

Kraemer: Teng the hero of our time

The following are highlights from a Feb. 25 interview with Fritz Kraemer, the man the New York Times recently admitted "test-tube created" Henry Kissinger. The interview with Kraemer — a self-styled oligarch who was for 30 years an advisor to the Defense and State Departments — is revealing not only for the reason that Kraemer admits to a personal role in the Chinese attack and in efforts to subvert European opposition to the Anglo-American bloc and the playing of the "China card," but because he also spells out the suicidal "chicken game" strategy which is guiding Anglo-U.S. policy toward the Soviet Union. Kraemer's view of that policy is encapsulated in the slogan he boasts was up on the wall above his desk at the State Depart-

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ment: "The tragedy of our time may be that World War III was never fought."

Q: Mr. Kraemer, how do you evaluate the military situation in Southeast Asia and the danger of a wider war, even a general nuclear war, if the Soviets intervene?

Kraemer: Well, I see the Chinese invasion of Vietnam as a brilliant and bold stroke. Before the Chinese launched the offensive I went into the Pentagon for consultations about military planning. This is a carefully calculated military and political operation. China does not plan to move on Hanoi or anything like that — the gameplan is to penetrate about 20 miles inside Vietnamese territory. I don't expect the Soviets to intervene because of Brezhnev. We have plenty of time. Maybe if there was a young, a vigorous 55-year-old man in the Soviet leadership they would move on China. But, Brezhnev wants SALT too much and detente — that is the calculation.

Of course, if I were in the leadership of the Soviet Union, I would launch an invasion of China with the object of taking Peking and establishing a pro-Soviet government that could rule part of China. All that talk about the trouble Japan had in fighting on the Asian mainland during the Second World War is a bunch of hogwash. It could be done. Just look at the map. A three-pronged assault take Singkiang. There are plenty of pro-Soviet military

and party people who would collaborate with the new Peking regime — and a lot of military men would go along just to get their hands on sophisticated Soviet military equipment for China. The Chinese government would be forced on the defensive and a long and bloody war against the Soviet puppet regime would ensue. But, I think the Soviets could entrench themselves.

You know, Teng is one of the greatest men in the world. What courage. What honor. What boldness. What a profound strategic mind. A great man, willing to take risks. History is made by men willing to take risks. If only we had a President of the United States like Teng. I believe there is more character and fortitude in the Chinese, white and red, than any other people in the world — they'll stand up to Vietnam and the Russians.

Q: Mr. Kraemer, do you believe the Europeans will support the British and U.S. position on China's war against Vietnam or will they break? What do you make of Apel's visit to the U.S.? (see EUROPE)

Kraemer: The Apel visit is curious, isn't it? Damn the left-wing Social Democrats like Ehmke, Wehner, and that miserable intellectual Egon Bahr. And, now we're losing Schmidt and the right-wing Social Democrats too. They're accommodating to the Russians, accommodating, accommodating, soon they'll be living under a red flag. And Giscard in France, he's clever but not brave. Alexander Haig is in town, you know, he's the real hope now. A man of character. An aristocratic cast, not like the miserable bourgeois merchants. Sharp and deep mind. Real honor. Not easily dazzled by what others say. He stands up to Soviet totalitarianism with principle. So does Jay Lovestone, a real unsung hero of our times. Jay never gives an inch to the Soviets. I used to have a sign above my desk when I was in the government that was well-known within the State Department and the Pentagon. It lays the issue on the line: "The tragedy of our time may be that World War III was never fought."