

Kissinger Watch by M.T. Upharsin

Those files in the Kremlin

Soviet agents of influence are the world's most ephemeral breed. Once disposable, they are disposed with the grace of toilet tissue paper, as fools who have lost their utility for the Byzantine elders ruling Moscow.

From the stormclouds gathering over the horizon, it would appear that the rulers of the Kremlin may be perceiving Dr. Henry A. Kissinger as the most useless of their useless fools.

Kissinger was to have sold them a very tight U.S. presidential race, so that a second Reagan administration would be obliged to operate according to the Eastern Liberal Establishment appeasers' laws of "bipartisanship," from which vantage point Dr. K. would be able to strangle from the inside the more robust policy initiatives of the Reagan White House, particularly the President's Strategic Defense Initiative. To that end, Fat Henry was obliged to publicly renounce his own earlier opposition to "Star Wars" in an internationally syndicated *Los Angeles Times* feature, to position himself to murder the SDI "from within."

Under conditions of an impending Reagan landslide and the collapse of the Mondale campaign's efforts to destroy the SDI, however, the utility of that maneuver by Dr. K. is most problematic.

Hence the curious item that appeared in the Letter-to-the-Editor column of the Long Island, New York daily *Newsday* on Oct. 22, from one V. Alexeev of the Soviet press agency Novosti—accusing Dr. K., correctly, of feigning support for "Star Wars" to gain himself a new position in the Reagan administration!

"It seems that Washington's main preoccupation now is to push through



its Star Wars project . . . by means fair and foul," writes Alexeev. "Henry Kissinger, either of his own volition or in anticipation of better things to come, has joined this game. The fervor with which Kissinger argues for the Star Wars project that violates not only the spirit, but the letter of the ABM treaty that he had helped draw up, is a good indicator of the unprincipled nature of U.S. politics. If Kissinger can be flippant with his own brainchild and other international treaties limiting military activity in outer space, then there is little basis to expect the current administration to abide with a treaty that was not of its making and was a hindrance to militaristic endeavors."

As is often the case with the Kremlin Byzantines, there is more here than meets the eye. Consider the appreciation of a leading European oligarch with five decades of experience in dealing with the Russian Bear.

"You see, the Russians have a few files on Henry Kissinger, they can pull

them anytime they want. In the last years of the Second World War, he was quite unwisely involved in one or two indiscretions, and, now, almost 40 years later, his concepts don't work for them.

"You see, Kissinger came out of the war with certain set beliefs," the European insider went on. "He thought the world would be ruled by a partnership with the Soviet Union, through the Yalta agreements and through the United Nations and other mechanisms. So he acted in a rather friendly way to the Russians. He got more deeply involved with them than he realized. He said and did a few things that gave the Russians a hold on him. Now, it's difficult for him to squeeze out of what he did when he was a young man.

"He's gotten himself into the most frightful mess and he doesn't know how to get out of it. All his aspirations are coming wrong, but if he ever decides to profoundly change his mind on the Russians, they could immediately destroy him. They have the files, the photographs, and they would pull it all out and destroy him. So, Henry Kissinger is in the most frightful trap and mess.

"Personally," he concluded disdainfully, "I think Henry Kissinger in any case has no historical importance at all, insofar as *big* history is concerned. Kissinger won't rank more than a paragraph in the history books. That I can guarantee."

From an "Aesopian" standpoint, the Soviets appear to be delivering on that "guarantee." A recent edition of the government daily *Izvestiya* had a headline about "cutting down pine forests." In Russian, the word for "pine forest" is "bor." "Bor" is also the codename given to Henry Kissinger from the days of his early "indiscretions" with the Russians!