

## LISTENING IN

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### **Costa Rica: Greenest of the Greens**

(Rome, IPS, in English, July 5) Latin America's first "ecology party" was born in Costa Rica, pledging to turn the tide of environmental destruction that is plaguing this Central American nation. Only 25 years ago, three-quarters of Costa Rica's hills and valleys were wooded. Today, all but a third of the country has been denuded of trees, with cattle ranchers felling timber indiscriminately to create more pasture land. Costa Rica's future is being mortgaged "to satisfy the international hamburger market," laments geologist Alexander Bonilla, who founded the new Costa Rican Ecology Party (PEC). Bonilla is planning to model his group on green parties in Europe which have flourished in recent years, especially in West Germany, where the ecologists are now the third largest political force in the country.

"The PEC arose as an alternative to traditional political parties, which don't see the ecology as a priority aspect of their platforms," says Bonilla. Not that the party plans to concentrate exclusively on purely ecological issues: It will be campaigning in local and national elections due in early 1986 with political, social, and economic policies too, but from an overall environmentalist viewpoint. "The PEC will be concerned with the problems of housing, poor distribution of wealth and land, but it will orient everything toward development without destruction," says Bonilla....

...At the rate at which farmers are cutting down trees today, there will be no forest left in Costa Rica by the end of the century outside of new national parks, Bonilla points out. And while cattle ranchers have expanded their pasture from 18 per cent of the country's land area in 1950 to 42 per cent now, only 0.8 per cent of previously wooded land has been replanted....

### **Cyprus: Expanding Ankara's "Springboard"**

(Nicosia, I Elevtherotipia, in Greek, July 15) The "mammoth" military airport Attila is constructing in the south of occupied Lefkoniko will definitely be operational the end of September or early October at the latest. This was stressed to I Elevtherotipia by very well-informed sources which...maintain links with the occupied territories. The sources added that when the airport is completed, the Ankara military regime is expected to station permanently there at least one squadron of bombers, fighters, and reconnaissance planes.

In addition to significantly strengthening the occupation troops with an air force, the dispatch of such planes to occupied Cyprus makes it clear that our Turkish-occupied territories will be converted into a multidimensional military springboard, either for implementing Turkey's further expansionist plans or as a bridgehead for similar adventurist actions against other neighborly peoples in the Middle East.

According to the same authoritative sources, the work at the Lefkoniko airport—after the Turkish workers and technicians' strike over labor differences, which lasted only a few days—is in its final stage.

The final asphalt layer of the huge runway, which is at least five times longer than Larnaca Airport's runway—according to a recent TASS report—is being laid....

### **PCR: Here Comes the Computer**

(Beijing, Xinhua, in English, July 10) A Shanghai peasant ordered a microcomputer application system last week to become the first individual buyer in rural Shanghai, and probably in rural China.

Thirty-five-year old Lin Xin from Chongming County will pay 33,900 yuan (about 15,400 U.S. dollars) for a Canadian microcomputer with software on management, fodder mixing, and traditional Chinese medical diagnosis. The Shanghai Shidai Information Technology Company, the seller, has agreed to take a 20,000 yuan (about 9,090 U.S. dollars) down payment and the rest next year.

Lin Xin, who runs a rural workshop under contract as well as providing technical guidance for five production teams, has also asked the company for software on breeding fish, turtles, prawns, and dairy cattle, rice cultivation, and the use of pesticides. The Shidai Information Technology Company will train operators for him.

During last week's meeting at which Lin Xin ordered the computer, 20 application systems worth over 400,000 yuan (about 181,800 U.S. dollars) were ordered by buyers from rural Shanghai.

### **Kampuchea: Seeing the Light**

(Phnom Penh, SPK, in English, July 21) Fifty-six misled people reported themselves to the revolutionary administration of Tram Kak District in Takeo Province in the first half of this year, bringing with them 16 guns and a quantity of ammunition. Chhang Kien, 22, native of the district, recalled the atrocities committed by the Pol Pot remnants against innocent people. He said that the happy life of the inhabitants had prompted him to return. The returnees are allowed to rejoin their families and given opportunities to make their living with assistance from the local authorities and population.

### **North Korea: The Flower of Friendship**

(Pyongyang, KCNA, in English, July 12) The Korean February 8 film studio lately produced the feature film "A Flower Blooming on the Ridgeway" built on a real fact about relations between the Korean people and the fraternal Chinese people's volunteers in the period of the fatherland liberation war.

The heroine of the film is Sok Kil-nyo whom the CPV fighters call bellflower girl. She lives with her younger brother, deprived of her parents by the enemy, U.S. imperialists. But she assists the front with increased production of grain, convinced of victory. Aware that helping the CPV fighters means contributing to victory in the war, she sincerely helps the CPV fighters with kindred feelings; she picks bellflower roots and wild vegetables every day for their dishes....

...When Sok Kil-nyo is heavily wounded on her leg after saving a CPV soldier, they come to donate their bone and blood for her....The film impressively shows how the deeply-rooted Korea-China friendship bloomed into a beautiful flower in the days of the hard-fought war. It declares that the blood-sealed friendship between class brothers is indestructible.

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