

try to impose a war economy on the United States, Europe, and Japan.

But, Haig's biggest operation in behalf of his British controllers during this period was the Watergate destabilization of President Richard Nixon — an inside-outside operation which Haig and Henry Kissinger coordinated with the aid of British, Kennedy, and Lazard *Washington Post* networks. "Alexander Haig is running for reelection, you know," one New York Council on Foreign Relations insider recently commented, noting that Haig had actually seized the reins of power from Richard Nixon long before Nixon was ac-

tually ousted. A coconspirator on the inside with Haig and Kissinger in this Watergate coup d'etat against Nixon was Winston Lord, now the President of the New York Council on Foreign Relations.

Rewarded for services rendered to the British monarchy, Haig was shortly thereafter made head of NATO. Haig views NATO as an occupation army in Europe which must prepare, in the immediate future, to fight (and lose) World War III at a time when the European governments and the Soviet Union are in serious economic and disarmament negotiations which could ultimately lead to the gradual dismemberment of the

Aspen's Cleveland: what's up for NATO

"The Third Phase of NATO," according to a December 1978 NATO Review article under that title by Harlan Cleveland, is fascism. Of course, Mr. Cleveland, director of the International Affairs Program at the U.S.-based Aspen Institute, a branch of British intelligence, does not use exactly that word. He states simply that "runaway technologies" have rendered republican forms of government, indeed, any form of nation-state, obsolete; that a "new skepticism of science and technology" and "a new emphasis on ecological causes and effects" demand "a new willingness" on NATO's part "to think in terms of global perspectives...." Under NATO, or international bodies "cloned" from NATO for this purpose, science and technological progress must be strictly regimented, and society reorganized for "selective growth."

The resemblance to "His Imperial Majesty" Otto von Habsburg's "Europe of the regions," and H.G. Wells's science-for-the-oligarchy, is not coincidental.

The following are excerpts of the Cleveland article.

I think it is fair to think of NATO as having three phases, of which we are at the beginning of the third. The first was getting defence and deterrence organized, and establishing an astonishing stability with essentially unusable weapons.... A second phase was the beginnings of a caucus on how to make peace with the Russians — SALT, MBFR, Helsinki and the rest.... My own favorite definition of detente (is) "the continuation of tension by other means." ... And now we come ... to a time when "security problems are more than anything else the product of how we govern ourselves."

...The central problem is clear enough; it is not 'limits to growth', it is limits to government. Let us not fudge the facts: in the industrial democracies, being developed has come to mean a chronic crisis of govern-

ance ... our governments revolving in endless and ineffective coalitions...

And yet the yeast is rising. In every industrial nation a large number of people, often beginning with the young, have started to do some rethinking of growth patterns. In the United States, for example, the size of families has declined to about the population replacement level. The historic trek from rural to urban habitats has slowed down, leveled off and then gone into reverse. The ecological ethic in its many manifestations has started to make its influence felt in the market place and in politics. A revolution has begun in the roles and status of ethnic minorities and the female half of the population. Local communities insist on gaining more control over their own growth.

...We are moving from an ethic of indiscriminate growth as the central organizing principle — growth unfairly distributed, growth wasteful of our resources and damaging to our surroundings, growth that neglects needs, growth preoccupied with the supply rather than the requirements...

...I will simply recall the paragraph in the 'Limits to Growth' study ... that started with the words, "the final, most elusive and most important information we need deals with human values."

...In sum: a tidal wave of change of values is well under way, and the main obstacle to converting these new values into policies and institutions is not the limits to physical resources or the limits to intellectual resources but the limits to government....

Political leaders keep up a brave front, but their incapacity for decision-making is becoming more and more visible to the rest of us. Central economic planning, popularized around the world partly by industrial democracies who will not touch it with a ten-foot pole

competing blocs.

Alexander Haig is a fraud. Anyone who has seen him interviewed on television sees a hollow man, a thorough dullard. Inarticulate, dumb, and carried solely by infantile, narcissistic macho impulses, Haig cuts an image of the mother-dominated fair-haired boy who is not even particularly slick. Like his close friend Schlesinger, the chain-smoking Haig reaches for his pipe whenever the interviewer demands more than his banality can handle.

—Robert Cohen

A candidacy made in England

Who's supporting Al Haig? As this publication reported earlier this year, the NATO Supreme Commander has already garnered an outright endorsement from at least one leading London publication, the *Daily Telegraph*.

But a more revealing insight into the relationship between Haig's supporters in the United States and his supporters in London is provided by examining the relationship between a late February policy statement from the Royal Institute for International Affairs, and a closely following March 1 statement by the Republican National Committee.

The Royal Institute's statement came in the form of the *Survey* magazine article by General Hackett which predicted that Jimmy Carter's geopolitical "weakness" would make it possible to replace Carter with a "more reliable" Republican. Hackett has also outlined a policy of confrontation with the Soviets, leading, he projected, to a NATO victory over the Soviets in World War III — fought by 1985.

Using precisely the same formulation, a March 1 statement by the Republican National Committee, based on the findings of its "Strategic Alternatives Team," charged Carter with Neville "Chamberlain-like" appeasement of Soviet "dictatorship."

Republican National Committee chairman Bill Brock went further, to call for a Churchill-style "strong man" to replace Carter and square off against the Soviet Union. He said that the Administration's "vacillation" and "inadequate intelligence" in the Iran crisis will serve as a major GOP campaign issue.

The knee-jerk anticommunist profile being used by the British to manipulate the GOP into its current militarized stance is identical to that used by Sir Winston Churchill and Lord Halifax in the late 1940s to push the Republicans into "bipartisan" support for President Truman's made-in-Britain Cold War policy.

At the top of the party, however, the British Haig policy is being conducted through committed Anglophile patrician circles, notably including George Bush, as well as Pennsylvania's Heinz family and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (though the latter is reportedly in a "jealous rage" over the fact that, as a naturalized citizen, he himself is ineligible for the presidency.) These Republican circles interface with pro-Haig Democratic Party forces on such levels as the New York Council on Foreign Relations, the Ditchley Foundation, and the Aspen Institute.

Under the London guidance, the GOP has embarked on an unabashed campaign of confrontationism.

themselves, is nearly everywhere in disarray. The new migratory proletariat streams across national frontiers whether national immigration laws permit it or not. Ethnic and religious rivalries and sub-national separatists threaten the integrity of long-established nations: South Africa, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Jordan, Lebanon, the United Kingdom and Canada are only the most current examples. Power is leaking out of national governments in three directions: to local communities seeking more discretion, to non-government enterprises that can do things so much faster and more flexibly than governments can, and to international agencies which must attempt somehow to manage new technologies that transcend national jurisdictions.

The institutions of government, in short, are left over from the era for which they were designed — the era of undifferentiated growth in which the many different kinds of growth did not have to relate to each other... When it comes to governance there is one thing worse than doing bad things on purpose, and that is doing good things but not relating them to each other.

In conclusion I would like to make two quick suggestions ... about the NATO Science Committee...

...Why not use our NATO fellowships to bribe more integrators and not bribe only the best of the specialists ... I mean people who are graduating from quality work in a specialty to face the ambiguities and puzzlements of bringing it all together...

My other suggestion is this: If the industrial democracies are in trouble because they are not yet wrapping humanizing institutions around runaway technologies, why do not the NATO Council and Secretary General bring the NATO Science Committee ... into the mainstream of ... research and development strategies...

I have argued that we are already in transition to a new ethic of purposeful growth ... But great ideas are never noisy on arrival. They slip into minds unannounced. Remember Albert Camus. "Great ideas ... come into the world on doves' feet. If we listen closely we will distinguish amidst the empires and nations, the gentle whisper of life and hope."