

parison with those kinds of armaments that finally lead to — and here I'm thinking about 40 years ago — having people say, and in that case, people from the German side, "Massive return fire since 5:45 a. m." That was how Sept. 1, 1939 began and then that automatically rolled right into the Second World War. But, when one is not totally presumptuous, one must nevertheless say that this comparison does not fit Soviet armaments.

**Question:** It was reported that in a Dutch newspaper you criticized the course taken by Foreign Minister Genscher in the MBFR negotiations. You allegedly said that the Federal Republic was a delaying factor there. Was that a footnote, was it incorrectly quoted?

**Wehner:** That was not quoted correctly, and it was a misuse of an interview. I said that there is, when one informs himself — and many people have already said this to me — that concerning the Vienna negotiations on troop limitations, arms limitations, etc., there is information coming up again and again — for example, even from the Americans — that, of course, the Federal Republic is operating with particular reserve. There is also such information coming from the British, who say that it is the Federal Republic.

### French press warns U.S.

*"The Chinese Trap" being set for the U.S. government was clearly described in an article published in the Feb. 2 issue of the conservative progovernment French daily Le Figaro. Authored by a traditionally conservative, anti-Soviet commentator, Jacques Jaquet-Françillon, the article resolutely warns against the China card.*

Jimmy Carter is thrashing about in the Chinese trap like a carp caught in a fish net. Teng Hsiao-ping is a charming guest who excels in verbal hyperbole when it comes to celebrating the historic conciliation between the United States and China. He is not embarrassed by as many scruples when he wants to say what he thinks about the international situation...

Here we have an official guest of the President of the United States, Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, proclaiming *urbi et orbi* that all this (a speedy conclusion of a SALT II treaty, detente with the Soviet Union — ed.) is only illusions and wishful thinking...

While he maintains a polite reserve in his official speeches, all occasions are used since his arrival in Washington — interviews, appearances on television, talks with journalists, cocktail talk — to declare that the detente called for by his host as the primordial goal of his policy is in reality only an illusion.

One can sign as many SALT accords as one wants, this will not change in any way the real intentions of the Soviet leaders who only seek one thing, world "hegemony." And so Teng Hsiao-ping concludes that war is inevitable and there is only one way to "put the polar bear on a leash." That is a solid alliance between the United States, Europe, Japan and China...

And who are these words addressed to? Teng Hsiao-ping makes no mystery of it. To those who, in the Congress of the United States, have sworn to oppose the detente policy of the American Administration.

"There are in this country people who urge the President not

to conclude a SALT accord with the Soviet Union.... These people are right!" Who said this? Mr. Teng himself.

Of course, there is nothing new in this language. Peking's leaders have often said this in the past. But the Vice Premier this time speaks on American soil, at the foot of Capitol Hill, a few weeks, or even a few days before the talks between Washington and Moscow open up again...

Could the staggering trade perspectives opening up in the Middle Empire be nothing more than poisoned bait? Can we really take the risk of falling into the trap? What is beginning to bother many Americans is that these perspectives are still very far off, and that the Chinese are asking that they be paid cash in advance on the "political" side of the contract. The Chinese will deliver later. If they don't change their minds before.

### West German analyst calls Teng visit a one-man show

*Approached by the Bonn correspondent for the Executive Intelligence Review, a staff member of a major West German policy institute had this to say on Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping's visit to the U.S. and its meaning for the Carter Administration.*

## Administration

*Refusing to acknowledge the serious implications of allowing Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping to dictate U.S. policy, Administration spokesmen compulsively ignored demands for clarification or explanations from the press. Following is a grid of such interchanges.*

### State Department-Feb. 6

*Q: What is Cyrus Vance's perception of a danger of war?*

*Hodding Carter III: We recognize no war danger.*

### State Department-Feb. 5

*Q: Will you please comment on Khomeini's announcement of a provisional government?*

*Tom Reston: We have no position on Khomeini's announcement of a provisional government. We look forward to supporting the new government.*

*Q: Which new government?*

*Tom Reston: I will not answer that question.*

*Q: Do you consider the Bakhtiar government the legal government of Iran?*

*Tom Reston: I will not answer that question.*

That was quite a spectacular show with the really active partner being Teng Hsiao-ping himself. . . . But the problem for the United States is that it is not able to distinguish between the new Chinese approach — the fine perspective they outlined — and basic reality.

If they come back and face reality, the U.S. will realize that nothing fruitful can come out of it. As for the perspective of industrial development, that is a chimera. China is a poor country, and its infrastructure of power is extremely unstable. Teng's visit was a "one man show." But what about the other 800 millions in China and what about Hua Kuo-feng, of whom nothing is heard anymore?

Teng does not have so much power that he can commit the Chinese to a long-term perspective for the coming five to ten years. His mass of power is extremely fragile. He is not strong enough to determine Chinese policy.

The United States should have been more cautious about that . . . they should have "smelled" something.

China is not going to become a superpower for the next 30 years. It can't make and decide policy in a consequent way; that is a problem which will have to be dealt with by the next generation. . . .

## East bloc issues sharp warnings

### Pravda scores China policy

In its authoritative Weekly Review section Feb. 4, the Soviet Communist Party's daily Pravda quickly dispensed with Carter Administration attempts to deny that the U.S.-China communiqué was aimed against the Soviet Union. Pravda denounced these attempts as "tricks" and warned the Carter Administration that the Soviet Union understood it was playing "no innocent game."

Pravda said further: "The Soviet public cannot close its eyes to the fact that the Peking guest in the capital was given a wide podium for slander against the USSR.

"It seems that anti-Sovietism is the basis of the 'common interests' and 'similar views' which the American-Chinese communiqué mentions. It would be very interesting to know on which concrete viewpoints the opinions of Washington coincide with those of the Peking leaders, who, as is known, demand the

## closes its eyes to reality

### The Office of Cyrus Vance-Feb. 6

Asked to comment on the imminent war danger posed by the Carter Administration's foreign policy alliance with China against the Soviet Union, a Dr. Calder replied, "I will not comment on anything you have said. Absolutely no comment."

### White House-Feb. 5

Sam Donaldson, ABC asked White House Press Secretary Jody Powell to comment on the recent Pravda article which expressed grave concern over the fact that Teng "was given a wide podium for slandering the USSR" in the U.S. and warned the Carter Administration against thinking it is playing "an innocent game."

*Jody Powell:* I don't have to comment on that.

*Donaldson:* This is a major statement with serious charges. You should have a comment.

*Powell:* I don't have to comment.

*NSIPS:* Our allies think the President is insane. What do you have to say about that?

*Powell:* I think our allies are pleased with the process of normalization we are going through with China.

*NSIPS:* Warren Christopher has been responsible for spreading slanders against the U.S. Labor Party among leading businessmen who have worked with the Party. Your comment please.

*Powell:* Which business leaders would be working with the Labor Party?!

*NSIPS:* You shouldn't have said that. This is a Watergateable offense.

One Washington correspondent commented to the NSIPS correspondent, "I don't doubt what you say is true. The State Department was putting a lot of pressure on business over the Argentina loan denials." (Last year the State Department stalled the approval of Ex-Im loans to Argentina on the basis of human rights violations. Warren Christopher was responsible —ed.)

### National Security Council-Feb. 6

Mr. Thornton, National Security Council assistant on South Asian Affairs — which includes Iran — sat in abject silence when asked to comment on the fact that his boss Brzezinski and President Carter are clinically insane.

### State Department-Feb. 6

An aide to David Newsome, the head of the Iran Task Force, responded to charges that the Carter Administration is insane, by saying, "Look, you're talking to somebody involved in policy making. That means you are saying I am insane!"