

Kissinger Watch by M.T. Upharsin

Not another China card!

Henry Kissinger and his friends would do well to remember what the Chinese themselves undoubtedly have not forgotten, that the 19th-century "China traders" did that country great evil. Some of the punishments inflicted by outraged Chinese upon traders and missionaries who actively promoted the "free trade" policies that brought the opium plague to China were hideous—but then, so was the opium trade.

China has been fighting internally for almost 150 years about how to open to the West. The conflict has taken a heavy toll. One big reason for the problem is that the Chinese have consistently been met with some of the nastiest creatures the West has produced during that time. The fact that Henry Kissinger appears to be plumping himself up to get in on the China circuit once again, will do China no good.

Kissinger began his current round on the China trade circuit by addressing the 20th anniversary celebration of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations in New York Nov. 18. He proclaimed that the prosperity, territorial integrity, and independence of China is as important to the United States as the territorial integrity and independence of any nation in Europe. Of course, Kissinger and his "New Yalta" crowd are very willing to sacrifice the integrity and independence of Europe to the Soviet Empire-builders.

Kissinger spoke for 30 minutes to about 400 former U.S. government officials and dignitaries, at this gala at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City,

the *China Daily* reported Nov. 22. The committee is the latter-day organization of the Boston families that grew rich shipping opium to China, the "Old Families," as a Canadian public-relations executive in Peking called them, which controlled all relations with China up to—and through—the Cultural Revolution. Its membership includes Robert McNamara, Armand Hammer, Cyrus Vance, Adlai Stevenson, and Paul Warnke, a who's who of Soviet appeasers.

Two other leaders of this group are David Rockefeller, Jr., a past business partner in Asia ventures with William Weld, crime-linked head of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Justice Department; and Harvard China expert Jerome Cohen, a sidekick of Weld and adviser on China affairs to Kissinger. Cohen, who spent 1978-81 in China, loves to convey the legendary—and always disastrous—"China market." He was a key speaker at a Dec. 1-2 conference in Paris, on "Reassessing the China Market," at which he described his special talent for writing watertight business contracts, protected against any new Chinese laws that might make things difficult for the foreign investor.

Some in the national committee crew would love to be on the inside of a new global Chinese-Soviet deal. Also in early December, soon after Henry's speech, committee bigshot Armand Hammer was in China, and then flew to the Soviet Union for meetings with the Soviet leadership. A source usually reliable on such matters, told *Kissinger Watch* that Hammer was trying to be "the mediator of a global Chinese-Soviet deal," in which he would make a financial killing in bilateral coal, and other, deals.

"Our relationship with China has always been more complex than our relationship with, say, Europe," Kis-

singer said at the Waldorf. He praised the economic reform program led by Deng Xiaoping. "The Chinese people will again, as they always have, set an example," for other countries, especially developing countries, "of how the aspirations for development and the aspirations for social justice can be combined," he said.

In China itself, the terrible disaster of the Cultural Revolution launched by Mao Zedong, is now officially known as the "decade of chaos."

Directly to the people

Early in this year, some of the 200 million Chinese television viewers will see Kissinger presenting his economic expertise. Kissinger proclaimed that the Chinese economic model is an unprecedented experiment, in his interview with Doris Wan Cheng, producer of the "Global View" TV series, from his office in Manhattan Nov. 27. "The Global View" is a Sino-U.S. cooperative television series introducing to Chinese audiences "the development strategy and management experience of advanced American Enterprises," the *China Daily* reported Nov. 29.

A new Sino-U.S. friendship organization will soon be established, Kissinger said at the graduation of the 33 Chinese students from an MBA program at New York State University in Buffalo, as the *China Daily* reported Dec. 20. But by Kissinger's own confession, this looks to be another one of those "Has-Been" organizations that plague world affairs. The committee, for which Cyrus Vance helped draft the proposal, will include former U.S. Presidents and secretaries of state, Kissinger said. Considering what's available in those categories, once again, it seems the Chinese are getting a bum deal.