

members, James R. Schlesinger and Bob S. Bergland, are scheduled to go shortly. The United States helped on breaking the deadlock in the long-stalled Sino-Japanese treaty negotiations, according to diplomats involved, and Peking has been told the Carter administration will move early next year on Sino-American relations. . . .

The unpredictable character of Peking's rivalry with Moscow and now Hanoi could upset China's

recent gains and block future goals, according to a number of Asian and Western analysts.

"China miscalculated the effects of its policies with Vietnam for the result is the opposite of what Peking wanted — Hanoi has drawn much, much closer to Moscow as a result of China's hostility," an Asian diplomat commented, "This raises the very serious question of how carefully other policies have been plotted and their impact weighed" . . . .

## What Is A 'Christian Science Monitor'?

Since striking pressmen shut down New York City's three major dailies last month a number of newspapers, ranging from the so-called interim strike papers through the Reverend Sun Myung Moon's *News World*, have proliferated on the city's newsstands. Among these, the *Christian Science Monitor* has risen to the challenge posed by the absence of London's usual conduits, Rupert Murdoch's *New York Post* and the Sulzberger family's *New York Times*, by increasing its circulation, diverting its normal distribution, and broadening its coverage.

The *Monitor* is now the primary source of press attacks on President Carter, repeating the same stale story day after day under slightly varying headlines — e.g., "A one-term presidency?" (Aug. 29) or "30 days that may make or break Carter" (Sept. 5) — despite the fact that no real news developments have occurred.

Jokingly referred to in policy-making circles skeptical of the Brzezinski-Schlesinger "China Card" option as the *Chinese Science Monitor*, the newspaper has doubly earned this epithet for its reporting on Chairman Hua Kuo-feng's just-concluded trip to Iran, Yugoslavia and Romania. Publicizing (anonymously) Brzezinski's own assessment of Hua's trip on the USSR (as the national security advisor communicated it to Carter shortly before the convening of Camp David), the *Monitor* portrayed it as a devastating setback for Soviet influence. "Soviets fume over Hua but unable to act," proclaimed David Willis in the *Monitor's* Aug. 29 issue. "Hua visit spotlights Iran's key role; China's latest satisfactions include ballistic advances and Kremlin setbacks; Iran promises further rewards," the paper crowed the next day. By Sept. 6, the *Monitor* was reporting that "China counts Hua's trip a huge success" because "it has got Moscow genuinely worried and considerably agitated."

Attempting to build a steamroller effect on behalf of this Brzezinski-Schlesinger fantasy, the *Monitor*

leaked Aug. 28 that the President had such an option under consideration. But the bulk of this report was devoted to publicizing a proposal for a Mideast Treaty Organization (METO), an anti-Soviet alliance among Israel and the moderate Arab nations, first put out by Zionist lobby bigwig Edgar Bronfman and fully supported by Brzezinski and Henry Kissinger.

The *Monitor*, established in 1908 by Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science, an synthetic religious cult loosely linked to the British-fostered "spiritualism" and "theosophy" movements which flourished at the turn of the century. Christian Science opposes doctors, medicine and hospitals even in life-and-death situations.

The *Monitor* itself was a project of the British Round Table which designated it as one of its chief propaganda conduits in the United States. Lord Lothian, an active Christian Scientist and original organizer of the Round Table, wrote extensively for the *Monitor* and reorganized its editorial board several times during his tenure as Britain's Ambassador to the U.S. (1925-39). Lord Lothian died because he refused to see a doctor.

Other prominent Christian Scientists have included Lady Nancy Astor, an American expatriate who became the doyenne of the pro-Hitler "Cliveden Set" in England; Lord Brand, managing director of Lazard Freres; Kissinger controller Fritz Kraemer; and Senator Charles Percy.

The *Monitor's* former editor, Erwin Canham, was a Rhodes scholar, a member of the Order of the British Empire and of the Order of Orange-Nassau. He was also the American correspondent for the Round Table's official journal. His present successor, John Hughes, was born and educated in Britain.

Little wonder that a spokesman for the newspaper proudly told a reporter recently: "The *Monitor* has always been the most Anglophile newspaper in the United States."

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