

## Kissinger Watch by M.T. Upharsin

### Venetian duplicity and the Second Coming

On the eve of Henry Kissinger's arrival in Frankfurt, on Friday, Sept. 13, for a forum with Kissinger associate Edward Heath of Great Britain, Jacques Delors of France, and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher of West Germany, a "smoke signal" was sent up by the newspaper *Die Welt*, to be read as a warning that some astute veterans on the European scene are on alert about Henry's current duplicity.

Columnist Wilfried Hertz-Eichenrode, reviewing the history of Socialist International figures in West Germany who have called for U.S. troop withdrawals from Europe, pointed out that the content of these proposals is, in fact, identical to Henry Kissinger's March 5, 1984 article in *Time* magazine!

Hertz-Eichenrode's observation coincided with a scandal in the Federal Republic, caused by the release of a policy paper by Social Democratic Party security chief Andreas von Bülow, which calls for Central Europe to be freed of the American military presence. The actual architect of this policy, SPD leader Horst Ehmke, is, like Kissinger, an executive member of the Trilateral Commission.

The *Welt* warning comes not a moment too soon. All over Europe, Henry Kissinger, the man who (according to a high-level Swiss personality in a unique position to know) nearly "choked on his food" when he first heard President Ronald Reagan enunciate his Strategic Defense Initiative on March 23, 1983, is now being portrayed across Europe as the chief champion, and salesman, for the SDI!

The issue of the *Stern* weekly that hit the streets just before Kissinger's

Frankfurt stopover, ran an interview with the compulsive liar, in which he warned that "a catastrophe will occur if we continue with this strategy" of mutual nuclear deterrence; he only neglected to tell his interviewers that he himself was the architect of that "deterrence" strategy.

From Sept. 8-9, many newspapers reprinted Kissinger's latest syndicated column, outlining a strategy for the Geneva arms talks—to "negotiate the scope and nature of strategic defense simultaneously and in relation to agreed levels of offensive forces"—that would supposedly outflank the advocates of "pacifism and unilateral disarmament" in the West susceptible to Soviet propaganda. The proposal itself, put forward as a typical Trilateral Commission "alternative option" in the international press, only undercuts the potency of the Reagan SDI program, by providing the Soviets with a way out from a potential U.S. crash program for SDI.

### Learning the ropes in Venice

Such duplicity is never surprising with Kissinger; as a former close friend of his recently lamented, "When you lie as a foreign minister for a great power, that I can understand, but when you keep doing it as a private citizen, it is, frankly, embarrassing."

From Sept. 7 to Sept. 10, Dr. K received extra training in the art of lying, in the historical capital of duplicity—Venice. During Sept. 7 evening, Kissinger and "wife" were featured props at a gala dinner given by the director of the Montedison conglomerate, Mario Schimberni, also a Trilateraloid.

On Sept. 8, Kissinger and "wife" descended to the San Gregorio monastery in Venice, for a gala dinner giv-

en by Schimberni and James Harmon, director of the New York merchant bank, Wertheim, a bank notorious for underhanded financial dealings. Together with West German ex-Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and members of many of Italy's oldest "families"—Frescobaldi, Gritti, Sforza, Luzzatto, Buoncampagni, and more—the Kissingers fêted a newly released book, *African Esthetics*.

The next morning, Kissinger, Schmidt, Trilateral Commission cohorts Raymond Barre of France and Walter Heller of the U.S., and others, went to Venice's Cini Foundation for the International Advisory Board of the Banco Nazionale di Lavoro, head by Nerio Nesi, a petty Socialist International figure who made his banking career—he recently confessed publicly—through capital provided by the Compagnie Financière de Holding of France's Edmond de Rothschild. De Rothschild is a member of the Trilateral Commission. In mid-August, BNL announced that it had placed Kissinger on its advisory board.

According to available accounts, Kissinger's BNL speech was on the subject, "Italy and the SDI," in which Kissinger put himself forward as the man who could broker deals to bring Italy into the SDI.

Venetian networks in the United States are abuzz with the latest oracular statements about Henry. One prominent banker loyal to Venetian insurance interests, who served as a State Department higher-up in the 1960s, presented a gloomy strategic picture to an interlocutor, expressing fear that "Armageddon" loomed around the corner in the Middle East, and that World War III was increasingly likely. The hopeful sign, he said in a somewhat mystical air, was that, "In the second half of the second Reagan administration, we will see the Second Coming of Henry Kissinger."