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Rockefeller In All Out Mobilization For Nuclear Showdown

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 24 (IPS) — The vacillation of the factional opposition to the insane Rockefeller-Kissinger build-up to general confrontation in the Middle East last week has put the world on a 48 hour thermonuclear fuse. Nothing short of the removal of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, followed by a rapid move towards an overall Geneva settlement will stop their mad drive towards war. At the time of writing, Kissinger is moving to realize a "limited nuclear war" posture which he articulated a week ago yesterday in a speech delivered in Phoenix, Ariz. With all of the Rockefeller-Kissinger covert war provoking apparatus in the Mideast still intact, the Secretary of State himself issued a statement in London yesterday which indicated that the war fuse could be lit at any moment. After meeting with his personal provocateur-on-scene, Special Envoy in Lebanon L. Dean Brown, Kissinger proclaimed that the "situation in Lebanon is desperate...discussions have broken down...there is no immediate chance for discussions."

There are indications that the vacillation demonstrated by President Ford earlier in the week on the Mideast question and on Kissinger's continuing tenure as Secretary of State may well be changing. In a speech before the Daughters of the American Revolution yesterday, Ford reiterated his pledge made in Texas two weeks ago that he will at all costs avoid a thermonuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union.

The George Ball-Averell Harriman wing of the U.S. Atlanticists meanwhile has dangerously reserved their counter-attacks against the Rockefeller seizure of foreign policy and fired press and related attacks aimed at recapturing the uncaged Kissinger beast. Under pressure from an all out Labor Party mobilization and direct organizing by Harriman spokesmen and their associates in the U.S. Congress by week's end, Harriman forces escalated their assault on Kissinger. Going beyond railing against Kissinger's "limited nuclear war" policies and timid exposés of Rockefeller's war-making capabilities, four Harriman-Democratic Party Presidential hopefuls called for Kissinger's removal or the abandonment of Kissinger's war scenario over this weekend.

On April 20, the Chicago Tribune, which is tied to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's associate Brooks McCormack, President of International Harvester, brought Rumsfeld into the front pages to explicitly debunk the "limited war" doctrine put forward by Kissinger in Phoenix. Following the Harriman-linked Washington Post-Chicago Sun Times use of Counter-Spy editor Winslow Peck to blow CIA arming and funding of the Falange, the New York Times

took aim at another Kissinger trigger, the Dayan-Peres directed Israeli extremists.

These "normal procedures" applied to cage Rockefeller-Kissinger policy have had absolutely no effect. Instead, Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, demonstrating the level of insanity now gripping his immediate circle, leaked statements he made to a gathering of Georgia Republicans last weekend in which he charged that the campaign staff of Democratic Presidential hopeful Sen. Henry Jackson had been infiltrated by "communists." Rockefeller's hysterical use of acknowledged "McCarthyite" tactics against a former ally is a signal to all opposition that this time he intends to pull out all stops — employing every dirty trick he can to carry out his confrontationist policy. In an interview yesterday with the Sun-Times, Kissinger revealed that planned "democratic moves" on the foreign policy front were being stalled by the presidential electoral process — an indication that Rockefeller will destroy that process if it gets in his way.

Kissinger Bent On War

Acting overtly as Rockefeller's personal emissary with no pretention of fulfilling his duties as Secretary of State, Kissinger's stop in London yesterday was specifically aimed at putting the final touches on the programmed "regional war scenario" in the Mideast. Following his meeting with Brown in which Kissinger proclaimed the situation in Lebanon to be out of control, Kissinger is reported in the today's London Financial Times to have stated that the war in Lebanon could rapidly spread to become a regional conflict in which Soviet military intervention is a real possibility.

Thumbing his nose at the attacks by Harriman forces, Kissinger reaffirmed his "limited regional war" operation April 22 at a press conference in Washington, D.C. In the press conference which was intended to both set the stage for both his 7 African nation trip aimed at provoking regional conflicts and create the policy conditions for a showdown with the Soviets over the Mideast, Kissinger told reporters that the deterioration of detente was due to "Soviet activity in Angola." The U.S. would stand-up to the Soviets in any corner of the world, he blustered where the Soviets engaged in similar activity — i.e., the Mideast.

Harriman-Chicago Leading That Potshots Don't Work

All the central figures of the Ball-Harriman group and their associates in the U.S. Congress were thoroughly briefed

by Labor Party representatives over the week on the immediate danger and ineffectiveness of their initial potshot attacks on the Mideast. Three Democratic Presidential candidates most intimately associated with Harriman forces then escalated their assault on Rockefeller's chief provocateur. Jimmy Carter today broke campaign protocol and hit at Kissinger through attacking President Ford's "weak and vacillating" foreign policy. Accusing Ford of putting his campaign above the nation's security, Carter stated that Ford was capitulating to the rightward pressure of Ronald Reagan in order to get votes. Rep. Morris Udall (D-Ariz.) followed with an interview published in tomorrow's Washington Post urging that Kissinger "move on." Finally Harriman's chubby stalling horse Sen. Frank Church (D-Id.) reported that the U.S. must avoid regional war at all costs on a network television broadcast.

This sharp break from "normal channels" of factional tactical warfare on the part of Chicago and Harriman forces had begun in Chicago yesterday afternoon when Sen. Adlai Stevenson, Jr. (D-Ill.), responding to a week of Labor Party briefings by publically calling for the quick reconvening of the Geneva Mideast Peace Conference. Speaking at the University of Chicago, Stevenson stated "Any responsible government would now call for the reconvening of the Geneva Conference. Since no government has accepted that responsibility, I am now calling for a quick return to Geneva." Stevenson's statements were followed up last night by Rep. Donald Riegle's (D-Mich) call for the "immediate resignation of Kissinger" on a Flint, Mich. radio station (Flint is another Labor Party stronghold.)

Congressional activity around the USLP's urgent call for action on the Mideast also met results on Capitol Hill yesterday. The offices of Senators Abounezk (D-S.D.) and Haskell (D-Col), both on a fact-finding mission in the Mideast over the congressional recess, requested pertinent information from the USLP to be immediately cabled to the Senators for use in the Mideast.

In related activity, Sen. Jacob Javits (D-NY) and Mathias (R-Md.), both usually associated with the Rockefeller family, made public statements late last week that their contact with Arab leaders in the Middle East "found no appetite for war."

Harriman forces launched several potshots at the Rockefeller-Kissinger Middle East war machinery. On April 24 the New York Times blasted the Israeli "extremists" who launched the provocative march into the West Bank last weekend. Openly calling for an Israeli government led by dove Abba Eban, and PLO-Israeli talks, the Times editorial was meant as a signal to Rockefeller not to unloose his Israeli Dayan-Peres "crazies." One day earlier, both the Washington Post and the Sun Times reported Winslow Peck's "leaked" confirmation that the assassinated CIA station chief in Athens, Richard Welch, was responsible for supporting and funding the Falange. Part of Welch's job, according to Peck, was to "kindle the war" in Lebanon — an explicit warning to the Rockefeller gang.

Ford-Rumsfeld Wake To Danger

Paralleling these Congressional developments, forces close to President Ford and Defense Secretary Rumsfeld showed a marked interest in Labor Party briefings late last

week. On April 22, high sources in the Pentagon revealed to Labor Party representatives that an apparent opposition to Kissinger both Ford and Rumsfeld "were pushing for Geneva." Yesterday, representatives from Rumsfeld's office took a detailed report on the Middle East and related developments. Similarly today, the offices in the White House opened up lines of communication to the Labor Party.

Sources close to Ford had previously indicated that the President was interested in making sure that he would get the maximum vote total in the upcoming Texas primary and had no taste for making dramatic policy moves. Rockefeller, who has Ford profiled, has attempted to keep the pressure on the President by ordering his soap suds salesman Republican candidate, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan to make a series of provocative right wing, yahoo oriented foreign policy in front of "packed" audiences. The President had previously been responding according to profile and at least tacitly backig a tough line, Ford is now apparently beginning to realize that their may not be any election at all if the Mideast situation cannot be cooled down and his Vice President and Secretary of State caged.

The Game Has No Rules

The activation of the full Harriman network in concert with the marked openness of Ford-Rumsfeld circles to the Labor Party, signals that the delusion by their forces to believe that mad Henry would play by the rules is coming to an end.

Kissinger had in no way responded to the explicit contradiction of his limited war "fight them anywhere" policy offered by Rumsfeld in the April 19 Chicago Tribune. In the Tribune interview, Rumsfeld was fed a barrage of leading questions: "Is there a possibility of war with the Soviets?" "How often do you meet with the President?" Rumsfeld responding in what amounts to policy statement, by announcing the mandate of the American people is that the U.S. "not be the policeman of the world." Taking aim at the hysteria dredged up in recent weeks with so-called Schlesinger's limited nuclear war doctrine reruns in the press, Rumsfeld labelled as false the rumor campaign that NATO allies are up in arms about NATO's failing deterrent in Western Europe. The Rumsfeld line was also buttressed the same day by the Harriman-linked Sun Times warning that the end of detente could lead to general nuclear war.

These initial "routine" factional warnings went completely unheeded by both Rockefeller-Kissinger. In a move that sources extremely close to Harriman verified as a factional counterattack on Harriman and related forces Rockefeller insane himself accused his long-term associate Henry Jackson of harboring "communists" in his campaign staff. The staffer Rockefeller fingered was Dorothy Fosdick, whose father virtually ran the Rockefeller family's day-to-day affairs for some thirty years. Dorothy Fosdick's crime was her breaking from Rockefeller ranks in the post-war period into the Harriman orbit. The mad Rockefeller's message went out to all factional opponents — anyone who does not tow the Rockefeller line will be crushed. In a press conference yesterday Jackson, himself an expert witness on the subject, was forced to admit that "Nelson Rockefeller is the lowest form of humanity," and reiterated his call for Rockefeller's resignation.