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I. HOTSPOTS

ANGOLA:

GREEN BERETS BEING ORGANIZED FOR ANGOLA INTERVENTION

DEC. 25 (IPS)--THE U.S. LABOR PARTY LEARNED TODAY FROM A FORMER MEMBER OF THE U.S. SPECIAL FORCES (GREEN BERETS) THAT THE U.S. ARMY IS NOW PUTTING TOGETHER PREVIOUSLY DISBANDED SPECIAL FORCES UNITS FOR INTERVENTION INTO ANGOLA.

PARALLELING THEIR USE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE VIET NAM WAR, THE SOURCE INDICATED, THE SPECIAL FORCES UNITS WILL BE SENT INTO ANGOLA COVERILY. IF ANY OF THE MEN ARE KILLED OR CAPTURED, THE U.S. WILL OFFICIALLY DENY THEIR EXISTENCE. THE LABOR PARTY HAD PREVIOUSLY LEARNED FROM GREEN BERET MEMBERS IN VIRGINIA WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ANGOLA THAT THERE ARE NOW 500 GREEN BERETS FIGHTING IN ANGOLA. SUCH GREEN BERET OPERATION IS IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE DEMONSTRATED WISH OF THE U.S. SENATE TO CUT OFF AID TO ANGOLA, AND THE EXPRESS COMMAND OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT NO U.S. TROOPS BE SENT INTO ANGOLA.

GHANIAN GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

DEC. 24 (IPS)--A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL OF GHANA ISSUED A STATEMENT RECOGNIZING THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA.

ACCORDING TO EAST GERMAN RADIO REPORTS YESTERDAY THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL HAD BEEN CALLED INTO A SPECIAL EMERGENCY SESSION TO TAKE COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST AN UNSUCCESSFUL COUP ATTEMPT.

FIGHTING, MEANWHILE, CONTINUES IN NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE, FOLLOWING AN UNSUCCESSFUL COUP ATTEMPT LATE LAST WEEK. THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE ALSO SUPPORTS THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA.

MIDEAST:

IRAQIS IDENTIFY SYRIAN FORCES FIGHTING IN LEBANON

DEC. 25 (IPS)--THE SYRIAN REGULAR ARMY IS NOW HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE RAPIDLY ESCALATING LEBANESE CIVIL WAR, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE IRAQI NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY. THE SYRIANS ARE INVOLVED IN LARGE NUMBERS IN FIGHTING IN THE CHRISTIAN CITY OF ZAHLE EAST OF BEIRUT. THE EAST GERMAN NEWSPAPER NEUES DEUTSCHLAND REPORTS THAT THE NEW FIGHTING IS THE WORST SINCE THE ERUPTION OF THE CIVIL WAR IN APRIL. THE PAPER DESCRIBES THE SITUATION IN ZAHLE, THE NEW CENTER OF THE CONFLICT, AS "CATASTROPHIC."

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE YESTERDAY REPORTED THAT RADIO BEIRUT HAS ADVISED ITS POPULATION TO NOT LEAVE THEIR HOMES IN THE EXPECTATION OF AN INCREASE IN FIGHTING. VARIOUS PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATE THAT MOSLEM AND CHRISTIAN RIGHT-WING ELEMENTS HAVE BEGUN A NEW WAVE OF KIDNAPPINGS AND "STREET" TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER CALLS FOR SYRIAN ARMED INTERVENTION

DEC. 25 (IPS)--DURING AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE LEBANESE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS YESTERDAY PRIME MINISTER RASHID KARAMI NEARLY PLEADED FOR IMMEDIATE SYRIAN INTERVENTION INTO LEBANON TO "CALM DOWN" THE FIGHTING.

ACCORDING TO AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE YESTERDAY, IN A SPEECH DESCRIBING HIS RECENT VISIT TO DAMASCUS TO PARLEY WITH THE CIA-CONTROLLED SYRIAN DICTATOR HAFEZ ASSAD, KARAMI INDICATED THAT THE INTERVENTION OF THE SYRIAN ARMY WAS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE. IN ANOTHER SPEECH BEFORE THE COUNCIL LEBANESE PRESIDENT FRANJIEH OPENLY PRAISED SYRIAN-LEBANESE RELATIONS, IN A MOVE THAT WAS AIMED AT SHOWING A UNANIMITY IN THE GOVERNMENT IN FAVOR OF SYRIAN INTERVENTION.

FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL MEETING KARAMI WAS QUOTED BY UPI AS COMPLAINING THAT DESPITE HIS DEPLOYMENT OF THE LEBANESE ARMY TO AID SECURITY FORCES IN CONTAINING THE FIGHTING, HE SEES LITTLE HOPE FOR ACHIEVING ANOTHER CEASE FIRE.

HIS ADMISSION INDICATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON IS NOW WITHOUT EFFECTIVE DOMESTIC MILITARY CAPABILITY AND THEREFORE DE FACTO CEASES TO EXIST. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, KARAMI'S PLEADED-FOR MAJOR SYRIAN INTERVENTION BECOMES EVEN MORE LIKELY.

ISRAEL MASSES TROOPS ON LEBANON'S BORDER

DEC. 25 (IPS)--THE ISRAELI ARMY IS REPORTED TO BE MASSING TROOPS ON THE LEBANESE BORDER FOR A POSSIBLE INTERVENTION INTO THAT COUNTRY'S CIVIL WAR, YESTERDAY'S EAST GERMAN DAILY NEUES DEUTSCHLAND REPORTED. BEGINNING DEC. 23, THE PAPER REPORTED, ISRAELI JET FIGHTERS HAVE APPEARED OVER SOUTH LEBANON, THE CAPITAL, BEIRUT, AND THE NORTHERN REGION AROUND ZAHLE, THE SCENE OF HEAVY FIGHTING. SIMILAR "LOW FLYER EXERCISES" OCCURRED OVER BEIRUT YESTERDAY AS THE FIGHTING ESCALATED THERE.

THE PROVOCATIVE ISRAELI MILITARY ACTIVITIES COINCIDE WITH THE ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL OF U.S. UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE ALFRED AHERTON, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S TOP MIDEAST ASSISTANT. THE JERUSALEM POST REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT AHERTON WHO HAD FIRST MADE STOPS IN ARAB CAPITALS, ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM DEC. 22.

JERUSALEM POST IDENTIFIES IRAQIS AS RADICAL FORCE IN LEBANON

DEC. 25 (IPS)--PRO-IRAQI FORCES ARE A LEADING ELEMENT IN AN "ANTI-SYRIAN UPRISING AMONG LEBANESE PALESTINIANS," REPORTS THE DEC. 22 JERUSALEM POST. IN ORDER TO STOP THIS PRO-SOCIALIST OFFENSIVE OF THE LEFT, THE POST REPORTS THAT SYRIA IS "COORDINATING WITH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES LOW-KEYED SECURITY COOPERATION THAT WOULD NOT TRIGGER AN ISRAELI REACTION." THE ARTICLE FEATURED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE WIDELY-READ POST IS AIMED AT TARGETING THE IRAQIS AS ISRAEL'S PRINCIPAL ARAB "ENEMY."

JORDAN AND THE SOVIET UNION CALL FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE

DEC. 25 (IPS)--SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO AND JORDANIAN SENATOR ABDEL RAFAI, THE HEAD OF A LARGE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION IN MOSCOW, JOINTLY CALLED FOR THE RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA MIDEAST CONFERENCE AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES YESTERDAY ACCORDING TO EAST GERMAN RADIO. THE JORDANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY EARLIER IN THE WEEK RELEASED A SIMILAR COMMUNIQUE STRESSING THE NEED FOR AN IMMEDIATE CONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

II. OTHER NEWS

MANSON CULTISTS INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO MAIL DEATH THREATS

DEC. 25 (IPS)--SANDRA GOOD AND SUSAN KATHERINE MURPHY, TWO MEMBERS OF THE CHARLES MANSON MURDER CULT, WERE ARRESTED YESTERDAY IN SACRAMENTO, CALIF. ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY TO SEND 171 DEATH THREAT LETTERS THROUGH THE MAIL. ACCORDING TO A UPI RELEASE, ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY BRUCE BABCOCK JR. SAID THAT MISS GOOD HAD GIVEN THE LETTERS TO A FRIEND, MICHAEL DAVIES, AND THAT DAVIES HAD TURNED THEM OVER TO THE FBI. BABCOCK STATED THAT NONE OF THE LETTERS WERE EVER MAILED AND DECLINED TO DISCLOSE TO WHOM THE LETTERS WERE ADDRESSED.

IN EARLY NOVEMBER, THE U.S. LABOR PARTY OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO RECEIVED A DEATH THREAT FROM MANSON WHICH WAS MAILED FROM OUTSIDE THE SAN QUENTIN PRISON WHERE MANSON IS CURRENTLY SERVING A TERM FOR MURDER.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH A REPORTER ASSIGNED BY THE MANAGING EDITOR OF KCB'S RADIO IN SAN FRANCISCO, RICHARD HART, MISS GOOD STATED THAT SHE HAD MAILED THE LETTER FOR MANSON.

HOWEVER, ROGER CUBBAGE, WASHINGTON OFFICIAL OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIMINAL DIVISION, TOLD THE USLP YESTERDAY THAT THE ARREST OF MISS GOOD IS BASED ON AN ENTIRELY SEPARATE INVESTIGATION.

NEW YORK COURT DECLARES DEBT MORATORIUM LEGAL

DEC. 25 (IPS)--IN AN INTERNATIONAL PRECEDENT-SETTING DECISION, A STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE HERE YESTERDAY UPHELD THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE MORATORIUM IMPOSED BY THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE ON \$1.6 BILLION IN NEW YORK CITY NOTES.

STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE J. HAROLD BAER RULED THAT THE LEGISLATURE, IN ENACTING THE MORATORIUM, HAD MOVED TO "PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY." "WITHOUT THE DEBT MORATORIUM," THE JUSTICE STATED, "THE MANY SERVICES THAT A MUNICIPALITY MUST PROVIDE WOULD BE SO DEPLETED AS TO CAUSE DANGER TO HEALTH, SAFETY AND THE WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC."

"I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS A VIOLATION OF THE (U.S.) CONSTITUTION," JUSTICE BAER SAID. "THE COURTS AND FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS HAVE GIVEN PRIORITY TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST OVER THE STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONTRACT CLAUSE."

THE COURT'S DECISION THEREBY PROVIDES CLEAR LEGAL PRECEDENT FOR MORATORIA ON DEBTS OWED BY OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND STATE GOVERNMENTS.

THE ROCKEFELLER BANKS AND THEIR OPERATIVES IN THE MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE CORPORATION (MAC) HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE RATHER AWKWARD POSITION OF HAVING TO DEFEND THE LEGAL SANCTITY OF THE MORATORIUM AFTER FLUSHING NATIONAL, A SMALL NEW YORK BANK, BROUGHT SUIT CHARGING "DISCRIMINATION." HAD FLUSHING NATIONAL WON ITS SUIT, THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT "BAILOUT" OPERATION WOULD HAVE COLLAPSED, PLUNGING THE CITY INTO A DEFAULT CRISIS AND JEOPARDIZING THE BANKS' BILLIONS IN HOLDINGS IN STATE AND CITY SECURITIES.

MAC COUNSEL AND ROCKEFELLER LAWYER SIMON RIFKIND TERMED FLUSHING NATIONAL "SINISTER" FOR HAVING BROUGHT UP THE SUIT IN THE FIRST PLACE. STRESSING THAT NO ONE, ESPECIALLY THE LARGE NEW YORK BANKS AND MAC, REALLY WANTED THE MORATORIUM, RIFKIND SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN FORCED UPON THEM. "THE CITY'S INABILITY TO MEET PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS IS A FISCAL IF NOT A LEGAL FACT," HE TOLD JUSTICE BAER.

(UNDER TERMS OF THE MORATORIUM, THE CITY MUST STILL PAY 6 PER CENT INTEREST PAYMENTS TO ITS NOTE HOLDERS. A PLAN TO SWAP THE NOTES FOR MAC BONDS AT HIGHER INTEREST RATES HAD FOUND FEW TAKERS.)

"ALONE, AMONG ALL THE BANKING INSTITUTIONS IN THIS CITY," RIFKIND SAID ANGRILY, "FLUSHING NATIONAL HAS MOUNTED A CAMPAIGN TO PROPEL THIS METROPOLIS TOWARD DISASTER."

MAC OFFICIALS WERE REPORTED BY TODAY'S PRESS TO BE PLEASED WITH THE COURT'S DECISION. HOWEVER, REACHED FOR CONTACT, CITY FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVES WERE FAR MORE GUARDED. REFLECTING ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION ONE SAID, "WE MAY WIND UP LOSING FAR MORE THAN WE HAVE GAINED BY THIS THING."