANIZING, THE COUNTRY'S MOSLEM PRIME MINISTER, RASHID KARAMI, HAS ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO COOPERATE WITH FASCIST FALANGE LEADER PIERRE GEMEYAL, A CHRISTIAN, TO PROMOTE "LAW AND ORDER," ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES.

SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE FALANGISTS HAVE FORMED A COMMITTEE TO WORK OUT LONG TERM "MILITARY AND ECONOMIC CONFRONTATION" IN COOPERATION WITH RIGHT WING DEFENSE MINISTER CAMILLE CHAMOUN'S NATIONAL LIBERETY PARTY AND HIS EXTREMIST FACTION, THE GUARDIANS OF LEBANON. WARNING OF A "WAR OF ATTRITION," THE TIMES QUOTES A FALANGIST LEADER AS PREPARING FOR ANOTHER LOAD OF ILLEGAL ARMS. "WE ARE READY WITH 20,000 MEN TO PROTECT THE UNLOADING OF THE ARMS," HE SAID.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT NATIONALIZATION MEANS SPEED-UP FOR WORKERS

NOV. 25 (IPS) — WITH THE APPARENT SUPPORT OF THE BRITISH LABOR GOVERNMENT UNDER PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON, BRITISH-LEYLAND HAS
WARNED WORKERS IN AT LEAST ONE OF ITS PLANTS THAT THEY WILL BE SENT HOME IF THEY FAIL TO MAINTAIN MANAGEMENT-SET PRODUCTION LINE SPEEDS, REPORTS THAT LONDON SUNDAY EXPRESS.

THE GOVERNMENT PARTIALLY NATIONALIZED FINANCIALLY TROUBLED LEYLAND EARLIER THIS YEAR ON THE CONDITION THAT THE COMPANY RAISE ITS "PROFIT" LEVELS, THE EXPRESS REPORTS THAT "LORD RYDER, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ENTERPRISE BOARD, AND AUTHOR OF THE REPORT ON LEYLAND WHICH IS THE BASIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S 1,400 MILLION POUND ($2.8 BILLION) RESCUE OPERATION, HAS BEEN BRIEFED IN DETAIL ON THE MANAGEMENT'S GET TOUGH PLANS."

IN A SIMILAR MOVE EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT WARNED HARLAND AND WOLFF SHIPBUILDERS, NORTHERN IRELAND'S LARGEST EMPLOYER, THAT FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT SPEED-UP RATES AT LEAST DOUBLE CURRENT OUTPUT WOULD MEAN CURTAILMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE CORPORATION. THE GOVERNMENT IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH CHRYSLER-US TO TAKE OVER CHRYSLER'S AILING SUBSIDIARY AFTER THE U.S. MANAGEMENT CLAIMED THAT "POOR" LABOR RELATIONS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO OPERATE BRITISH CHRYSLER PROFITABLY.

BRITISH ENERGY MINISTER ATTACKS "FINANCIER" POLICIES OF GOVERNMENT

NOV. 25 (IPS) — IN A THINLY VEILED ATTACK ON THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT'S COLLABORATION WITH INTERNATIONAL FINANCIERS IN ARRANGING MOVES TO "BAIL-OUT BRITAIN," BRITISH ENERGY MINISTER, ANTHONY BENN, LAUNCHED A VIGOROUS ATTACK ON "MONETARIST" SOLUTIONS TO BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC CRISIS. "THE CRISIS FACING BRITAIN IS NOT A CRISIS OF MONEY," HE SAID. "IT IS A CRISIS OF UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDER-PRODUCTION, CLOSURES AND CUTBACKS."

ACCORDING TO THE LONDON TIMES, BENN'S SPEECH IS EXPECTED TO FOCUS OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S AUSTERITY PROGRAM WITHIN THE LEFT-WING OF THE LABOUR PARTY, WHICH IS PLANNING A STRONG CHALLENGE OF THE PROGRAM IN PARLIAMENT THIS WEEK.

BRITISH NEGOTIATE CONTRACT TO SELL ENGINES TO SOVIETS


THAI FOREIGN MINISTER TO MEET WITH KISSINGER

NOV. 25 (IPS) — THAILAND'S FOREIGN MINISTER, CHATICHAI CHOOHAVAN, WILL ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES THIS WEEK TO HOLD TALKS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER. ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON POST, THE TWO WILL DISCUSS U.S. ASSISTANCE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIGHT WEAPONS FACTORY IN THAILAND, AND THE MAINTENANCE OF 300 U.S. MILI-(MORE)
TARY ADVISORS IN THAILAND WHEN THE U.S. CLOSES ITS MILITARY BASES IN THE COUNTRY.

THAILAND HAS RECENTLY PROVOKED MILITARY CONFLICTS ALONG ITS BORDER WITH PRO-SOVIET LAOS, RESULTING IN THE SEALING OF 80 MILES OF THE THAI-LAOTIAN BORDER. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, NO FOOD SUPPLIES ARE BEING ALLOWED INTO LAND-LOCKED LAOS THROUGH THAILAND.

CONTINENTAL PRESS

NORTH CAROLINA BANKER URGES CAPITAL-INTENSIVE INVESTMENT

NOV. 25 (IPS) — IN A RECENT SPEECH BEFORE THE SOUTHERN GROWTH POLICIES BOARD, LUTHER HODGES, JR. OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL BANK, URGED THAT WORKER PRODUCTIVITY BE INCREASED THROUGH BOTH INCREASED WAGES AND CAPITAL-INTENSIVE INVESTMENT, ACCORDING TO THE NOV. 22 CHARLOTTE OBSERVER.

HODGES SAID: "WE MUST REALIZE THAT WE HAVE OUTLINED THE DAYS IN WHICH WE COULD RECRUIT AND UTILIZE CHEAP UNSKILLED LABOR FROM THE FARMS AND GHETTOS. TODAY'S LABOR-INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES MUST MAKE THE INVESTMENTS NECESSARY TO BECOME MORE CAPITAL-INTENSIVE AND OFFER HIGHER WAGES TO MEET INCREASING WORKER DEMANDS AND ABILITIES."

HODGES' FATHER, LUTHER HODGES, SR., WAS FORMERLY GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA AND HELD THE POST OF U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE DURING JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ADMINISTRATION.

NORTH CAROLINA—FT. BRAGG MAJOR HEROIN ENTRY AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER

NOV. 25 (IPS) — NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL RUFUS EDMISTEN AND FT. BRAGG COMMANDER LT. GEN. HENRY EMERSON HAVE LABELLED FT. BRAGG AS A MAJOR ENTRY POINT AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER FOR DRUGS AT A NOV. 20 PRESS CONFERENCE, ACCORDING TO THE NOV. 21 CHARLOTTE OBSERVER. ACTING STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (SBI) HEAD HAYWOOD STARLING, ALSO AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE STATED THAT MORE HEROIN IS FLOWING INTO NORTH CAROLINA THAN ANY OTHER SOUTHEASTERN STATE.

EDMISTEN, A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF FORMER SEN. SAM ERVIN, HAS APPARENTLY BEEN FORCED INTO A "WAR ON DRUGS" FOLLOWING PRESS COVERAGE OF A PRISON RIOT RESULTING FROM PRISONERS' CHARGES THAT PRISON GUARDS ARE FUNNELING DRUGS INTO THE PRISON.

WHILE NO FURTHER PLANS FOR THE "WAR ON DRUGS" HAVE BEEN REVEALED, EDMISTEN STATED THAT HE IS GOING TO REQUEST MONEY TO TRAIN MORE SBI AGENTS.

INTELLIGENCE

SPD HOUSE ORGAN FIRES AUTHOR OF BRANDT BIOGRAPHY

MIESBADEN, BRD, NOV. 25 (IPS) — VIOLA HERMESDRATH, AUTHOR OF THE (MORE)
BOOK "WILLY BRANDT: PRISONER OF HIS PAST," HAS BEEN FIRED FROM HER POST AS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF THE WEST GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER, VORWAERTS. BRANDT IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPD.

IN A LETTER TO DRATH, THE VORWAERTS EDITORS MAINTAINED THAT HER FIRING WAS NOT DUE TO HER AUTHORSHIP OF THE BOOK, WHICH IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE SPD CHAIRMAN, BUT RATHER BECAUSE SHE GAVE AN INTERVIEW ON THE BOOK TO THE RIGHT-WING GERMAN DAILY, DIE WELT. THE VORWAERTS EDITORS TOLD HER THAT THEY COULD NOT TOLERATE A VORWAERTS CORRESPONDENT GIVING INTERVIEWS TO DIE WELT.

DRATH'S FIRING OCCURRED ONLY A WEEK AFTER THE FIRST REVIEWS OF HER BOOK APPEARED IN THE WEST GERMAN MEDIA.

END OF EARLY IPS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1975