

Haig attacks detente—and U.S. strength

In the space of a single interview with the French newsdaily *Le Figaro* this week, NATO Commander General Alexander Haig managed to insult the foreign policy of America's Western European defense allies, charge the Soviets with preparing for wide-scale intervention into the Third World, and reassert his well-known view that elected political leaders should be subservient to the military.

"I don't believe in détente," the NATO commander said. "It is only a politician's game." The Warsaw Pact stance is such, he continued, to demand "reenforcement of NATO's central flank for the present . . . by an increase in conventional arms," and by an increase in nuclear weapons in the 1980s.

Haig's statement is but one of a like series coming from British agents-of-influence who, like Haig, were trained by Henry Kissinger. Together, they form a pattern of London-designed and Kissinger-orchestrated disruptions aimed at derailing the emerging European Monetary Fund, through a massive NATO armaments drive and the destruction of détente. Prevention of U.S. participation in the EMF is

a central feature of the Kissinger deployment.

Europe remains nonplussed by Haig's provocations. French Defense Minister Bourges told the National Assembly Nov. 7: "Never mind, we French believe in détente," in reference to the interview. On the same day, a West German Defense Ministry spokesman told this newsservice: "The current situation is forcing the present rate of armaments expansion, but this is not the direction in which we really want to go."

Haig's arms buildup drive is having much more success in the U.S. than in Europe. Here a press scandal led by the *Baltimore Sun* over the ongoing military exercises code-named "Nifty Nugent" is setting the stage for implementation of the economy-wrecking austerity and military production program put forth by President Carter in his Oct. 24 "anti-inflation" speech. According to the Nov. 4 issue of the *Sun*, the maneuvers will demonstrate U.S. inability to survive a nuclear attack, a revelation that is putting hair on the chests of the warhawks in the U.S. Congress and elsewhere. This constituency is pushing President Carter for even greater leaps in

U.S. "defense" spending, while austerity prevails over the federal budget as a whole.

As representatives of the U.S. research and development community including the prestigious Fusion Energy Foundation have emphasized, a competent national defense policy cannot be based on the Haig-Kissinger "guns not butter" formula. Such a policy must proceed from the full depth and breadth of national scientific and industrial development efforts, with adequate funding from the federal level. The soundness of this perspective was underlined at the Fusion Energy Foundation's recent conference on high-technology energy policy in Pittsburgh. There, on Nov. 9, Dr. James Blink of the Lawrence Livermore Laboratories announced advances on the Shiva laser fusion device, advances which could, if Livermore receives adequate funding to continue and expand its research, not only have far-reaching military applications, but help install an energy-abundant fusion economy in the relatively near term that will ensure the global prosperity on which lasting peace must be based.

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