

Cyrus Vance and the 'big lie'

Since the cover story in this issue of *Executive Intelligence Review* was prepared for the press, reports have reached us confirming that the People's Republic of China, the regime responsible for the devastation of Kampuchea, is currently finalizing plans for an early invasion of Vietnam. Reliable sources report that China, following discussions with the Carter administration, timed a massive mobilization of troops to take place after the United Nations voted to seat the deposed Pol Pot regime.

Upwards of 500,000 Chinese troops are mobilized near the Vietnamese border, complete with artillery, tanks, and other equipment required for an invasion, according to the Helsinki-based World Peace Council.

In the plans of Washington and Peking, the new invasion of Vietnam will be "limited," designed mainly to force Hanoi and the Heng Samrin government of Kampuchea into a "compromise" with Pol Pot and Peking's other puppet, Prince Sihanouk. Impartial observers agree that no such compromise is likely. Far more likely is that the United States will be drawn as China's partner into a confrontation with the Soviet Union that could escalate into nuclear war.

It is thought that the strategy of a new Vietnam invasion was worked out in detail when Vice President Mondale visited Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping in late August. To cover up the secret agreements with Peking that could get the United States into a new world war, Cyrus Vance's U.S. State Department is complicit in the most massive campaign of fabrications against Vietnam since the Goebbels era. Vance in

his Sept. 24 speech to the United Nations stated that a Vietnamese "offensive" had "complicated" efforts to bring about a compromise. The "offensive," according to the Vance-linked *New York Times*, involves as many as 180,000 Vietnamese soldiers aiming to wipe out a purported "40,000 troops" under the command of Pol Pot.

In fact, qualified observers estimate that Pot's forces number at most 5,000.

Vance and Peking are also circulating the tale that Vietnam is placing preconditions before it will allow food aid to be delivered to the country—demanding that the international community work through the Heng Samrin government and thus legitimize Vietnamese troop presence.

In fact, as British journalist John Pilger wrote in the *New Statesman* this week, it has been the United States and China which placed preconditions on Vietnam and Kampuchea for aid.

Pilger shows that the Secretary of State has systematically lied to Congress and the American people on

this matter, by claiming that no requests for aid have been made.

Behind Cyrus Vance's legal arguments and claims of "concerned neutrality" lies a set of secret agreements made between Washington and Peking to allow China to dominate all of Southeast Asia and weaken Vietnam if necessary in the process. To further the aims of China, and to provoke the Soviet Union, which is committed to Vietnam through a friendship treaty, the United States withholds food and other aid.

There is thus no exaggeration in the statement that while the Maoists in Peking and their puppet Pol Pot must be held responsible for the murder of 3 million Kampucheans, the estimated 1-2 million Kampucheans now facing starvation are equally the responsibility of Cyrus Vance and the Carter administration.

The only way an effective aid program can be mounted to save the desperate survivors of the Holocaust our cover story recounts, is to immediately end all secret agreements into which the Carter administration entered with Peking on Indochina.

—Nora Hamerman

The Week in Brief

Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo proposed the "adoption of a world energy plan that covers all nations ... [and] is binding on all," in a speech to the U.N. General Assembly Sept. 27.

Solution of the energy crisis, he emphasized, must be linked to creation of a new world economic order which promotes Third World development.

Among the elements of a world energy plan outlined by Lopez Por-

tillo were: rationalizing "exploration, production, distribution, consumption and conservation of present-day sources of energy"; intensified exploitation of "potential reserves of all types"; creation of financing and development funds for the Third World; and a "short-term system" to stop oil price speculation and resolve "the problems of developing countries that import petroleum." He proposed creation of an

international energy institute and a working group in the U.N. to prepare specific proposals.

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The City Council of Cleveland, dominated by Democrats, has voted up a resolution to make marijuana possession a criminal offense again. The resolution passed unanimously, urging the Ohio state legislature to undertake "recriminalization" of the drug which it "decriminalized" in a previous session.

The move is viewed as a reflection of vast popular sentiment against all drugs, which has reached a peak in the Midwest as a result of the work of anti-drug coalitions in several states who will hold a convention to found a national anti-drug coalition Sept. 29 in Detroit. The text of the resolution refers to the activity of "national anti-drug coalitions."

Observers also think the City Council vote against marijuana could have presidential implications in 1980's race. The Cleveland council, representing largely black and ethnic urban residents, is viewed as a typically natural base for an Edward Kennedy presidential bid. But Kennedy advocates the legalization of marijuana, and has introduced legislation to this effect at the Federal level.

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Former Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti has told his Christian Democratic Party supporters that an alliance with the Communist Party of Italy to battle terrorism is an immediate political necessity for the nation. Andreotti made his proposal in *Il Popolo*, the Christian Democratic newspaper, as a contribution to the debate over whether the party should align itself with the Communists or, as some advocate, the Socialist Party. The Socialists' leadership has been implicated in terrorism by the Red Brigades and other groups, with several figures high-up in the party under immediate investigation.

Andreotti called the fight against terrorism the "first line of defense of

the state," and praised Western nations' detente policies toward the Soviet Union as an important advantage of political leaders today over their predecessors. Italy can make a major contribution to detente, which it has not so far, said Andreotti, by an "alliance for a long breathing space" with the Communist Party.

In the past week, two terrorist assassinations have occurred in Italy, of a Fiat automobile executive and the well-known anti-mafia judge Cesare Terranova, a Communist Party member.

At the same time, police in Rome defused what may have been a major terrorist operation-in-the making when they spotted a man and a woman changing license plates on a car, and attempting to make it resemble a police car. A shootout ensued in which the man, whom press sources call the underground leader of the Red Brigades, Prospero Gallinari, was shot twice in the head.

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The New Hampshire primary is "insignificant" and "overrated" said columnist Tom Wicker this week. Wicker penned his complaint in the *New York Times*. The outcome of New Hampshire's primary, argues Wicker, has little bearing on what actually happens in the presidential election.

New Hampshire's primary election next February, the first in the nation, has traditionally been looked at as an indicator of the national mood, and has often had a major impact on the national pattern.

Wicker, however, is not the only person suggesting that New Hampshire be downgraded from its current stature. The *Detroit News* in an editorial this week argues that New Hampshire ought not to be as important as it is, because it is not "a representative American state"—it has no women's liberation movement, no gay movement, and so forth.

The attacks on New Hampshire may reflect the partisan fears of the editors. Observers say that independent candidate Lyndon LaRouche, a favorite son advocate of nuclear

power and economic development, stands an excellent chance of defeating Ted Kennedy and others in the primary, including Ronald Reagan. Kennedy, whom Wicker supports, has little campaign organization so far, and Reagan, who planned no public appearances in his undeclared candidacy early in the campaign, has suddenly shifted gears and scheduled a Rotary Club luncheon in New Hampshire for next month.

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Scandal and controversy erupted in the campaigns of presidential aspirants Teddy Kennedy and Governor Jerry Brown this past week. Kennedy, in keeping with his new presidential campaign image as a "conservative" dramatically met the test when he recently announced on the Senate floor that he had worked out a "deal" with Strom Thurmond and Attorney General Civiletti to allow the seating of Tennessee Federal judge Bailey Brown on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Shocking both friend and foe alike, Kennedy asked that Brown be seated on the condition that he suspend—but not *resign*—his membership in the all-white University Club. This action resulted in a two-hour-long debate with Jacob Javits, charging Kennedy with selling out the black electorate. "What signal are we sending out to the black people of the United States?" The Senate overwhelmingly voted in favor of Kennedy, 83-12.

In the case of Jerry Brown, Oakland police last week arrested California State Court of Appeals Justice Paul N. Halvonick and his lawyer wife for possession of 323 marijuana plants and \$100 worth of cocaine. Halvonick was Brown's nominee for his post. However, Justice Halvonick—even though charged with felony and misdemeanor charges—may escape trial and prison. Under California State law he may instead choose to informally admit his guilt and then enter a "drug diversion" program for two years. He then could be given the option of keeping his \$65,000 a year job on the bench.