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1. OAS: AN ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA DURING WEEK OF JULY 14, 1975 TO REFINE DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE RIO TREATY. THE CONFERENCE CONTINUES A TWO-YEAR EFFORT TO RESTRUCTURE THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. 4

THE AMENDMENTS UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE RATHER MINOR AND WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE ONLY AFTER RATIFICATION BY TWO THIRDS OF THE TREATY SIGNATORIES, A PROCESS THAT WILL PROBABLY TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS. 4

THEIR ACCEPTANCE WOULD, NEVERTHELESS, BE A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN PAN-AMERICANISM AND DEMONSTRATE THE FACT THAT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF LATIN GOVERNMENTS STILL VALUE THE US SECURITY UMBRELLA AND THE MECHANISMS FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES THAT THE RIO TREATY PROVIDES. 4

THE CONFERENCE MAY SEE A REVIVAL OF THE DISPUTE OVER SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA. SOME OF THE DELEGATES WILL WANT TO DEVISE SOME FORMULA TO NEGATE THE SANCTIONS, WHILE THE

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//THE PRESIDENT'S NEW PRIVATE SECRETARY HAS BEEN IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY, WHERE HE REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH LOPEZ REGA.//4

//THE WELFARE MINISTRY WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY A FORMER PRIVATE SECRETARY TO LOPEZ REGA WHO HAS BEEN THE SECOND-RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY. THESE APPOINTMENTS MAKE IT LIKELY THAT LOPEZ REGA WILL CONTINUE TO EXERT CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE OVER THE PRESIDENT.//4

//MRS. PERON HAS ALSO RETAINED ECONOMY MINISTER RODRIGO, A LOPEZ REGA PROTEGE AND THE OBJECT OF BITTER CRITICISM FOR HIS ATTEMPT TO IMPLEMENT AUSTERITY MEASURES. IN SHUFFLING HER EIGHT-MEMBER CABINET, SHE RETAINED AT LEAST FOUR MINISTERS WHO ARE SAID TO BE LINKED TO LOPEZ REGA.//4

//IT WILL BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR THE PRESIDENT TO CONVINCING THE MANY OPPONENTS OF LOPEZ REGA THAT HE DOES NOT IN FACT STILL PULL THE STRINGS. THE PRESSURE TO GET RID OF HIM, AND POSSIBLY FOR HIS EXILE, WILL CONTINUE.

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1. ISRAEL-LEBANON: ISRAELI AIRCRAFT ATTACKED A FEDAYEEN BASE NEAR THE COASTAL CITY OF SIDON IN SOUTHERN LEBANON ON SUNDAY. THE BASE, WHICH HAS BEEN ATTACKED PREVIOUSLY, IS IN OR NEAR AYN AL HILWEH, THE LARGEST PALESTINIAN CAMP IN LEBANON. THIS WAS THE SECOND RAID ON GUERRILLA BASES IN LEBANON SINCE THE TERRORIST BOMBING TEN DAYS AGO THAT KILLED 14 PEOPLE IN JERUSALEM. PRELIMINARY PRESS REPORTS INDICATE AT LEAST FOUR PERSONS WERE KILLED AND MORE THAN 20 WERE WOUNDED IN THE RAID. AN ISRAELI SPOKESMAN STATED THAT THE TARGET OF THE RAID WAS A TERRORIST WORKSHOP NEAR SIDON THAT WAS PRODUCING WAR MATERIAL.

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2. ISRAEL: SOME OF ISRAEL'S SMALL LEFTIST PARTIES AND GROUPINGS HAVE TAKEN A NUMBER OF STEPS IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS TO BROADEN THEIR POPULAR SUPPORT AND IMPROVE THEIR POLITICAL CLOUT IN THE KNESSET.

ONE RESULT OF THIS MOVEMENT ON THE LEFT WAS THE FORMATION LAST MAY OF A NEW POLITICAL PARTY, THE MOVEMENT

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TOWARD POLITICAL CHANGE, DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, AND CITIZENS RIGHTS--COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS YAAD. THE BACKERS OF THE NEW GROUPING HOPE TO USE IT AS THE NUCLEUS FOR A BROAD, LEFT-OF-CENTER COALITION THAT WOULD OFFER A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO ISRAEL'S PRESENT LABOR-LED COALITION GOVERNMENT.4

FOUR POLITICAL GROUPS COMBINED TO FORM YAAD:

--SHULAMIT ALONI'S CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT,4

ITSELF FORMED BARELY TWO YEARS AGO;

--THE GROUP LED BY ARYE ELIAV--A KNESSET MEMBER WHO RECENTLY BORKE AWAY FROM THE LABOR PARTY;

--SOME MEMBERS OF THE LABOR PARTY'S CIRCLE FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ISSUES;

--SOME MEMBERS OF THE SHINUI MOVEMENT, THE ONLY SURVIVOR OF THE NUMEROUS PROTEST MOVEMENTS THAT SPRANG UP IN THE WAKE OF THE OCTOBER 1973 WAR.4

MEANWHILE, ON THE EXTREME LEFT, THE SMALLER OF ISRAEL'S TWO COMMUNIST PARTIES, MAKI, SHIFTED SLIGHTLY

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TO THE RIGHT BY ADOPTING A MORE NATIONALISTIC STANCE AND MERGED WITH THE LEFTIST MOKED PARTY IN LATE JUNE. THIS LEAVES THE LARGELY ARAB, PRO-MOSCOW RAKAH, WITH ITS FOUR KNESSET DEPUTIES, AS ISRAEL'S SOLE COMMUNIST PARTY.4

NONE OF THESE MOVES HAS VISABLY STRENGTHENED THE ISRAELI LEFT NOR ARE THEY LIKELY TO CHANGE ISRAEL'S POLITICAL LINE-UP, WHICH IS DOMINATED BY PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S LABOR PARTY AND THE RIGHTIST LIKUD BLOC. YAAD CONTROLS ONLY FOUR OF THE 120 KNESSET SEATS AND MOKED ONLY ONE. IN FACT, THE MERGERS HAVE DISILLUSIONED A SIZABLE NUMBER OF SUPPORTERS OF THE CITIZENS RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND MAKI WHO STRONGLY OPPOSED THE DISSOLUTION OF THESE GROUPS. WHATEVER NEW ADHERENTS MAY BE FOUND, ESPECIALLY BY YAAD, ARE LIKELY TO BE DRAWN FROM BACKERS OF THE RULING LABOR ALIGNMENT AND FROM AMONG YOUNG UNAFFILIATED VOTERS. IF YAAD SURVIVES, THIS COULD COST THE ALIGNMENT SOME VOTES IN THE NEXT NATIONAL ELECTION--PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR LATE 1977.

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3. ANGOLA: SHARP FIGHTING HAS BROKEN OUT AGAIN IN LUANDA BETWEEN FORCES OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA AND THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA, THE TERRITORY'S TWO LARGEST NATIONALIST GROUPS. THERE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE USE OF MORTARS, ROCKETS, AND HEAVY MACHINE GUNS.4

THE POPULAR MOVEMENT APPEARS TO HAVE INITIATED THE VIOLENCE AND IS CONCENTRATING ITS ATTACKS AGAINST NATIONAL FRONT BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE CITY. SOME OF THESE SITES APPARENTLY HAVE FALLEN, THEREBY WEAKENING THE NATIONAL FRONT'S MILITARY PRESENCE IN LUANDA.4

THE LAST ROUND OF HEAVY FIGHTING IN LATE MAY AND EARLY JUNE LEFT THE POPULAR MOVEMENT IN A STRONG POSITION BETWEEN LUANDA AND NATIONAL FRONT AREAS IN NORTHERN ANGOLA. SINCE THEN, THE POPULAR MOVEMENT HAS SEVERELY LIMITED THE NATIONAL FRONT'S ACCESS TO THE CITY, AND THE LATTER IS PROBABLY SHORT OF SUPPLIES AND AMMUNITION. PORTUGUESE FORCES SEEM TO BE IN EVIDENCE THROUGHOUT LUANDA, BUT ARE

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NOT INTERFERING.4

UNTIL THE VIOLENCE BEGAN TUESDAY NIGHT, ANGOLA HAD BEEN RELATIVELY CALM SINCE THE HEADS OF THE THREE NATIONALIST GROUPS MET IN KENYA IN MID-JUNE AND SIGNED AN "AGREEMENT" TO EASE TENSIONS. OCCASIONAL SKIRMISHES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN RURAL AREAS OUTSIDE LUANDA, BUT NONE HAS ESCALATED INTO A MAJOR CLASH. FIGHTING IN THESE AREAS COULD NOT INTENSIFY, IN REACTION TO DEVELOPMENTS IN LUANDA.4

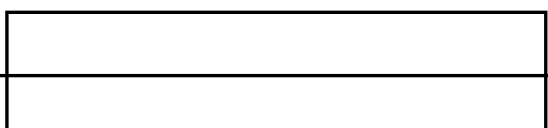
4. ETHIOPIA: GENERAL TEFERI BANTE, CHAIRMAN OF THE RULING PROVISIONAL MILITARY COUNCIL, YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF ETHIOPIA'S FIRST POLITICAL PARTY IN MODERN HISTORY. HE STATED THAT THE PARTY, TO BE GUIDED BY THE GOALS OF "ETHIOPIAN SOCIALISM," WILL TAKE OVER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. A PROCLAMATION DELINEATING THE PARTY'S FUNCTIONS IS APPARENTLY BEING DRAFTED.

THE MILITARY COUNCIL'S CREATION OF THE NEW PARTY REPRESENTS ITS LATEST MOVE TO IMPLEMENT THE 10-POINT PROGRAM, ISSUED LAST DECEMBER, TO TRANSFORM ETHIOPIA INTO A SOCIALIST STATE.

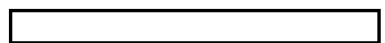
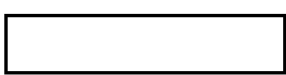
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THE COUNCIL RECENTLY NATIONALIZED ALL MORTGAGE COMPANIES; 6  
BANKS, AND 14 INSURANCE COMPANIES.



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1. PORTUGAL: THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL ACCEPTED THE SOCIALIST PARTY'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COALITION GOVERNMENT, FOLLOWING AN ALL-NIGHT SESSION ON FRIDAY. IT CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES TO REPLACE THE SOCIALISTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL "PLACE NATIONAL INTEREST ABOVE PARTY INTEREST."4

PORTUGUESE TROOPS WERE ON STAND-BY ALERT SATURDAY TO GUARD AGAINST WHAT THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL CALLED THE POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION OF THE SOCIALIST WALKOUT BY "REACTIONARY FORCES." THE ALERT-LIFTED SUNDAY-DID NOT AFFECT A DEMONSTRATION IN NORTHERN PORTUGAL BY 10,000 CATHOLICS PROTESTING THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT'S REFUSAL TO FORCE LEFTIST WORKERS TO GIVE UP THE CHURCH-OWNED RADIO STATION.4

GONCALVES CANCELED HIS PLANS TO ATTEND THE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES OF THE AFRICAN ISLANDS OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE OVER THE WEEKEND. HE PRESUMABLY CHOSE TO WORK ON SELECTING MILITARY REPLACEMENTS FOR THE JUSTICE MINISTER AND THE FIVE SOCIALIST

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WITHDRAWAL A DIVISIVE ACTION INTENDED TO "SET UP A NEW COALITION OF RIGHT-WING FORCES." ONE PARTY ALLIED WITH THE COMMUNISTS HAS CALLED FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE CONSTITUTENT ASSEMBLY.

2. PORTUGAL-USSR: THE FIRST PORT CALL BY A PORTUGUESE NAVY SHIP TO THE SOVIET UNION WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 9 AND 15, WHEN THE TRAINING SHIP SAGRES, A THREE-MASTED SAILING VESSEL, VISITS LENINGRAD. THE INVITATION WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN EXTENDED BY THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN LISBON TO A "HIGH OFFICIAL," PRESUMABLY PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES, RATHER THAN THROUGH NORMAL PROTOCOL CHANNELS. WHILE THE VISIT IS OPPOSED BY MOST NAVAL OFFICERS, INCLUDING CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL PINHEIRO DE AZEVEDO, PRESSURE FROM LEFTIST OFFICERS, AND GONCALVES HAS FORCED THEM TO ACQUIESENCE. A RECIPROCAL VISIT BY A SOVIET WARSHIP WOULD PRESUMABLY FOLLOW. THE ISSUE IS DRIVING STILL ANOTHER WEDGE BETWEEN LEFTISTS AND MORE MODERATE OFFICERS IN THE NAVY, AS WELL AS THE RULING REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL.

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2. KOREA: A SOUTH KOREAN SHORE BATTER ON JULY 13 FIRED WARNING SHOTS AT NORTH KOREAN FISHING BOATS OPERATING IN THE YELLOW SEA. AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE DEFENSE MINISTRY IN SEOUL STATED THAT A FISHING BOAT APPROACHED TO WITHIN TWO MILES OF THE ISLAND OF PAENGYONG-DO BEFORE THE SHOTS WERE FIRED.4

THE ANNOUNCEMENT CLAIMED THAT FIVE NORTHERN GUNBOATS ESCORTED THE FISHING BOAT AWAY FROM THE ISLAND. SEOUL TERMED THE ACTIVITY A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT BY PYONGYANG TO TEST SOUTH KOREAN ALERTNESS IN THE AREA, AND PLANS TO LODGE A PROTEST

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