Fire Brigade Approach Can't Save Carter Presidency

Sources in a position to know the thinking of President Carter and his top diplomatic and political advisors report that Jimmy Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance were "very positive" toward the new European Monetary System when West German

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Chancellor Schmidt and French President Giscard briefed them on it at the Bonn economic summit in July.

But Carter and Vance apparently do not yet understand how important the Schmidt-Giscard "Grand Design" policy is politically and economically, and aren't campaigning for it. As a result the Carter team has spent the month since Bonn on "fire brigade duty" trying to cool down an unending series of "separate" political and diplomatic crises manipulated by feudally inclined London merchant bankers and their allies, who are determined to block the Grand Design if it takes world depression and war to do it. Destruction of the Carter presidency is their immediate operational goal.

That the U.S. is not yet on record in support of the European Monetary System (EMS) is the work of Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal and his no-growth henchmen, Anthony Solomon, Henry Owen, C. Fred Bergsten and Richard Cooper, all top-ranking economic officials at Treasury, State, and the White House.

"The Germans and the French were pushing the USA very hard on the European Monetary Fund as a way to recycle petrodollars into economic development," a highly placed source said last week. "It was the 'economic boys' who stuck on the note of caution to the U.S. position on the EMS."

Since then, most recently at the Aug. 3 conference of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Blumenthal has refused to make any commitment to stabilizing the dollar, has insisted that the International Monetary Fund should be the arbiter of the economic fate of nations, and has portrayed the U.S. as "uncommitted" to support of the EMS. (The

ASEAN summit story appears in our THIRD WORLD section.)

An Organized Torrent

The Administration has subsequently been subjected to a torrent of Zionist Lobby, Cold War attacks on its foreign policy. These culminated last week in the announcement, under the auspices of the American Security Council, that a 150-member group in the U.S. Congress was seeking a policy of "U.S. supremacy" in nuclear weapons, tantamount to endorsing a U.S. "first strike" military posture against the Soviet Union. The impact of the attacks was seen in Carter's ill-advised decision to convene a Begin-Sadat summit at Camp David.

On the domestic front, Carter's top legislative priorities, the energy and tax cut bills, are in deep trouble, and the pileup of budgetary authorization and appropriations bills is so great that House Speaker Tip O'Neill and others are talking about a post-election-day "special session" of the Congress in November.

London Press Cooks Drug Scandal

Meanwhile, London-directed "liberal" and "conservative" circles, committed to using "free enterprise" as their code word for destruction of any government-led U.S. industrial expansion under the Grand Design, have been promoting a new wave of scandals in a drive to complete "Cartergate."

Leading the pack is Robert Moss, London's chief "free enterprise" propagandist to U.S. business and conservative political circles. (For details, see COUNTERINTELLIGENCE.) Moss is taking what some observers say is an effort by Carter to rid his Administration of the most outspoken proponents of subsistence labor and other economy-wrecking schemes, and trying to turn it into a no-win — and potentially, terrorist-wracked — "right versus left" situation

These sources cite the forced resignation of Midge Costanza, former White House liaison to the "gay community" and the muzzling this week of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Patricia Harris and Barry Bosworth of the Council on Wage and Price Stability as examples of this crackdown.

Now, by alleging that the Administration is riddled with "radicals," Moss is trying to put Carter into an impossible bind. If he cracks down on these networks the left-liberal wing of the Democratic Party will openly break with Carter and rally behind Ted Kennedy for the 1980 Democratic presidential nod. If he refrains, then Moss will have his networks in the U.S. go on a rampage accusing the Administration of harboring "Marxists and communists."

"Sugargate" Threats

In a similar vein, gossip-economist Eliot Janeway told a reporter Aug. 8 that Carter has been wanting to dump Treasury Secretary Blumenthal for a long time, but doesn't dare carry this through "because Blumenthal has plenty of blackmail material on drug use in the White House." Commenting on a report in the Aug. 7 Washington Star that Carter's close advisor Charles Kirbo is urging the President to jettison Blumenthal, Transportation Secretary Brock Adams and Agriculture Secretary Bergland from the Cabinet, Janeway warned: "If Carter tries that, he'll have a Sugargate on his hands. It will come out everywhere that Kirbo, as Coca-Cola's chief lobbyist, has been writing the Administration's sugar policy for Coke's benefit. That'll be some scandal."

Janeway ended his threats with a plug for Ted Kennedy for president: "He's the Democrats' best hope. Carter is all washed up." The "drug scandal" threat is also being retailed in the U.S. by individuals tied to the Lazard Freres investment banking firm, which in turn has been working closely with the Zionist Lobby around the week's Mideast events. "All of the drug stories will come out soon," one of them announced in an interview this week. "The press has all been briefed by Midge (Costanza). They've just been holding back until she's safely out of the White House... Everything's going to come out soon... The Carter Administration will crumble."

Kennedy Boomlet

Kennedy himself has adopted a high profile over the past week, including an appearance on nationwide television Sunday and a speech to the American Bar Association convention Monday in which he endorsed "free enterprise" and attacked "bigness in all its forms." Today, Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill, a close Kennedy crony, took a shot at Carter by announcing that several of the President's top legislative priorities probably would not be considered during the remaining days of the 96th Congress.

Completing the Kennedy "boomlet," the London Times last week asserted that Carter's reputation had been all but destroyed among the rank and file of Democratic Party officeholders and party officials, and touted Kennedy as its own first choice to succeed him in the Presidency.

ABA Convention: 'Rule Britannia'

A report from this week's lawyers' meeting in NYC

Exclusive to the Executive Intelligence Review

The American Bar Association Convention, held in New York City last week, provided the occasion for Ted Kennedy and his political associates, in collaboration with 1,500 British solicitors and barristers invited for the event, to indoctrinate 35,000 American lawyers.

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With major speakers like Senator Kennedy, John J. McCloy, Security and Exchange Commission Chairman Harold Williams, and Ralph Nader attacking the legal profession and American industry with no holds barred, polite, conservative prodevelopment attorneys were left gaping.

In the indoctrination process, the British and their U.S. allies revealed in full their above-ground political

strategy to destroy the recent Bonn and Bremen economic accords before they are implemented (and before the British pound collapses).

The conference opened with a press conference given by NATO Commander Alexander Haig. Haig, who spoke while Henry Kissinger and Helmut Sonnenfeldt lurked behind him, stressed the "relentless growth of Soviet power" and the necessity to "play the China card" to contain Soviet influence in the Third World. He also lyingly, expressed "cautious optimism" that the other European nations joined him in this policy assessment.

Under the banner of "free enterprise," the Kennedy operatives made it clear that they hope to entrap conservatives, whose vulnerability has been demonstrated by their affection for California's taxcutting Proposition 13, into support for their zero growth looting policies by inveighing against the evils of big government and regulation.

Kennedy: A Cry Against Bigness
Senator Kennedy's speech keynoted the ABA