

Egypt's commitment to defend her Arab neighbors against Israeli aggressive action while leaving untouched Israel's "right" to a preemptive strike. To square this circle, Atherton penned a "definition of aggression" exonerating Israel from responsibility for its military incursions into Lebanon against Palestinian and civilian concentrations. So ludicrous was Atherton's formulation that Egyptian President Sadat did not even bother to meet him when he shuttled over to Egypt. In fact, the Egyptian government termed the mission a failure in an official statement.

On Atherton's return, matters deteriorated further. Rumors circulated in official State Department "background" briefings that the Carter Administration is toying with the idea of a "new Camp David summit." This would be preceded by a tripartite meeting of the Egyptian, Israeli, and American secretaries of state and foreign ministers.

But with Egypt prevented by extensive Arab pressure — epitomized by the recent groundbreaking Syria-Iraq unity talks in Damascus — from signing a separate deal with Israel, leading Anglo-American and Zionist circles are ready to "ditch" Egypt altogether. The Sadat regime would then be subjected to the "Iran treatment," while Israel is reinforced as the anti-Soviet bastion in the region.

This is being demanded by those Anglophiles responsible for the letter of 170 retired general officers which appeared in the New York Times demanding that Israel be made the NATO extension in the Middle East. After this letter's publication Jan. 21, the Israeli Foreign Ministry elatedly rushed out a report entitled "Israel and the U.S. — the Reaffirmation of Strategic-Political Interests."

According to the Christian Science Monitor: "The purpose of the paper is to refute U.S. critics who claim that the special American-Israeli relationship is due solely to internal pressure in the U.S. Instead, the Israeli document argues that Israel is an asset to the global position of the U.S."

"Arguing that Israel is the only internally stable country in this region, it raises the point that the Israeli Defense Forces are called the only effective military substitute for a considerable U.S. military presence in the eastern flank of the Mediterranean...."

Emboldened by Tories' support, the Israelis have launched a series of escalations this week. In Paris on Jan. 30, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan declared that the "wave of Islamic revivalism" in the Mideast signified that Egypt would probably no longer want a peace treaty with Israel: Dayan effectively admitted that Israel is freed to do as it pleases in the Mideast.

During the previous week Dayan had warned that Palestinians living under Israeli occupation would be "deported" if they publicly supported the Palestine Liberation Organization. On the same day, the Israeli army razed the houses of family members of suspected terrorists — the first such Israeli action in several months. This in turn was preceded by a call by a prominent Jewish mayor of the Galilee area in northern Israel for 300,000 Jews to be brought into Galilee so that the "increasingly radical" Arabs of that area would not "engulf" the Jews of the region.

—Mark Burdman

## Gardner: IMF should rule the EMS

*The pervasive incompetence of Carter Administration policy has affected the Administration's stance toward Europe and the European Monetary System as well. Richard Gardner, the United States' Ambassador to Italy, gave the following interview to the French daily Le Figaro on Jan. 27, to say that his and official Carter Administration policy is to place the European Monetary System under the control of the International Monetary Fund, which the EMS is explicitly designed to replace.*

Can the world live indefinitely with the dollar as the sole basis? Wouldn't things go better with several reserve currencies?

### Gardner's Oxonian pedigree

Richard Gardner's career in economics parallels the creation and training of President Carter's war-mongering national security advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski. Gardner was picked up at Harvard by Professor John H. Williams, the senior Council on Foreign Relations economist who spent World War II plotting how to preserve the British Empire and the pound sterling's reserve status, and occupied himself in the postwar period with implementing antidollar measures.

Under the auspices of Eugene Rostow, an official British intelligence operative at the time, and Tavistockian Harold Lasswell, Gardner was sent to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. There he wrote an apologia for British policy and its American stooges, finally published in 1956 by Oxford under the title Sterling-Dollar Diplomacy. In intricate detail, he described how U.S. efforts to expand trade and make the dollar widely convertible for that purpose were wrecked by Lord Keynes, the pro-Hitler Lord Halifax (for whom Gardner recently reiterated his admiration), and the Truman administration.

Gardner's Oxford tutor was Roy Harrod, one of Keynes's closest epigones and companions in pederasty. Other mentors included Alexis Coudert of the New York Coudert Brothers law firm which inseminated so many "utopians" into the U.S. armed forces command and the Royal Institute of International Affairs. It was also through these channels that Gardner was married into the Luzzato family; his father-in-law is Gino Luzzato, a member of the monarchist "black" nobility of Venice, and an MI-6 operative who trained the Anglophile elite among Italy's politicians, starting with Ugo LaMalfa. Luzzato is presently collaborating with Otto von Hapsburg and Franz-Josef Strauss in launching the "Southern Tyrolean Party" as part of this group's effort to balkanize and feudalize Europe to counter the European Monetary System.

Should one get back to the Bretton Woods idea that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) should be the primary source of liquidity?

Today there is a new move toward European monetary coordination. Perhaps the outcome could be a pooling of European reserves and a European reserve currency. ... Besides, it could be beneficial to follow the advice of the IMF's "Committee of Twenty" as formulated in 1970: the deposit in the IMF of dollars, gold, and sterling reserves of the different countries in exchange for Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) and the creation of new liquidities through SDRs defined according to an international scale rather than the creation of dollars. The European Monetary System (EMS) being created could contribute to solving the problems of international economic relations ... and all the international economy stands to benefit.

I am convinced and this is also the official attitude adopted by the Carter Administration that a strong and united Europe is good for the United States and the entire world. It is also my opinion and the official position of the Carter Administration that the EMS is capable of providing a positive contribution to the realization of that objective. In asserting this, please do not take my sentiment as a position on whether or not such and such country should join the EMS. ...

But, a strong international monetary system will also necessitate a series of adjustments that will have to be coordinated between the members of the EMS and the rest of the international economy. It is thus that we have to find the means of reinforcing the central role of the IMF within the international monetary system, in particular, to help the fund exercise its functions of strict surveillance. (...)

The efforts undertaken on an international scale should not only concentrate on a new world economic order, but also on a new national economic order in the developed and developing countries. In the developed countries, it means the adoption of measures to restrict consumption and waste. ... In the developing countries, it means measures to aid the poor in increasing their productivity and satisfying their essential needs. Our objective does not consist in transferring the riches of the developed countries toward the developing ones. ...

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