Kissinger Watch by M.T. Upharsin

The man everyone hates the most

In gathering 350,000 signatures on a petition in support of the Schiller Institute to "Save the Western Alliance—Destroy Henry Kissinger," in five months, one of the most remarkable phenomena discovered by petitioners was the breadth of individuals' reasons for hating and despising Henry Kissinger.

The Schiller Institute was founded by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, wife of independent presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, to rebuild the alliance between Western Europe and the United States in the face of Soviet and Kissingerian efforts to "decouple" the defense of the West.

Representatives of every ethnic group met on the streets of "melting pot" U.S. cities, people including Park Avenue matrons and hot dog vendors, and thousands of visitors from Europe, the Middle East, Ibero-America, Africa, Asia, and Australia had compelling reasons to sign up against Henry.

While, in the heat of their emotional response to the decades of Kissinger's treachery against the nations and people of the West, not all perceptions of Henry's activities were completely accurate, each gestalt of Henry's intentions had an unmistakable ring of truth. But most people were remarkably well informed about Kissinger's evil career.

Greeks signed the petition and then turned to passersby and demanded they sign as well. "He betrayed us on Cyprus," one said. "I'll never forget."

A woman from Latvia announced that Kissinger was "personally re-

sponsible" for giving the Baltic states to the Russians.

'The worst dog there is'

In New York's Union Square, known haunt of fellow travelers, a middle-aged woman attempted to stop a black worker who was about to sign the petition. "That's a very right-wing group," she cried hysterically. "Lady, I don't care," the man answered. "Kissinger's a dog—the worst dog there is."

World War II veterans volunteered to petitioners that Kissinger is a Communist, and a Soviet spy: "I know—I've been in Europe and fought there." A Vietnam veteran summed up most precisely the reactions of hundreds of his fellows when he said simply: "Kissinger is a butcher."

"Don't tell me about it, I'll sign," one college professor said. "I know about this monster."

Pakistanis held Kissinger responsible for the death of their national leader Ali Bhutto in 1979 after the Kissinger-engineered coup by Zia Ul-Haq.

Iranians told petitioners that Henry Kissinger and David Rockefeller, who invited the deposed Shah to come to the United States, had set him up to be thrown out of the country—when he was dying of cancer.

Brazilians chortled at the news that Henry was trapped in the Argentine presidential palace by angry demonstrators after his Sept. 13 meeting with President Alfonsin. "That man destroyed my country," one said.

An older Jewish women signed, remarking, "He divorced his Jewish wife, who helped him when he was poor, to marry that *shiksa*—and on a High Holy Day, too!"

An Israeli criminal lawyer signed the petition after declaring: "I hate Henry Kissinger—he's treacherous."

An immigrant from South Africa,

her tone echoing Americans' denunciations of the disaster in Vietnam, stated: "That sonofabitch got us into Angola." An couple from South Africa, who live in London who and summed up their history of Kissingerengineered disasters by saying: "He has done more to destroy the West than anyone else."

Some people had reasons of a more aesthetic nature. One woman, an immigrant from Austria, said "Kissinger has the ugliest voice I ever heard." An Italian, challenged why he didn't like Kissinger by one of Henry's few fans, retorted, "I don't like his face."

And then there are those who knew Henry personally. A young waiter, who served Henry at an exclusive New York club, shuddered to hear the report of the young Romanian waiter who met a violent end after he refused Henry's advances at a drunken orgy in Acapulco. "I'll be careful," he said. "That guy is always really snotty to all of us."

An older waiter had also tangled with Henry—but prevailed. This man, a long-time employee of one of New York's more exclusive hotels, reported to a Schiller Institute organizer that Henry was extremely contemptuous in demanding service, snapping his fingers to call the waiter over.

The man told Kissinger, "If you want attention, use my name, Joe. It's printed right here," indicating his name tag.

Kissinger, outraged, reported Joe to the management, but got no recourse there. "If Joe told you that," the manager said to him, "he must have had a very good reason."

But Henry has his compensations. Transvestite Boy George was totally outraged when he encountered two Schiller Institute supporters at New York's LaGuardia Airport. "How can you say that," he fumed. "I know Henry Kissinger—he's a very nice man."