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THANT SAYS ACTIVE WAR NOW EXISTS IN MIDDLE EAST

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ECAFE urged to end trade barriers

SINGAPORE, April 23, (Reuters).—The Philippines led speakers at the current ECAFE session yesterday in a strong appeal for Asian developing countries to free currency and trade and restrictions with each other.

Philippines delegate Apolinario Arosa, speaking during the debate on the trade report prepared by ECAFE (the Economic Commission For Asia and the Far East), said the region was facing worsening terms of trade with developed countries.

He said that in order to achieve the urgently-needed expansion of trade, Asian countries should consider the following proposals: A regional payments union; A free trade area for selected commodities; and a regional common market for selected industries.

Orosa said the aim of the payments union would be to allow countries to pay for imports from countries in the region in their own currency.

"The end result is that, firstly, intra-regional trade will be enhanced,

and, secondly, the demand for 'hard' currencies will be alleviated," he said.

The union would also help in setting a free trade area for selected commodities, he said.

"Under this association, members would maintain individual tariff structures with countries outside the free area while working towards the elimination of tariffs applicable among member countries."

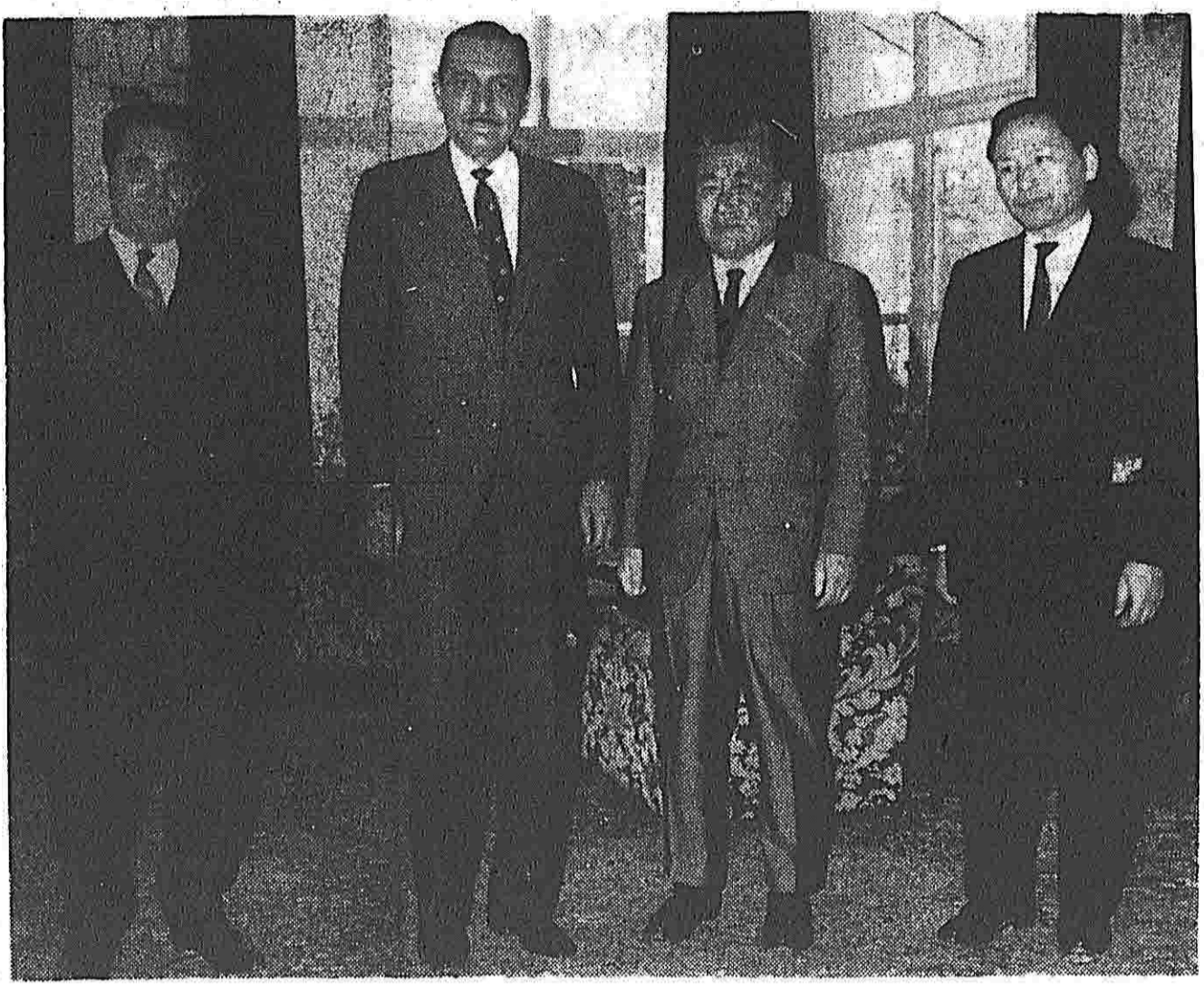
Orosa said that the only way that developing countries could rival wealthy nations in the production of manufactured goods was for countries to specialise in particular industries.

"The most logical way for developing countries to achieve this was to set up a regional common market for selected industries," he said.

This would permit the integration of major industries and lead the way for specific industries to be allocated to different countries, Orosa said.

He urged ECAFE members to carry out studies on these proposals as soon as possible.

Orosa said the problems created



KABUL, April 23, (Bakhtar).—Prime Minister Noor Ahmad Etemadi received the first deputy minister for foreign affairs of the People's Republic of Mongolia, in the Prime Ministry yesterday morning at 11:30. The director general of the Political Affairs Department in the Foreign Ministry Dr. Ghafour Ravan Farhadi and an officer of the International Affairs Department in the Foreign Ministry of Mongolia, B. Wangchindorj, were also present.

Photo: Wafajo (Bakhtar)

TB control seminar hears more reports

KABUL, April 23, (Bakhtar).—The international seminar on the Control of Tuberculosis in its meeting yesterday which continued up to five in the evening considered anti-TB programmes. Dr. Abdullah Omar, Deputy Minister of Public Health, and Dr. Safar Ali, a professor in the College of Medicine and Pharmacy of Kabul University spoke on various aspects of TB.

Dr. Raouf Roshan a WHO advisor spoke on the epidemiology of TB.

In the afternoon session Dr. Abdul Samad Seraj spoke on TB and its related problems for children.

Prof. Raymond Mond, of the International Children Centre of Paris, spoke on the application of BCG vaccination. The participants of the seminar were guests of honour at a reception given in their honour by the UNICEF delegate Yasin Khosti.

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Iranian army on Iraq border reported to be on war footing

TEHRAN, April 23, (AFP).—The Iranian third army, based near the frontier with Iraq, has been put on a war footing, reliable sources said yesterday.

Official circles refused all comment but the sources said Iranian aircraft, including Phantom jets delivered recently by the United States, were patrolling the frontier area.

Tension has risen between Iran and Iraq over sovereignty of the Shatt-El Arab estuary where the Tigris and Euphrates flows into the Persian Gulf.

Iraq claims the waterway as Iraqi territory.

According to reports here Iranian forces in the north of the country have also been reinforced. Powerful searchlights have been installed to prevent night raids by Iraqi forces.

The reports also said there had been fierce fighting in the north of Iraq between Kurdish rebels led by Mollah Moustapha Barzani on one hand and the Iraqi army backed by Kurdish followers of Jalal Taleghani. An Iranian vessel, the Ebnesina,

of 12,000 tons, yesterday left Abadan Port and sailed through Shatt El Arab into the Persian Gulf without interference from Iraqi forces. The ship was escorted by units of the Iranian navy.

It was the fourth Iranian vessel to use the waterway since April 19 when tension between the two countries was set off by Iran denouncing the 1937 agreement laying down the frontier limits along the estuary.

During a debate in the Iranian parliament yesterday K. Heidar Ali Arfa, of the ruling Novine party said hundreds of Iranians living in Iraq had been arrested "simply because they were Iranian subjects."

He said that a number of those arrested had been tortured by the Iraqi police.

Mohsen Pezechpour, leader of the right-wing PanIranian Party told the house: "For 40 years there has existed to the west of our country a nest of colonialist plotters against Iran. We are convinced that the Iraqi people will disavow the intrigues of its leaders."

Omar Saghaf, Saudi Arabian foreign minister, flew into Tehran from Beirut yesterday. Observers here speculated that Saghaf may attempt to mediate in the Iran-Iraq dispute.

B-52s drop 180 tons of bombs only 30 kms from Saigon

SAIGON, April 23, (AFP).—B-52s poured 180 tons of bombs on targets only 30 kms from Saigon in an overnight raid, a U.S. spokesman said yesterday.

The big bombers flew a total of four raids as Viet Cong forces hit seven installations or districts including four American positions. The B-52s struck also at Tay Ninh and Long Khanh provinces.

The guerrilla bombardments killed four people in Long Vinh

and wounded twenty others. The American bases attacked were at Phan Rang, Tra Cu, Tam Ky and Nha Trang.

The Tra Cu position was rocked by five blasts which caused "moderate damage" and one guerrilla was killed by helicopters which attacked the site where the Viet Cong were suspected to have launched their rockets.

In the same sector, 12 out of 15 Viet Cong bathing in a pool created out of a B-52 bomb crater were killed when they were caught in the water by helicopter gunships.

Monday night, a North Vietnamese company lost 21 men in an assault on U.S. armoured units near Trang Bang on the road to Saigon.

There were two incidents in the Demilitarised Zone when artillery and a U.S. cruiser lying off the coast shelled North Vietnamese bunkers.

U.S. spokesman said the main Viet Cong and North Vietnamese pressure apart from the Tay Ninh region was concentrated on the Danang region and the mountainous country near the Laotian border.

Marine artillery at An Hoa and other positions guarding the access to the Danang plain killed at least a third of a force of 150 Viet Cong spotted crossing a local river. In a two week operation ended two days ago in the same zone, marines killed 162 "enemy" troops for the loss of 16 American dead and 121 wounded.

An American general said yesterday that the big electronic equipment dump discovered in the Sunday was one of the finest he had ever seen.



President of the Afghan-Soviet Friendship Society Prof. Mohammad Asghar and USSR Ambassador Konstantin Alexandrov shaking hands at the last night's reception.

Her Majesty fractures her arm

KABUL, April 23, (Bakhtar).—Her Majesty the Queen was entered in the Wazir Akbar Khan hospital Tuesday evening due to a fracture in her left arm, the Royal Protocol Department announced yesterday. A bulletin issued from the hospital said that X-ray located the site of the fracture. Afghan and foreign doctors have put Her Majesty's hand in a cast and she is expected to return to the royal palace today, the bulletin added.

USSR embassy marks Lenins 99th birthday

KABUL, April 23, (Bakhtar).—The 99th birthday of the late V. I. Lenin, the founder of the Soviet Union was marked with a reception and film show at the USSR embassy here yesterday evening.

The Minister of Justice and the chairman of the Afghan-Soviet Friendship Society, Prof. Mohammad Asghar, in a speech touched on the friendly relations between the two countries and the role played by the leaders of Afghanistan and the Soviet Union in the expansion of these ties.

Konstantin Alexandrov, the ambassador of the Soviet Union, in a speech while describing the life of the Lenin touched on the founding of the Soviet Union and the industrial and economic progress since achieved.

Films on the life of Lenin and the official and friendly visit of Prime Minister Noor Ahmad Etemadi to the Soviet Union last year were shown.



The late Lenin

The president of the Senate, Abdul Hadi Dawi, some members of the cabinet, members of the Afghan-Soviet Friendship Society and some other guests attended.

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Picture shows member of the International Seminar on the Control of Tuberculosis now meeting in the Public Health Institute.

Lenin's birthday

(Continued from page 1) A Tass report said a celebration meeting, devoted to the 99th anniversary of the birth of Lenin, was opened in Moscow.

Airlines

Table with columns for Airlines, Departures, and Flight Time. Includes Ariana Afghan Airlines, India Airlines, and Aeroflot.

Pharmacies

OPEN TONIGHT: Hakim-Kute Sangi, Mohsen-Jade Nader Pashtoon, Najeeb-Pamir Cinema, Faizi-Binee Hesar, Barikut-Dahmazang, Rona-Malik Asghar sq.

Important Telephones

Table listing phone numbers for Police Station, Traffic Department, Airport, Fire Department, and Telephone repair.

Weather

Skies in the northern, north, northeastern, northwestern and central region will be cloudy. Yesterday the warmest area was Jalalabad with a high of 29 C, 84 F.

USSR accuses NATO of intensifying arms race

GENEVA, April 23, (AFP)—The Soviet Union yesterday accused the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation of being the chief factor of an intensified arms race.

Demand for mark presses sterling, franc and dollar

LONDON, April 23, (AFP)—A sharp upswing in demand for D-Mark yesterday caused feverish activity in the London foreign exchange and brought pressure against sterling, the French franc and the dollar after a six-week period of calm.

The NATO countries, with a population of 500 million were thus devoting more money for military purposes than all those countries— with a population exceeding 2,500 millions—taken together, the Soviet delegate claimed.

Since NATO was established 20 years ago the organisations total spending on armaments ran to \$1,300,000 million, he affirmed.

Calling for general and complete disarmament, he denounced the alleged "ill-will" of the Western powers.

The Soviet Union, on the other hand, was prepared "to practice a global staged approach or to solve this problem by steps, through the implementation of collateral measures."

The USSR, he added, was prepared to negotiate a package deal comprising all collateral measures that it proposed in July, 1968, or to discuss each of these measures separately.

Mrs. Alva Myrdal of Sweden voiced her "positive interest" in the Soviet proposal for peaceful uses of the seabed.

Mrs. Myrdal added: "the adherence of such states as China and France will—in addition to the main powers represented here—be of particular importance. We might all think of ways to secure such adherence."

Sergio Armando Frazao of Brazil said a ban on the production of fissile materials for military purposes would be a step "in the right direction" though in the short term it would entail no substantial cuts in nuclear arsenals.

He, too, backed the Soviet proposal for pacification of the seabed, but agreed with the United States that a ban on "massive destruction arms" was a more urgent matter.

Italy, at the 20th session of the conference, presented a working paper on procedural issues. Details were not revealed.

Italy's president starts week-long visit to Britain

WINDSOR, England, April 23, (Reuters)—Queen Elizabeth yesterday welcomed Italy's President Giuseppe Saragat to Britain with a glittering state ceremony at Windsor castle.

The 70-year-old president, starting a week-long visit, saw all the pomp and pageantry once accorded routinely to the visiting crowned heads of Europe.

It is the first time the ancient castle has been used for a state visit since a king of Portugal stayed there in 1909.

Live television brought the scene to millions of homes in Britain and in Italy as the President, with the Queen at his side, rode in an open carriage drawn by six white horses through the flag-decked town of Windsor and up to the grey stone castle.

The President's daughter, Ernestina Santacaterina, rode with the Queen's husband, Prince Philip, in another open landau carriage.

The Queen's sister, Princess Margaret, had greeted state visitors at London airport and accompanied them on the drive westward to Windsor Great park, where they were welcomed by the Queen.

Husak arrives in Moscow for talks with USSR leaders

MOSCOW, April 23, (AFP)—Gustav Husak, the new Czechoslovak Communist Party chief, flew in here from Prague Tuesday for talks with the Soviet leadership which are expected to set the tone for future relations between the two countries.

Husak who replaced the liberal Alexander Dubcek as party first secretary six days ago, was making his first contact with the Soviet leadership in his new capacity. He was to have talks with Soviet Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev during the day, before attending a big Kremlin ceremony to commemorate the 99th anniversary of the birth of Lenin.

All top Soviet leaders, including Brezhnev, premier Alexei Kosygin and head of state Nikolaj Podgorny were at the airport to welcome him. Husak, in his former roles of vice premier and head of the Slovak Communist Party, participated in the negotiations with the Soviet leadership which preceded and followed the invasion by Warsaw pact forces last August.

Telegrams exchanged between Brezhnev and Husak, and published on the front page of all newspapers here yesterday indicated that talks would take place in a "normalised" atmosphere.

Biafran, Lagos troops hold their ground

ULI AIRPORT, April 23, (AFP)—The battlefield situation in Biafra looked yesterday to be stabilised with secessionist and federal forces fighting for control of Umuahia and Biafran troops holding their ground in the sector north of the temporary capital.

In the centre of this northern sector is Uli airport, Biafra's sole relief link in its bitter battle for survival.

It is not possible for journalists to get near to Umuahia, object of a dramatic push by federal forces last week.

A Frenchman, Michel Burton, who quit Umuahia on Saturday said that Biafran leader Odumegwu Ojukwu and military members of his government were still in the town at the weekend.

The civilian population and also civilian members of the government had left the town.

However the Biafran population's morale remains high, boosted by successful Biafran counter attacks northeast of Umuahia on Uzuakoli and Bende last week.

Populated paleolithic age areas discovered in USSR

LENINGRAD, April 23, (Tass). The discoveries of the recent years show that many areas of the Soviet Union among them the Caucasus, Central Asia and Kazakhstan were populated already in paleolithic time several hundred thousand years back.

Boriskovsky said that a dwelling of the primitive man was found last year in Azerbaijan, the south of the Soviet Union, in the Azykh cave. The traces of dwellings of the primitive man were discovered in Yakutia, in the basin of the Pechora river, not far from the polar circle, and in the Kamchatka area.

Boriskovsky believes that numerous implements and household objects that were made in different ways and used for different purposes show that already during the late paleolithic age various ethnic groups with different material cultures coexisted and developed on the present territory of the Soviet Union.

Soviet scientists have a wealth of archeological material showing how the man worked and perfected implements throughout Millenia. An authority on this problem, Professor Nina Gurina established that social division of labour existed already in the neolithic period.

World Briefs

ADDIS ABABA, April 23, (DPA)—Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia flew home yesterday after attending the abortive peace talks in Nigeria in Monrovia and 30 hour stopover in Conakry for talks with President Sekou Toure of Guinea.

General African problems, including Nigeria, and bilateral relations were discussed while the emperor was in Conakry, foreign ministry sources said.

ISTANBUL, April 23, (Reuters)—Three Soviet patrol ships passed through the Bosphorus into the Mediterranean where Russia has her biggest-ever naval force.

The 900-ton ships, Mirkwa-Class escorts, are equipped with rocket launchers and anti-submarine torpedo tubes.

Tuesday the Soviet Union was reported to have a force of around 60 units in the Mediterranean. One Russian destroyer steamed alongside allied ships during massive NATO sea manoeuvres.

The discovery of the most ancient pages in the history of art is one of the greatest achievements of Soviet archeologists, Pavel Boriskovsky stressed. The discovery of monumental paintings dating back to paleolithic era in a cave in the southern Urals has shown that paleolithic cave art was not limited only to France, northern Spain and southern Italy.

Besides monumental paintings, the stone age left on the territory of the Soviet Union numerous sculptors of stone, clay, amber and bone (including bone flutes), ornaments on clay pottery and adornments.

Home briefs

KABUL, April 23, (Bakhtar)—The Legal and Legislative Affairs Committee of the Senate yesterday presided over by Senator Mohammad Amin Khogyani discussed some petitions from the retired officials and sent its decisions to the secretariat of the house.

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KABUL, April 23, (Bakhtar)—The ambassador of Iraq in Afghanistan, Ali Hamid Saheb, yesterday morning paid a call on Chief Justice Dr. Abdul Hakim Ziaee and presented some Islamic books to him which were accepted with thanks.

Hungary, Japan likely to conclude trade agreement

TOKYO, April 22, (DPA)—Hungary hopes for expansion of trade with Japan as well as West European countries, visiting Hungarian Minister of Foreign Trade Jozsef Biro said here yesterday.

For this purpose, Hungary was studying the possibility of concluding a trade agreement and of establishing a government level economic committee with this country, Biro added. He made these remarks during talks with Japanese Foreign Minister Kiichi Aichi on whom he paid a courtesy call at the Japanese Foreign Ministry in Tokyo.

While considering the Hungarian proposals, Aichi said economic inter-changes on a private basis would be more serviceable for promotion of trade between the two countries.

Biro arrived here on Saturday for a nine-day official visit to Japan as a guest of the Japanese foreign ministry for a series of talks with government and business leaders on bilateral economic relations.

OFFERS WANTED

Kabul University has received an offer of AF. 84,385 from the NCR representative for an adding machine (model 21-34-1-5-2-8 D) to be used in the University's cafeteria. Organisations or individuals who can deliver the adding machine for less should submit their bids to the University by May 14, 1969.

Advertisement for 'THE FIRST CHAMBER DANCE QUARTET' featuring a cultural presentation of the United States of America. Includes dates for Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27.

Afghan Diary

(Continued from page 3) We are looking forward with great enthusiasm to the ducklings joyfully swimming in our small pond surrounded by a net and their mother, a hen, walking around the fence petrified by seeing her apples of the eyes floating on water.