

Editorial

Shades of the Malvinas

It's one thing for Maggie Thatcher, at the behest of the Queen, to stab her friend Ronald Reagan in the back on the question of the Strategic Defense Initiative. It's quite another for the same kind of betrayal to be carried out by the British Lord who nominally heads the Western alliance.

Yet that is precisely what happened when Peter Lord Carrington arrived in Washington, D.C. the first week of April to have his regular consultations with President Reagan, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, and Secretary of State George Shultz.

Carrington told the President that NATO should take a "wait and see" attitude toward what happens with the U.S. research program on the SDI. "It's to be difficult to maintain allied unity on the *research* program," the NATO secretary-general said. "Before any deployment takes place there will be consultations within the alliance and probably with the Soviet Union. . . . It would be wise to see what the research will bring before you say whether you like it or not."

These words will warm the hearts of the marshals in the Kremlin. It is just the kind of disunity which they want to see, as they move to split Europe from the United States through a diplomatic offensive that has mobilized every Soviet asset in the West, from German Foreign Minister Genscher to London's International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Carrington's sabotage of a unified Western policy for Mutually Assured Survival is only the crowning act of a long-term perspective on the part of the British oligarchy, which thinks it has a deal with the Soviets. From the time of his inauguration, this business partner of Henry Kissinger has done his best to destabilize Western Europe. Such a consistent policy line can be observed, in particular, with the way Lord Carrington greased the skids to send Greece into the arms of the Soviets (as we document in *International*), but also in the realm of international terrorism. While every sane politician and intelligence expert has been pointing the finger at Moscow's involvement in the terror wave which began to sweep Europe in December, Carrington took the occasion of the assassination attempt against Judge

Palermo of Italy in the first week of April to declare that he was firmly convinced that Moscow had nothing to do with terrorism.

Such a betrayal of Western interests brings to mind another betrayal carried out by Lord Carrington, the Malvinas war against Argentina.

It was almost three years ago to the day that Great Britain instigated its neo-colonialist war against the nation of Argentina. Such an action, carried out against a government then closely allied with the United States, was intended to launch a new phase of imperialism in the hemisphere, featuring the seizure of territory as well as other assets.

Many reasons have been bandied about as to why the British would have wanted to fight a costly war on behalf of a few godforsaken islands in the freezing South Atlantic. Certainly, strategic reasons can be found, not the least of which is the desire to teach what the British consider "uppity" Third World nations a lesson. But the most fundamental reason for the Malvinas war had nothing to do with British interests in themselves; the British were determined to create an incident to turn the United States against its own constitutional commitment to protect the Western Hemisphere from external aggression, and in particular, to create a state of war between the United States and Ibero-America.

In this aim, the British were successful beyond their wildest dreams. Not only did they receive the public support of the United States, but they even got the United States to pledge its nuclear support for Britain's war of aggression. To this day, U.S. backing for British aggression rankles the Ibero-Americans more than the British aggression itself! As one knowledgeable Ibero-American put it, what the Left could not do to build support for the Soviets in 20 years, the Malvinas war did overnight.

Now, Carrington is at it again. We suggest the President tell the bloody Lord that if he keeps it up, the United States will give the Malvinas back to Argentina immediately. It's what we should have done a long time ago.