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**WORLD BRIEF**

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1. CONGO: LABOR AGITATION HAS DIED DOWN AT LEAST TEMPORARILY IN FACE OF STEADY ACTION AGAINST UNION LEADERS BY THREE-MAN "EMERGENCY COMMITTEE" WHICH SEEMS TO BE RUMORED (KATOLVILLAS GOVERNMENT. ROLE OF PREMIER AROUJA IN THIS DEVELOPMENT IS CLOUDED. IT IS KNOWN THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE DO NOT CONSIDER AROUJA THOUGH POWER FOR THE SITUATION AND IT APPEARS THAT HE IS BEING LARGELY IGNORED AT THE MOMENT, AT LEAST AS FAR AS DOMESTIC AFFAIRS ARE CONCERNED. DEFENSE MINISTER ARABY IS THE TOP MAN OF THE COMMITTEE, BUT IF AROUJA WERE REMOVED, A NEW STRUGGLE FOR LEADERSHIP ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD FOLLOW.

2. DARGHEY: THE NEW REGIME HEADED BY ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF COULD BE TRYING TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION AND ESPECIALLY TO AVOID

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SERIOUS CLASH BETWEEN BASICALLY ANTIPATHETIC NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY. FORMER DE-PRESIDENT MAQA IS THEREFORE BEING RETAINED IN THE GOVERNMENT, EVEN THOUGH LABOR UNION LEADERS HAD EARLIER FORCED HIM OUT. THE ORIENTATION OF THE NEW LEADERSHIP IS STILL TOWARD THE WEST BUT MAQA'S OVERTHROW IS ANOTHER BLOW TO THE PARIS-ORIENTED AFRO-MALAGASY UNION. ALREADY SHAKEN BY THE UPRIS IN CREECHVILLE LAST AUGUST. (CONF)

3. INDONESIA-MALAYSIA: //INDONESIAN COVERT OPERATIONS AND PROPAGANDA AGAINST MALAYSIA CONTINUE UNABATED WHILE THE FEDERATIONS EFFORTS ARE RALLYING POLITICAL AND MILITARY SUPPORT. IN SARAWAK AND SABAH AREAS EACH SIDE IS ENGAGED IN ENFORCEMENTS AND LARGER CLASHES ARE LIKELY ALONG THE BORDER. IN SINGAPORE, HARDEST MALAYSIAN AREA HIT BY INDONESIA'S TRADE EMBARGO, STATE MINISTER LEE IS CONFIDENT HE CAN HANDLE THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND ATTENDANT POLITICAL PROBLEMS. SOME OF CHINESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ARE WORRIED AND APPARENTLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ACCOMMODATION WITH SINGAPORE, BUT ON THE WHOLE JOKERIAN PRESSURE SEEMS TO BE HAVING A UNIFYING EFFECT IN MALAYSIA.//

4. SOUTH VIETNAM: //NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS OF 30 OCT PASSED

WITHOUT MAJOR INCIDENT BUT A FEW MINOR PROBLEMS CONCERN

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AMONG THE MILITARY OVER NHIUS POLICY TOWARD NORTH VIETNAM ARE INDICATIVE OF CONTINUING UNEASE. THE REGIME EVIDENTLY CONTINUES TO BRACE ITSELF FOR A REDUCTION OF US AID. VIET CONG ACTIVITY DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS HAS INCREASED SLIGHTLY BUT CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES -- AND GOVERNMENT WEAPONS LOSSES -- ROSE SHARPLY AS A RESULT OF THE BATTLE AT LOC NINH IN THE DELTA ON 19 OCT. //

3. ALGERIA-MOROCCO: THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT REACHED AT BAMAKO RESOLVES NO BASIC PROBLEMS BEHIND THE BORDER DISPUTE ALTHOUGH TEMPORARILY IT MAY SAVE PACE FOR BOTH BEN ELILLA AND KING HASSEN. THE AGREEMENT, WHICH BECOMES EFFECTIVE 2 NOVEMBER, IS ALREADY SUBJECT TO DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS, SINCE MOROCCO STILL INSISTS ON SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS PARTICULAR BORDER PROBLEM WHILE THE ALGERIANS WANT THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY TO DISCUSS ONLY GENERALITIES AND PRINCIPLES. THE OAU PREVIOUSLY PROCLAIMED ITSELF IN FAVOR OF RETAINED BOUNDARIES AS DRAWN BY THE EX-COLONIAL POWERS. BOTH SIDES NEVERTHELESS WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE -- MOROCCO FROM FRANCE AND THE WEST, ALGERIA FROM EGYPT, GUEA, AND THE USSR -- AND EACH WILL REMAIN BASICALLY SUSPICIOUS AND HOSTILE TOWARD THE OTHERS PERSUED OBJECTIVES.

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6. FRANCE: THE NATIONWIDE 24-HOUR RAIL STRIKE ON 23 OCTOBER WAS A MAJOR PART OF THE TRADE UNION EFFORTS TO PRESS THE GOVERNMENT TO LIBERALIZE ITS WAGE POLICY. THE GOVERNMENT HAS RAISED COST-OF-LIVING INCREMENT FROM THREE TO FOUR PERCENT THIS YEAR BUT LABOR IS RESTIVE AND THE HIGH-HERALDED STABILIZATION PLAN IS IN JEOPARDY. THE CURRENT UNREST IS GREATER IN NATIONALIZED ENTERPRISES--I.E. AMONG RAILWAY AND MINE WORKERS AND CIVIL SERVANTS. (CONF)

7. BRAZIL: NEW LABOR TROUBLES IN BRAZIL ENDED THE RELATIVELY BRIEF PERIOD FOLLOWING PRESIDENT COULANT'S SHORT-LIVED DRIVE TO ESTABLISH A STATE OF SEIGNEUR OCT. THE POTENTIALLY CRITICAL SITUATION IN SAO PAULO RAISES POSSIBILITY OF SHOWDOWN BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND ANTI-COULANT FORCES. THE LATEST REPORTS ESTIMATE 30 PERCENT OF SAO PAULO INDUSTRIAL WORKERS ARE ON STRIKE AND SYMPATHY STRIKES HAVE BROKE OUT ELSEWHERE.

8. CUBA: THE NATION IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE A QUARTERLY OPTIMISTIC REVIEW OF PROSPECTS FOR A MODUS VIVENDI BETWEEN CASTRO REGIME AND CUBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH FROM AMERICAN SACCHY CHAPOR OF THE HOLY SEE'S LEGATION IN HAVANA SINCE 1961. BUT IN CASE, MODUS VIVENDI

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BELIEVES HIS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MORE COOPERATIVE CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS COULD BE SUCCESSFUL AND THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE CHURCH CANNOT FULFILL MORE EFFECTIVE RELIGIOUS MISSION IN CUBA. HE SEES AS GO STUMBLING BLOCK THE IRRECONCILABILITY OF THE CHURCH'S LONGER RANGE GOALS AND THE REGIME'S IDEOLOGY.

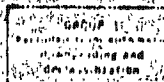
9. ITALY: DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS ON CABINET POSTS AND ON A LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM ARE IN PROSPECT AS SOCIALISTS (PSI) AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (CD) BEGIN TO FORM A CENTER-LEFT COALITION. OPPONENTS OF SUCH AN ALLIANCE HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF TACTICS AVAILABLE TO TRY TO BLOCK IT. SOCIALIST PIETRO ENRIKE NEGOTIATION FREEDOM IS LIMITED BY RICCARDO LOMBARDI'S CONTROL OF 16 OF THE ENRIKE FACTIONS 59 SEATS ON PSI'S NEWLY-ELECTED 101-MAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THIS WEEK'S SOCIALIST CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS INCLUDE FOREIGN POLICY RESERVATIONS AT WHICH CD OPPOSITION MAY BALK. (CONP)

10. DENMARK: PRIME MINISTER BRAGE SOCIALIST-RADICAL-LIBERAL COALITION GOVERNMENT-- A GENERALLY MODERATE POLITICAL COUPING--MAY BE FORCED TO CALL EARLY ELECTIONS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS DEFEATED A SERIES OF NO-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS IN RECENT WEEKS BUT ITS MARGIN OF

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VICTORY DECLINED TO ONE VOTE IN THE MOST RECENT TEST ON 23 OCT  
OPPOSITION IS MADE UP ENTIRELY OF MORE CONSERVATIVE PARTIES BUT  
ALSO INCLUDES EXTREME LEFTIST SOCIALIST PEOPLES PARTY. A RECENT  
GALLUP POLL SHOWS SOME DECLINE IN SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT. (CONF)

11. BRITAIN AND THE COMMON MARKET: //THE 25-26 OCT MEETING  
AT THE HAGUE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BRITAIN AND COMMON MARKET DID  
LITTLE TO ADVANCE PROSPECTS OF BRITAIN'S EVENTUAL PARTICIPATION IN  
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BUT MAY HAVE REOPENED AVENUES OF DISCUSSION  
CLOSED SINCE DEGAULLES VETO OF IRELAND'S MEMBERSHIP NINE MONTHS AGO.  
DISCUSSIONS WERE COMPREHENSIVE BUT ONLY DECISION REACHED ON NON-  
EUROPEAN TOPICS WAS TO FURTHER EXPLORER POSSIBLE COORDINATION IN FIELD  
OF EUROPEAN POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA. SHARP DIFFERENCES OF VIEW  
WERE EVIDENT ON GENERAL QUESTION OF FURTHER WESTERN PROBING OF SOVIET  
INTENTIONS.// (CONF)

12. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS: THE SOVIET LEADERS APPEAR TO HAVE  
REJECTED OFFER OF A NEW WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE  
THEY MAY HAVE BEEN PREOCCUPIED IN CONCENTRATIONS WITH FOREIGN COMMUNIST

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LEADERS THAT THE DISRUPTIVE EFFECTS OF A FORMAL CONDEMNATION OF THE CHINESE BOTH IN SOME FOREIGN COMMUNIST PARTIES AND IN THE MOVEMENT AS A WHOLE WOULD OUTWEIGH ANY ADVANTAGES MOSCOW MIGHT DERIVE FROM SUCH A CONFERENCE. (CONF)

13. COMMUNIST CHINA: FRIPING WHOSE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN PAST YEARS HAS BEEN EXTENDED PRIMARILY IN ASIA IS NOW OFFERING INCREASED AID ELSEWHERE. SO FAR THIS YEAR ALL OF CHINA'S OFFERS TOTALING \$90 MILLION HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO MIDDLE EASTERN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES -- ALGERIA, SYRIA AND THE SOMALI REPUBLIC. SOME OF THESE AS WELL AS EARLIER AID OFFERS TO OTHER COUNTRIES MAY HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO MAINTAIN CHINESE "PRESENCE" IN THE FACE OF SOVIET AID OR TO EXPLOIT WHAT THE CHINESE BELIEVE TO BE FAVORABLE LOCAL CONDITIONS.

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