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## U.S. Atlanticists In All Out War Push —Ford-Congress Must Take Extraordinary Action

May 2 (IPS) — At this moment the U.S. Atlanticist faction is on a full-scale mobilization for nuclear war by mid-May. The factional warfare between the Rockefeller-Kissinger faction and the forces associated with financiers George Ball and Averell Harriman evaporated as the Ball-Harriman grouping goose-stepped into line behind Rockefeller's insane push for a war with the Soviets over the Middle East and a fascist coup in Italy.

The chief conduits in the press and on the policy advisory level who are usually associated with opposition to Rockefeller's war provocations rapidly slipped into a self-deluding compliance with the critical features of Secretary of State Kissinger's war policy. Twisted house-organs of the one-time sane Harriman-Ball interest, like the Washington Post spouted out the black propaganda necessary to buttress the warmongering.

The complete inability of the AFL-CIO leadership and related trade union layers to control their membership in the April 27 Pennsylvania Democratic primary gave added impetus to the crazed blindness in Democratic Party circles.

These decisions are being made and implemented by the "invisible government" completely outside of the decision-making apparatus of President Ford and his Defense Secretary Rumsfeld. Ford and Rumsfeld both in the past have expressed their opposition to the Rockefeller policy of nuclear confrontation. Along with various congressional representations who share their anti-nuclear war sentiments, Ford and Rumsfeld have immediate levers to cut short the Rockefeller warpath — by removing Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

To secure his temporary advantage, the mad Rockefeller tried to initiate a national "red scare" last week aimed at destabilizing Congress and other institutions which might move against him.

Initial congressional reaction to the Atlanticist war drive was rivited to the two international points of explosion throughout the week. Still quivering at the prospect of taking extraordinary action required to oust Kissinger, pull the NATO coup plug in Italy, and move all parties in the Middle East conflict to peace talks in Geneva, sections of the Congress issued feelers — on Geneva, on defusing the National Security Councils' (NSC) Lebanese Falange, on the ousting of Kissinger, and on the need for Third World debt moratorium. These congressional moves converged with moves on the part of the Ford for President Committee to urge Kissinger's removal.

### War Drive Out In The Open

Despite an NSC-ordered press crackdown keeping the U.S.

press corps quiet on the imminent outbreak of war, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Joseph Sisco reported to the House international Relations Committee April 29 that "renewed hostilities between Israel and the Arab states would dangerously engage the interests of the Soviet Union and the United States." In line with the State Department's stonewalling on reported Soviet peace initiatives, April 28, Sisco outlined a two-tiered U.S. defense posture geared to beef up regional war-fighting capabilities. Reviving the essentials of the Schlesinger Doctrine, Sisco further defined U.S. vital interests in Asia, and Europe and secondarily the Middle East, and he stated that the points of confrontation with the Soviet Union would most likely occur on the fringes "particularly the Middle East."

Similarly, the programmed NATO coup in Italy emerged as an option in the pages of the U.S. press. Today's Sunday New York Times points out on its editorial page that one option in lieu of a possible Italian Communist Party-Socialist Party coalition government is a military coup resembling the one that toppled Chile's president Allende in 1973. The prospects of an Italian coup are now also openly mooted in circles close to former Secretary Director of the CIA Ray Cline and the right-wing, CIA-connected think tank, the Center for Strategic International Studies at Georgetown University in Washington. Dean Osgood of Baltimore's John Hopkins' international think tank reported that a coup in Italy is a definite possibility, and that the planned NATO maneuvers in Italy in mid-May can develop beyond what is planned.

### Harriman Forces in Self-Brainwashing While Rockefeller Goes for Broke

In lieu of these public mootings of confrontations with the Soviet Union, Harriman forces have called off their two-month press assault on Kissinger. Intoning praise for Kissinger's flop of an African tour, Harriman press conduits surfaced April 30 with a conscious lie on the strategic orientation of the recently named Soviet Defense Minister Dimitri Ustinov. In the Friday edition of the Washington Post, Victor Zorza wrote in an article entitled "The Debate about Russia's Defense Minister": "The fact that it (the Kremlin) chose a civilian means that the military, and the hawks have suffered a major setback ... The slowing down of SALT (Strategic Arms Limitations Talks) negotiations is due to these trends (the military hard line toward Angola) in Moscow ... But the growing concern evident in Moscow at the damage this could do to detente suggests that Kremlin doves are beginning to stir." While this dangerous lie was parroted throughout the Atlanticist press, only the Christian Science Monitor had substantially carried the previous week's Soviet

"hardline" policy statement enunciated by KGB head and Soviet Politburo member, Andropov.

The obvious connivance of Harriman forces in blacking out what they know to be true — that Soviet strategic policy is based on a "trip wire" notion of what would constitute the required conditions for initiating a nuclear "first strike" — indicates that these forces have adopted a strategic view bordering on that of Rockefeller-Kissinger.

That any debate within these quarters has been restricted to a select inner circle grouping has already been evidenced in a pathetic self-brainwashing process. Harvard University-based Sovietologist Marshall Goldman, a refractor of Harriman policy reported April 28 that the Soviets have no trip wire. This idiotic refrain reverberated through the fringes of the Harriman orbit late last week.

Further fueling the Democratic Party's policy maker's apparent reproachment with Rockefeller-Kissinger was the total inability of the AFL-CIO bureaucracy to demonstrate control over its membership in the Pennsylvania primary April 27. Any corporatist-FDR style option for austerity was wiped out when labor stayed home giving Jimmy Carter a substantial victory over AFL-CIO candidate Jackson. The following day, Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn) acknowledging the collapse of the Meany-Abel-Woodcock and Co., withdrew from the presidential race, thus obliterating any Harriman-directed "New Deal" policy orientation. Reflecting the hysteria in Atlanticist circles that labor had moved into the camp of the U.S. Labor Party, New York Times labor editor A.H. Raskin reported that the labor movement was now out of the control of Atlanticist-linked union heads and will now follow a course of militancy.

With the virtual collapse of any Ball-Harriman opposition, mentally unbalanced Vice President Nelson Rockefeller stepped before a national TV audience on today's edition of ABC's Issues and Answers and proclaimed that foreign governments "have learned how to work" the U.S. political system. Implying "communist" infiltration of key institutions in the U.S., Rockefeller, last week, spearheaded the initiation of a new wave of "McCarthyism" aimed at silencing the U.S. Congress, the labor movement, and the press. Rockefeller's "red scare" gambit was initiated a week and a half ago when he claimed that two members of Senator Henry Jackson's staff were "communists." It followed by only two weeks a National Security Council order issued at the American Association of Newspaper Editors Conference in Washington, D.C. that Middle East editorials and news reporting be censored.

The wave of terror sparked by Rockefeller was seconded last week by Sen. James Buckley (C-NY) who reported that "foreign agents" had infiltrated the Congress and were often seen hovering outside committee rooms. Fifty-one rightwing congressmen have signed a letter calling upon the Church Committee to investigate the staffs of other congressmen for "foreign agents."

The "red scare" aimed at paralyzing Congress and other institutions which could destabilize Rockefeller's war provocations, was fully seconded last week with the issuance of the Church Committee Report on U.S. intelligence activities. While outlining the foundations of a police state for the U.S., the Church recommendations would make Rockefeller puppet Attorney General Edward Levi the czar of foreign and domestic intelligence operations.

### **Ford Machine Urges Kissinger's Ouster: Ford Boxed in by Reagan**

Signals of opposition to Rockefeller-Kissinger war provocations have been coming from the White House in the past few weeks. Both Ford and close associate Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld have made public statements identifying their opposition to nuclear confrontation and the Schlesinger doctrine respectively. These indications, however, have been submerged in favor of Ford's dangerous refusal to deal comprehensively with the Kissinger question while he is contesting Rockefeller-robot Ronald Reagan for the Republican presidential nomination. Ford's massive defeat at the hands of Reagan yesterday in the Texas primary is already being used to box Ford in on his refusal to oust Kissinger and his allegiance to Rockefeller.

The option of dumping Kissinger was broadcast yesterday however, by a high-level official in the Ford for President Committee. He reported that Kissinger would be removed in a matter of days if Ford won big in Texas. Ford's drubbing at the hands of Rockefeller candidate Reagan however, will tend to force Ford to retain Kissinger. Similarly Rockefeller reported today that Ford's loss in Texas yesterday was due to his failure to veto a congressional energy bill, thus encouraging Ford to consolidate ties with Rockefeller and his proposed \$100 billion energy boondoggle.

The desire on the part of Ford's campaign machine to remove the Rockefeller-Kissinger policy is no secret. A leading member of the Ford for President Committee in Chicago reported that the entire Ford machine had made a move to oust Kissinger in the recent period but "it did not fly well with the White House."

### **Faced with Fight Against Rockefeller — Congress Quivers**

In conjunction with the Ford machine, the U.S. Congress has shown initial signs that they are aware of the immediate danger posed by the reemergence of Rockefeller-Kissinger policies. However, no section of Congress has yet stepped forward to organize the kind of extraordinary action required to stop ongoing war preparations.

Strong intervention by the U.S. Labor Party last week provoked immediate recognition of the time bombs in the Middle East and Italy by broad sections of Congress. Sen. Adalai Stevenson (D-Ill) has issued a report which urges joint U.S.-USSR mediation of the Middle East at Geneva. Stevenson has also spotlighted the central mechanism for achieving such a peace — regional development. Backing up the Stevenson report, Sen. Mathias (R-Md.) who recently returned from the Middle East, told IPS last week that only through a program of regional development could a peace be reached. Mathias also joined Stevenson in reporting that the present situation is extremely dangerous.

Consensus on the urgency of the Middle East crisis reverberated through Congress so that by the weeks end, Senators Goldwater (R-Ariz), McGee (D-WY) and Pearson (R-Kan) were calling Labor Party offices for intelligence estimates on the Mideast. The office of Sen. Biden (D-Del) told USLP reps April 30 that the estimate of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee when on the Italian crisis would unravel had been too long term. "It looks like the committee is going to have to move on the Italian crisis sooner than it thought."

The furor created in Congress and in the U.S. working class

continued during the weekend. Democratic Party presidential contender Sen. Morris Udall (D-Ariz) speaking in Waterbury, Conn. April 31 publicly urged Kissinger's recall from Africa and his removal from office, as well as an immediate move by the U.S. government to the Geneva peace table. Last night Sen. John Tunney (D-Cal) speaking in Miami reported that his subcommittee will take up U.S. covert operations in the Middle East, particularly focusing

on the National Security Council directed Falange in Lebanon. Finally, the national conference of the Caucus of Black Democrats which just concluded its three-day session today in Charlotte, N.C. issued a platform that includes support for Third World debt moratoria and the new world economic order. The group stopped short, of calling for Kissinger's ouster, however, despite near unanimous hatred expressed for the Secretary of State.

## Harriman-Ball Sovietologist: "The Soviets Have No Tripwire"

*May 1 (IPS) — The following are excerpts from an April 29 interview with Sovietologist Marshall I. Goldman at the Harvard University Russian Institute in Cambridge, Mass. Goldman, an advisor to the U.S. State Department, recently shared the podium at an Arden House Conference (in Harriman, NY) on Soviet-American relations with Atlanticist financier Averell Harriman, Kremlinologist Zbigniew Brzezinski, and Kissinger aide Helmut Sonnenfeldt.*

**IPS:** Would you comment on military analyst Drew Middleton's recent article in the New York Times on the Warsaw Pact policy of preemptive conventional or thermonuclear attack if NATO goes too far in Western Europe — for example the installation of fascist regimes there.

**Goldman:** Middleton is crazy ... I don't think that's their policy. They don't have a "tripwire."

**IPS:** How do you view the Mideast situation now and the chances that the Lebanese crisis will develop into a U.S.-Soviet nuclear confrontation.

**Goldman:** Conditions in Lebanon are remarkably pacified. If someone predicted a few weeks ago that they would be as calm as they are now, I would have called him a dreamer ... Of course Syria's influence and dominance represent dangers. But the Syrians have shown remarkable constraint ... Yes, they're coordinating with the State Department, but the Iraqis and the Libyans are the real problem. They're the ones fomenting trouble ... The Iraqis are the real danger. It's interesting to watch them try and subvert (Syrian President Hafez) Assad ... The Falange also represent a danger ... Agreeing that they are funded and armed by the U.S.) Yeah,

sure, but they are dependent on Syria. They can't foul up the elections because of that.

**IPS:** What do you think of the U.S. Labor Party campaign to get Secretary of State Kissinger removed from office?

**Goldman:** Kissinger is the only one who supports detente. All the other (presidential—ed.) candidates are against detente ... You think (Wall Street Investment bankers) George Ball would be better: he'd be worse ... Doing what you say will make things worse. You're going to bring disaster. The International Labor Party (sic) is not going to win in November. You have to take responsibility for what will happen, for who will come into the government if you get Kissinger out ... It'll be worse. I guarantee you it'll be worse. Do you want that?

**IPS:** An Air Force Colonel close to the National Security Council has predicted that if the Israeli peace forces gain in power, the Israeli military will launch a coup. What's your opinion?

**Goldman:** That's only one evaluation. I don't care what your Air Force Colonel said. He's probably just some little colonel. Do you think I'm going to take seriously anything that any colonel who just walks up to me says ... Are you trying to tell me that means (leading Israeli warhawk and former defense minister Moshe) Dayan will launch a coup because Dayan hasn't had his last words? Come on. What have you got?

**IPS:** All indications are that a NATO coup in Italy is imminent ...

**Goldman:** What do you want me to do — go to Italy?