

Kissinger Watch by M. T. Upharsin

'Fact-finding' mission south of the border

When Henry Kissinger and his Central America Commission left for a six-day "fact-finding" tour of Central America on Oct. 9, Kissinger had promised he wasn't going to get involved in the current political or military situation at all.

Others had doubts. Mexico's former president Luís Echeverria, when asked about the usefulness of the Kissinger Commission, said, "Useful? For whom? For which government? Read Kissinger's memoirs to refresh your memories on how he goes about undermining democratic governments."

Panama's president, Ricardo de la Espriella, mumbled slavishly, "Kissinger is a hope." He explained, "People I speak to in these countries are so desperate, they are willing to grasp at anything."

Before Henry left the United States, the National Democratic Policy Committee managed to catch up with him in Denver, where he was a guest of honor at a gala fundraiser held by Colorado oilman Marvin Davis—implicated with Kissinger in the Marc Rich scandal. When Henry spotted the demonstration, he jumped back in his limousine and had the driver find another entryway. The press photographed the demonstration.

Whooping it up with Chalfont in Hong Kong

Henry, never one to put all his eggs in one basket, is already thinking ahead to the day when his Central America Commission has finished its work.

He is scheduled to keynote a conference on Oct. 28-29 titled "Political and Economic Development in Asia

in the 1980s," sponsored by the Hong Kong Trade Fair, Ltd., and overseen by Henry's old friend Lord Chalfont.

Participants include the notorious Jardine Mathieson bank, which to this day subsists on the Far East opium trade. Chalfont is the chairman of the Committee for the Free World, a grouping of Socialist International agents turned right-wing anti-Communists. For at least 18 months Chalfont and the CFW have been engaged in an attempt to build Henry's credibility as an arch anti-communist conservative.

At the conference, the first panel on Southwest Asia will be led by K. Subrahmanyam, head of the Institute of Defense Studies and Analyses, New Delhi. The panel on Southeast Asia features Dr. A. Viravan, former finance minister of Thailand, now executive director of the Bank of Bangkok, and, rumor has it, the bank's next chairman.

Kissinger has plans to visit other parts of Asia, which we will examine in upcoming columns.

'It's not true, and they're not lying'

On Oct. 12, State Department spokesman John Hughes, who had accused an *EIR* correspondent of "unprofessional" and "unethical" behavior for telling the truth about Henry Kissinger, said he saw nothing unethical or unprofessional in the wholesale lying of the *Washington Post* in support of a caper by George Shultz and his friend Henry, whose conduits have planted "news" stories alleging that foreign policy disasters they have led the administration into were actually the work of the President's National Security Adviser, William Clark. A *Post* article on Oct. 7 alleging that Shultz was "fuming" over a trip Clark had made to Rome to consult with Robert McFarlane was followed by a report in the Oct. 12 Evans and Novak col-

umn in the *Post* that the Secretary's spokesman (presumably Hughes) had "publicly" exploded over the Clark trip.

Under pressure from the White House, Hughes claimed that Shultz had never expressed displeasure with the Clark trip, nor had he or deputy State Department spokesman Alan Romberg.

Asked by *EIR* whether he considered the *Post* to have conducted itself in an ethical and professional manner in this affair, Hughes said that he saw "nothing unprofessional" in the story he had just insisted had been made up out of whole cloth.

Friends at the White House

Reports are that Henry is getting quite friendly with the crowd at the White House. He was over there not long ago, for example, meeting with one of Reagan's top advisers on national security and foreign policy matters. As the meeting ended, and Henry and his host were leaving the office, his host's assistant came running up to them waving a letter in his hand. "Sir, sir," the assistant yelled, "I have a very important letter here for you! It's from a citizen." "Well," the adviser replied cautiously, "what's it about?" "It's from a citizen who says that he admires President Reagan and is very pleased with what we're doing in foreign policy, but he wishes we would get rid of that scoundrel Kissinger," the aide reported.

Kissinger turned red and muttered, "Well, I'm glad they remember me."

In case you wonder how I know about this little incident inside the White House compound, you probably forgot who I am. I'm the hand-writing on the wall, and nobody in the White House takes me seriously, at least not when they're meeting with Kissinger.