

## Kissinger Watch by M.T. Upharsin

### Planning death in Venice

In the mid-September period, when most of Europe is returning from vacation, the gossip- and scandal-sheets of the Old World, such as West Germany's *Bild Zeitung* daily, have been reporting that Henry Kissinger and wife Nancy have "gone on vacation in Venice."

One doesn't "vacation" in Venice.

For centuries the capital of intrigue, diplomatic back-stabbing, financial warfare, and assassination plots, Venice is currently the scene of much such activity. Henry Kissinger, the man, and Henry Kissinger, the species, has hardly been "on vacation."

On Sept. 15, columnist Alberto Mucci of Italy's *Corriere della Sera* leaked some of the details of the goings-on. In a piece with the curious title, "Optimism in Venice," Mucci reported on an array of "board meetings" of banks and industrial firms. Venice, in the future, he said, will be the site of more "periodical meetings to discuss strategic issues." "Wise men" like Kissinger and former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt would be among the "consultants" brought in to review global issues. This, said Mucci, cryptically, "is becoming an operational method that is found to be particularly stimulating."

It is Venice restored to its ancient role. In town for the several days of events, the columnist revealed, were, among others, banker Edmond de Rothschild, a member, like Kissinger, of the Trilateral Commission; U.S.

economist Walter Heller, formerly director of the Carter administration's Council on Economic Advisers, and also a Trilateralist; former French Prime Minister Raymond Barre, another Trilateralist and favored Trilateral candidate to be next President of France; former U.S. Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs Nathaniel Samuels; and others.

The "optimism" they shared was expressed by Heller, who sang paeans to the U.S. economic "recovery," which would become the "locomotive" of the world economy. He asserted that his "optimism" was the professional stock-and-trade of "those who study economics, who know reality better than the politicians." He said inflation was now under control in "astounding ways." Given what is known about what Venetian banks and insurance companies' speculative activity has done to the American economy over the past decade or two, the only "astounding" thing is that Heller is not currently emplaced in an insane asylum.

Soon after such comments (no date, by the way, given in the Mucci account), Mucci reports that the discussion turned to the need for advanced-sector "sacrifice," to avert a catastrophe among debtor nations. It was on this theme, that Henry Kissinger rose to pontificate on the need for a "Marshall Plan" for Latin America. Only Cuba's Fidel Castro has expressed more forcefully the idea of "sacrifice" in the North, especially of the American defense budget.

### Plotting some genocide

In an interview with the Italian magazine *Capital* in early September, Nerio Nesi, the head of the Banco Nazionale di Lavoro (BNL), and one of the patrons of the activities in Venice, gave a much more brutal sense of the stra-

tegic agenda.

"In the future, there will be not more than 20-30 banks in the world," Nesi declared.

For whom was Nesi speaking, in asserting something that would necessarily involve the greatest financial shake-out in history, and untold economic suffering? Elsewhere in the same article, he revealed that he had built his financial fortune through deals with Edmond de Rothschild. The Rothschilds, of course, are hardly new to setting in motion financial calamities.

In mid-August of this year, Kissinger was placed on the international advisory board of BNL, joining Raymond Barre in this position.

Now, matters escalate. On Sept. 23, Nesi was one of the featured participants, in Venice, at a forum of the Italian branch of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, on whose international advisory board sits Kissinger. While it is not known, as of this writing, if the Kissingers' "vacation" will extend to their being present at this event, known participants include: Italian President Francesco Cossiga, an Aspen member; Italian industrialist Umberto Colombo, a member of the Trilateral Commission; the Prince Aga Khan, the multibillionaire mystic from Geneva who is a Kissinger intimate; and former U.S. special Mideast envoy Philip Habib, also a Kissinger intimate.

A central subject under discussion, we have learned, was "demographical and ecological" problems of the Mediterranean, including the dangers posed by "demographic pressures" from North Africa on Italy and other Mediterranean countries. This is the usual code-word for planning genocidal measures, wars, and so on—so that "the Venetians" and their friends will not be overwhelmed by the "darker peoples from the South."