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I. PRIORITIES

SHELLING RESUMES IN BEIRUT AS FALANGE DEFY CEASEFIRE

April 19 (IPS) — The three-day-old Lebanese ceasefire was broken yesterday when right-wing Falangist forces heavily shelled Muslim neighborhoods, triggering clashes in the mountains east of Beirut, an area where leftists have established numerous outposts.

Today's New York Times further reports that uncertainty still surrounds the resignation of the Falangist Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh. Franjeh's resignation is a key demand by the Lebanese left for reform of the sectarian Lebanese government.

At the same time as the outbreak of fighting, right-wing Christian leader Camille Chamoun has rejected the 35th ceasefire. Chamoun also warned that the "military escalation" could make it impossible for the Parliament to meet to elect a new president, a provision of the new ceasefire.

FALANGISTS ANNOUNCE INTENTION TO PARTITION

April 19 (IPS) — Bashir Gemeyal, son of the chief of Lebanon's right-wing Falangist party Pierre Gemeyal, yesterday announced over Beirut radio the Falangists' intention to partition Lebanon by forming a "shadow government" in the area north of Beirut around Junieh, according to today's New York Times. Such a threat of partition is an open provocation to the Lebanese left, which has violently opposed the partition scheme.

LEBANESE FASCISTS MOVE AHEAD WITH PARTITION PLANS

April 19 (IPS) — Syria's anti-leftist repression in Lebanon has "encouraged Christians to start setting up their own separate administration" in parts of Lebanon, yesterday's Sunday Times of London reports. According to the

Times, the fascist Falange is carrying out plans to set up their own police forces, courts, and postal systems, and has taken over the Christian port of Junieh, where they have started to organize independent transport and commercial systems and have declared a free trade zone.

These arrangements have "all the trappings of a separate state" and constitute "deliberate moves toward partition" that no one can effectively stop, the Times concludes.

SYRIAN TROOPS REMAIN IN LEBANON

April 19 (IPS) — First-hand reports indicate that Syrian troops occupying Lebanon have made no moves to leave the country despite numerous rumors circulating throughout Beirut, according to the New York Times today. The just-negotiated 35th ceasefire called for the withdrawal of Syrian troops, a major demand of the Lebanese left. Leaders of the reconstituted military command comprised of Syrian officials and representatives of the PLO meet today to determine the schedule for the Syrian troops' exit.

RABIN BEING PUSHED TO MOVE INTO LEBANON BY ISRAELI HARDLINERS

April 19 (IPS) — The comparative restraint shown by the Israeli government in the Lebanese situation until now has "weakened the government's position" to the extent that "demands are increasing for some limited military action to show that Israel's warnings to Syria are not merely rhetorical," the London Sunday Times reported yesterday from Jerusalem.

According to Sunday Times reporter Eric Marsden, opposition to Israeli Prime Minister Rabin's "restraint" is shared by many government supporters, "perturbed over the steady erosion of Israel's stance under pressure from Washington." Marsden notes that many Israelis are distraught over an apparent Syrian "understanding" with the U.S. government over the Lebanon situation.

The military action recommended by

these circles in Israel, Marsden claims, is an Israeli occupation up to the Litani River in Lebanon's south.

RABIN FACING PRESSURE FOR PREEMPTIVE ISRAELI STRIKE

April 19 (IPS) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is "reported to be resisting hardline pressure for a preemptive strike against Lebanon," reports today's Washington Post. The Post adds that "pressure against such an operation scarcely helped the (Israeli) government's image with a public conditioned for a generation to decisive Israeli military ripostes and yearning for a lightning victory to efface the mottled 1973 war performance."

While "over the months, Israel has tolerated increasing Syrian military involvement in Lebanon on a scale that would once have prompted automatic riposte and possibly another Arab-Israeli war," states Post reporter Jonathan C. Randel, "no one here (in Beirut) seems to know why."

COUNTERSPY BLAMES CIA FOR INSTIGATING FALANGIST VIOLENCE IN LEBANON

April 19 (IPS) — Richard Welch, the CIA station chief in Athens, Greece who was murdered last December in Athens, was directly responsible for coordinating the Lebanese civil war and for assisting the Lebanese Falange and right-wing Palestinian groups, according to Winslow Peck of Counterspy in an interview with the Greek left magazine Anti. The Anti article was reported in the Manchester Guardian.

According to Peck, most of the CIA station in Athens is working on the situation in Lebanon and uses U.S. banks in Athens to finance the Falange. The Athens CIA station — consisting of a staff of 170 — is the CIA command post in the eastern Mediterranean, having assumed the role once played by stations in Cyprus, Beirut, and Tel Aviv.

HEPATITIS EPIDEMIC IN GREECE; CHOLERA, TYPHUS ON THE WAY AS SEWAGE SYSTEM FAILS

April 19 (IPS) — The flooding of the sewage system in the slum areas of Peristeri and Nea Ionia on the outskirts of Athens, Greece has touched off a hepatitis epidemic, according to the April 17 and 18 issues of the Greek Communist Party daily, Rizospastis. Cholera and typhus are expected to break out within days, immediately affecting approximately 250,000 inhabitants in the two areas alone and threatening to spread throughout Athens, a city of three million. Backed-up sewage has already contaminated the Peristeri and Nea Ionia water system, according to Rizospastis, and threatens to pollute that of Athens.

Local authorities have placed the Peristeri region on an "emergency alert." Rats and human feces are reported to be everywhere, and children are playing in the streets with both. The mayor of Peristeri has asked the Water Company to take the necessary measures to stop the spread of disease, but, according to Rizospastis, the Water Company has not yet responded.

CHICAGO SUN TIMES SAYS DETENTE IS "ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY"

April 19 (IPS) — The Chicago Sun Times issued a strong editorial statement in support of detente today and warned of the danger of nuclear war without it. The editorial said that detente is "absolutely necessary" and that without it, the possibility of "East-West war" will greatly increase. Any such war would be "the last war," said the newspaper.

TIMES COLUMNIST ANTHONY LEWIS HITS KISSINGER'S "MACHO" IMAGE OF POWER POLITICS

April 19 (IPS) — New York Times columnist Anthony Lewis today lambasts Secretary of State Henry Kissinger for bearing "probably the largest share of responsibility over recent years for an American attitude of bluster, of concern for masculinity in foreign affairs." This is the reason, Lewis states, why Kissinger "denounces Ronald Reagan but sounds more like him every day."

"The macho image," Lewis reports, "has always been important in Mr. Kissinger's approach to international rela-

tions.... That was the message a year ago in the hasty assault on Cambodia when the Mayaguez was seized. It is the message now in the heavily freighted warnings to Cuba."

Lewis further gives Kissinger his due credit for enlarging the Vietnam war and then going to the extreme of advertising the end in Vietnam as proof of American weakness. He states that it is no surprise that the public begins to worry and the way is opened for Ronald Reagan "when a country's leaders talk constantly about the fears of looking 'weak,' when they draw lines in the most inconvenient corners of the earth and declare they are the tests of national manhood." Lewis suggests that the final verdict of history on L'enfant terrible must be that "Vietnam and the other expressions of his obsessions with dominance have destroyed the good he might have done on the larger question of detente."

CHICAGO TRIBUNE PUTS RUMSFELD AND INGERSOLL UP FRONT TO SCORE KISSINGER

April 19 (IPS) — The Chicago Tribune issued a thinly veiled attack on Secretary of State Henry Kissinger today with a front-page article on a news conference by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who reassured reporters that detente is very much in the interest of the U.S. Contradicting Kissinger's repeated calls for "regional confrontations," Rumsfeld said that the U.S. cannot become the "policeman of the world" nor should it become "isolationist." When he was asked whether Europeans are worried about a lack of military protection from the U.S. against the Soviets, the Defense Secretary said, "Our NATO allies are aware that we have sufficient deterrent."

The Chicago Tribune's Washington correspondent, Frank Star, told IPS today that the Rumsfeld article was meant to be an "anti-Kissinger piece."

In addition to the anti-Kissinger thrust, the Tribune drew attention to East-West trade by profiling a leading spokesman for the Chicago industrial community, Borg-Warner executive James Ingersoll; the full-page article covered his personal background and involvement in international trade.

CHICAGO SUN TIMES SAYS BRAINWASHING A FACTOR IN HEARST SENTENCING

April 19 (IPS) — The Chicago Sun Times in an editorial yesterday claimed that the possibility that Patri-

cia Hearst had been brainwashed cannot be ignored by Federal Judge Carter in determining her sentence. The editorial noted that court testimony firmly established that Miss Hearst was bound and locked up in order to "humiliate" and "depersonalize" her. Reflecting exposure for over a year to U.S. Labor Party documentation of the CIA role in Miss Hearst's brainwashing which was made available to the Sun Times editorial board, the Sun Times concluded that the possibility that Miss Hearst "yielded to Inquisition-like torture" is a possibility that Judge Carter must consider in deciding whether "brainwashing exists at all."

THIRD WORLD HITS STATE DEPARTMENT "RESOURCE BANK"

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 19 (IPS) — A delegate of a leading Third World nation said here today that he considers the U.S. State Department's proposal for an "International Resource Bank" to be "humorous" and not very serious. The New York Times made the proposal public in a report last week, and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is likely to introduce it in his presentation to the upcoming United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Nairobi, Kenya.

While he did not take the "IRB" proposal seriously, the delegate went on to say, however, that the major topic of discussion at the UNCTAD meeting will be commodity price stabilization measures, also a touchstone of Kissinger's policy.

The question of the debt problem in the international monetary system will not be a very high priority for discussion at the Conference and will primarily be dealt with in the Finance Commission. Specifically, the Finance Commission will discuss a proposal for the Group of 77 developing nations for the convening of a "Debtor-Creditor Conference" where the debt problem would be addressed, he said. The Finance Commission of the "North-South" talks, which is now discussing the problem of debt in Paris, will provide a progress report of its discussions to the UNCTAD meeting Finance Commission.

INDIA-CHINA EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS NOT ANTI-SOVIET

NEW YORK, April 19 (IPS) — Indian

diplomatic sources today categorically denied reports alleging that the recent steps taken by India to upgrade its diplomatic relations with China to an ambassadorial level were in any way a sign of deterioration in Indo-Soviet relations. Today's New York Times, in a lead editorial on the "Chinese-Indian Thaw," speculated that the Gandhi government, now more able to show "independence of Moscow," hopes "to play the Russians and Chinese off against each other for India's benefit." The New York Times editorial, however, was forced to admit the possibility that the China-India moves may be part of an "initial probe" by China "to mend fences with Moscow."

The Indian source termed the Times' emphasis "in one word — asinine" and stressed that Indo-Soviet relations are based on a firm friendship that cannot be affected in any way by an improvement of Indian relations with China. On the contrary, the source indicated, Indian efforts in this regard are fully coherent with Soviet offers of reconciliation with China made recently by Premier Kosygin in a congratulatory note to new Chinese Premier Hua Kuo-feng.

BRITISH REPORTER CLAIMS KISSINGER TO BE TOLD GET OUT OF AFRICA BY HOSTS

April 19 (IPS) — "Dr. Henry Kissinger... will be told bluntly next week that southern Africa and the Indian Ocean are not part of the United States' sphere of influence" by Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere, according to British reporter David Martin in the April 18 Observer. Martin claims Nyerere will deliver this message to Kissinger during the Secretary of State's two-day visit to Tanzania next week.

ECHVERRIA CALLS MASSIVE PEASANT RALLY APRIL 19 TO MOVE AGAINST LATIFUNDISTS

CIUDAD OBREGON, Mexico, April 19 (IPS) — Mexican President Luis Echeverria has called a meeting of peasants and government officials in this city for today which is being considered the most significant agrarian conclave of his term. An expected 50,000 peasants, primarily from the northwest states of Sinaloa and Sonora, already began to congregate for the meeting here yesterday, and virtually all of Echeverria's cabinet, all of the nation's peasant lead-

ers and most of the nation's governors are expected to arrive by this morning.

The stated purpose of the deliberations is to forge a "Single Peasant Union" out of the several major peasant groupings now active nationally and formulate specific changes in the Mexican constitution to strike at the landholding privileges of the nation's large landholders, the latifundists.

RAY CLINE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES PRESCRIBES "ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTE"

April 19 (IPS) — Ray Cline, former deputy director of the CIA now at Georgetown's Center for Strategic and International Studies, yesterday called for a return to the dangerous policies associated with the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in an article in the New York Times. Entitled "Alternatives to Detente," Cline's article presents a program to replace Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's old detente policy which includes the following eight points:

— "Recognize that far-reaching United States-Soviet Union cooperation in a generation of peace is a goal in the dim future, an illusion or a deception."

— "Say flatly that substantial Soviet expansion of control of territory, resources and populations cannot be tolerated, and that we will counter each Soviet challenge in strategic areas crucial to the United States at any necessary level."

— "Restore primary strategic emphasis on alliance-building... and on strengthening transoceanic strategic economic ties with allied nations."

— "Recognize that we have abandoned our former military superiority without getting Soviet restraint in areas where their military interests are involved."

— "Maintain military forces second to none and adequate to our guarantees to allies."

— "Aim at spending no less than 6 percent of our enormous GNP on military expenditures."

— "Tell Moscow coolly that our vastly superior economy will for the immediate future be harnessed to strengthen our transatlantic alliance system, rather than to invest in stabilizing the Soviet Union's economy, providing grain and transferring our advanced technology."

— "Finally, buy no more friendly words from Moscow... by concessions at the expense of allies who depend on us or at the expense of our future independence of strategic action in a danger-

ously unstable world."

YUGOSLAVIA WESTERN TURF, SAYS TIMES

April 19 (IPS) — The New York Times' C. L. Sulzberger said yesterday that socialist Yugoslavia is a "vital, strategic" interest of the United States. Under the title "Tempest in the Samovar," Sulzberger also emphasizes alleged points of friction between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union.

PRAVDA CHARGES U.S. WITH INTERFERENCE IN WESTERN EUROPE

April 19 (IPS) — Yesterday's Pravda charged that the United States is interfering in the internal affairs of Western Europe through its opposition to Communist participation in governments, reports the lead page one article in today's New York Times. The Pravda commentary, by George Ratiani, was aimed at recent warnings by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger that the U.S. cannot be expected to "defend" nations that have Communists in their governments.

The Times report notes that the Soviets are of two minds on the question of government participation by the polycentrist French and Italian Communist Parties due to the anti-Soviet stance of those parties and their support for NATO. But the Times cites diplomatic analysts in Moscow who believe that the Soviet Union would prefer to see the Western European Communists in power since that would ostensibly "create complex problems" for NATO.

WEST GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS REPEAT WARNING TO MEMBERS: NO CONTACT WITH EUROPEAN LABOR PARTY

WIESBADEN, W. Germany, April 19 (IPS) — Members of the European Labor Party (ELP) in West Germany learned over the weekend that the Executive Committee of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) in the Ruhr region city of Dortmund has issued another warning to its members that discussion and contact with ELP members is strictly forbidden. The new letter further admonishes its members that the current trend of four SPD members joining the ELP in the last week must not continue.

**TIMES SCORES FORD'S
LABOR POLICY AS
"SOFT ON LABOR"**

April 19 (IPS) — In a major editorial, yesterday's New York Times accused President Ford of being "soft on inflation" and warned both Republicans and Democrats of the consequences of allowing wage gains comparable to the nationwide Teamsters' settlement. The Times stated that "the White House now appears just as tolerant of inflationary wage and price actions" as it has been of high unemployment and that "instead of applauding the Teamsters' settlement of roughly ten per cent a year, President Ford should have warned that such an outsized pay boost — if followed as a pattern in other major industries — would lock the economy into an inflationary trend."

**THOUSANDS OF PEASANTS
POUR INTO SONORA —
DEMAND DEBT MORATORIUM**

FLASH! MEXICO CITY, Mexico, April 19 (IPS) — Mexican television is giving nationwide coverage to the demonstration by tens of thousands of peasants in Ciudad Obregon, Sonora in support of Mexican President Luis Echeverria's prodevelopment policies. The peasant confederation, known as UGOCM, has a huge banner which reads "Debt Moratorium now!", while Mexican Labor Party organizers report that 10,000 Labor Party leaflets have been distributed to peasants from all over the country with the aid of the wide PLM peasant periphery in the state, calling for debt moratorium and the International Development Bank as the only solution to Mexico's agricultural problems.

President Echeverria and many leading government and political figures are in Ciudad Obregon, where they have summoned peasants to rally in support of Echeverria's land reform program.