

CIA, Lockheed linked in payoffs

Associated Press
ROME — Rome's biggest newspaper today in demanding an official investigation of reports of payoffs by Lockheed Aircraft Corp. and the Central Intelligence Agency to Italian politicians.

The Communist party, which ran second in the Christian Democrats in elections last June, urged the president of the lower house of parliament to call a special session "to probe the Lockheed affair and the inadmissible interference of the CIA."

The front-page editorial in *Il Messaggero*, Rome's biggest newspaper, said investigations ordered in the Netherlands and Japan of alleged Lockheed payoffs there to get airport orders, "but from us? It's all nonsense."

It remains silent or to pretend to know nothing is not only grotesque but, for the majority of citizens, most immoral.

The new Lockheed scandal fell only on Premier-designate Aldo Moro, who was trying to put together another minority cabinet made up of Christian Democrats and the political world and the public waited to see whether he could retain the interior minister in his government, Luigi Gui, who

two newspapers said was paid Lockheed money while he was defense minister in an earlier government.

Gui denied the accusation and filed a statement with the state prosecutor asking him to conduct an investigation.

A 1970 Lockheed memorandum released in Washington last week by a U.S. Senate subcommittee said the aircraft manufacturer paid \$1.6 million to promote the sale of 14 C-130 cargo planes to Italy. The memorandum did not contain any names.

The Italian left is also making hay with the earlier report from Washington that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and the CIA earmarked \$6 million for anti-Communist parties and politicians in Italy in an effort to reduce Communist election gains.

Drinking still problem for Soviet workers

Associated Press
MOSCOW — After nearly 60 years of Soviet power, drink still is the curse of the Soviet Union's workers and the Kremlin doesn't seem able to do much about it.

While many Western countries have serious problems with alcohol, the issue is especially touchy in the Soviet Union, where the Communists proclaim they are creating a new — and sober — Soviet society.

Twenty years ago, Soviet authorities maintained that they had outrooted drinking, exploitation, injustice and the poverty of the toiling masses.

Yet drunkenness persists despite a drive through Moscow streets in evening can in some areas be an obstacle course of drunken pedestrians. Restaurants are always full of Russians downing glass after glass of vodka and cognac. The streets also probably produce more brew than any country in the world.

Western businessmen are told to ignore the vodka-laced meals offered by their Russian hosts. Foreign delegations have hazy memories of being entertained at parties where guests to "peace and friendship" became too numerous to count.

In a statement that could be easily applied in the Soviet Union, newspaper *Izvestia* pointed to a town where the people drank

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Quake causes future trouble

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GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala — One week after Guatemala's devastating earthquake, officials are turning to such longer-range problems as the wheat harvest, reconstruction of shattered villages and towns, and clearance of the highway from Guatemala City to the coast.

There has been no increase for more than 24 hours in the official toll of 17,032 dead, almost 55,000 injured and more than a sixth of the country's 6 million people homeless. Emergency foreign aid is pouring in, no serious outbreaks of disease have been reported and business activity is resuming in Guatemala City.

The corn harvest was over before the quake, but workers are needed to get the wheat crop in during the next two weeks. The nation's bread basket, between Chimaltenango and Lago de los Cisnes Swam Lake was hit hard, and many farm workers were killed or injured. Many of the survivors are busy rebuilding their adobe homes.

Officials said priority must also be given to rebuilding the small towns in which damage was heaviest. Many are just piles of rubble. Guatemala is an agricultural country, and the rural towns are regional centers of commerce and government.

Inspection teams are also looking for future trouble spots left by the quake early last Wednesday and more than 600 aftershocks since then. The spring rains due in mid-May could cause floods if natural drainage channels are still blocked by landslides.

Today in history
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Today is Wednesday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 1976. There are 324 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On this date in 1945, the World War II Yalta Agreement was signed by President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin.

Soviet-backed force takes ports

Associated Press
The Soviet-backed MPLA faction in Angola has announced the capture of the two ports at the Atlantic end of the railroad across the central part of the country, and British correspondents report that the MPLA and Cuban forces are moving toward confrontation with the South African army.

Jane Bergerol of the London Financial Times reported from Luanda, the Angolan capital, that the MPLA Popular Movement announced its unopposed occupation Tuesday of Benguela, the coastal terminus of the Benguela Railroad, and Lobito, the country's chief port 20 miles to the north.

"The rout of the pro-Western UNITA (National Union) in southern Angola now is virtually complete . . . A direct confrontation with the South African army now seems imminent," Nicholas Ashford of the Times of London reported from Johannesburg.

The MPLA regime, which earlier took most of northern Angola from the FNLA (National Front), another Western-backed faction, also scored a diplomatic victory with the announcement by President Idi Amin of Uganda that the Organization of African Unity now recognizes it as the legitimate government of Angola. Amin is the president of the OAU.

An MPLA broadcast reported there was no resistance to the forces that moved into Benguela and Lobito and the people of the two towns gave them a "resounding welcome," the Financial Times correspondent said.

The broadcast "made clear the Luanda government has no intention of stopping its southern advance or of

leaving the South African forces to continue their occupation of southern Angola," Miss Bergerol said.

The broadcast said the offensive will now move on toward the southern city of Sa da Bandeira, some 200 miles south, which has an important air base for the South African forces.

The South African army is reported to have established a mined defense line manned by an estimated 5,000 troops 50 miles north of the border between Angola and South-West Africa Namibia and about 100 miles south of Sa da Bandeira. The South African government says its troops are in southern Angola to defend the Cunene Dam on the Cunene river, which forms part of the border and supplies electricity to South-West Africa.

The capture of Benguela and Lobito and last weekend of Huambo, 150 miles from the coast, gave the MPLA control of both ends of the strategic railroad, an outlet before the civil war for copper from Zambia and Zaire. Following the fall of Huambo, which had been the UNITA capital, MPLA and Cuban forces were also reported advancing on Silva Porto, UNITA's military headquarters 9 miles to the east, and on Luso, 175 miles from the eastern end of the railway. The MPLA has held the eastern end of the line at Teixeira de Sousa for months.

The OAU said today that Angola had been admitted as the 47th full member of the pan-African body. OAU headquarters in Addis Ababa

made public a telegram from OAU Secretary-General William Eteki Mboumoua to the head of the MPLA government, Agostinho Neto, informing him that his government qualified as a full member since it had been recognized by a majority of the member states.


Amin, in announcing the OAU recognition of the MPLA regime, also announced his own government's recognition and said it was the 26th of the 46 OAU nations to endorse the pro-Soviet faction. He said that under OAU rules, recognition by a majority of the membership automatically made the MPLA Angola's legitimate representative in international affairs.

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