Kissinger Watch by Mark Burdman

Great Britain's gift to Fat Henry

The British have a birthday present for the man who designed the 1973 Arab-Israeli war—a "comeback."

On the evening of May 26, at the Hotel Pierre in New York City, the honored tenets of the leading world faiths will be violated in a most offensive way, as professed dignitaries from the international political jet-set will congregate to celebrate the 60th birthday of Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, a man who by all standards of justice should instead be spending his birthday answering some tough questions from the Italian criminal courts.

For most Jews, it will be all the more disturbing, indeed a travesty, that the organizer of the private dinner of "dignitaries" at the Hotel Pierre, is Harvard University Professor Guido Goldmann, the son of the late respected Jewish spokesman (and conscience) Nahum Goldmann.

In his last years, Goldmann, by contrast with Kissinger, approached a rare type of wisdom, evidenced in his tireless struggle to prevent a new Middle East war. Kissinger at 50 set up the machinery of the 1973 Oil Hoax War, which brought the world to the brink of nuclear holocaust. Ten years later Kissinger's birthday is occurring almost to the day of expected new hostilities in the Mideast—hostilities that have been arranged by the "Kissinger Associates" crowd run by Britain's Lord Peter Carrington, in conjunction with the U.S.S.R.'s party chief Yuri Andropov.

While EIR has only received preliminary hints as to what Helmut Schmidt plans to present to Fat Henry, we can assert with greater certainty what treasure the landed aristocracy of the United Kingdom has in mind.

During the weekend of May 13-15, fifty-plus strategists congregated at the elite Ditchley Park estate in England, under the auspices of Kissinger cronies such as Lord Weidenfeld (of the Weidenfeld and Nicolson publishing empire) and Sir Philip Zulueta, Trilateral Commission member and director of the spy nest known as Rio Tinto Zinc. The meetings are held under bond of secrecy, but *EIR* was made aware that "the comeback of Kissinger" was one of the whispered subjects of conversation in-between the official pompous panels.

One Ditchleyite expressed it this way in private: "There's no grand strategy emerging now from Washington, there isn't a Kissingeresque design. There is more than one crisis in the Middle East: there is Lebanon, there is Iran. On the U.S.-Soviet level, what has to be done has to be done through behind-the-scenes crisis management. There have to be trade-offsoffer to pull back the Israelis, if the Soviets let the U.S. back into Iran. There is something in sending signals that the crisis-management dialogue is being set up. We should emphasize the war danger, to signal that things will get very bad unless crisis-management prevails. Shultz has been going in the wrong way."

Discarding Shultz, the Ditchleyite, who is situated at one of the United Kingdom's more prestigious university centers, indicated there was one individual who could work with Carrington and Schmidt (known in certain circles as the "most polished political prostitute around") to take the reins of decision-making away from the White House: "It would require the elevation of a particularly knowledgeable figure in foreign affairs. Why not bring back Kissinger himself, as some kind of national security adviser to Reagan? He's made some mistakes, but he's by no means over the hill."

The polite fellows of Ditchley would not say, at least not while sober, what they intend to do with Reagan intimate Judge Clark, the present U.S. National Security Adviser. But their idea, to borrow a term from the British, certainly is "bloody" in its implied implementation: only a war in the Middle East and the ensuing humiliation of the White House, plus a few well-placed assassinations (character or otherwise) could provide the atmosphere for getting Kissinger back into an official position.

In a moment of lucidity, the Ditchleyite confessed, "Politically, of course, Kissinger is finished in the U.S. His meddling has been badly received. So, he can't run for office, but. . . ."

Kissinger is not exactly the most popular person in the Middle East either. There, where memories of infamy and betrayal run deep, there are many influentials who would want to give the ex-(rated) Secretary of State a birthday present of the "banana peel" variety.

From this standpoint, *EIR* is closely monitoring Kissinger's anticipated June 26-27 stopover in Israel for a series of high-level meetings. A well-informed Israeli political observer told us, "There has been a sentiment in Israel that Kissinger has been double-crossing us again. This is not appreciated."

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