

## Editorial

# Down the garden path with Hua

Jimmy Carter's meeting in Tokyo with Peking's Chairman Hua Guofeng proves once again that the Chinese have no problem leading this administration on a leash. Administration spokesmen, from Carter and Muskie on down, were all too happy to provide the Chinese with the appropriate statements of support the People's Republic sought. They went so far as to suggest the existence of a triangular alliance of the U.S., Japan, and China.

Such statements of deathless love, now backed up by exports of defense technology and other hardware, are given freely, with nothing required in return. Nobody ever seems to ask just what the interests of the United States have in common with those of the Chinese, except of course our presumed mutual adversary in Moscow.

We have now been subject to years of media whitewash of Communist China—turned overnight from the devil to Snow White with a wave of Henry Kissinger's wand. The stated Chinese intention to gain world power through their facilitation of the mutual destruction of the U.S. and the Soviet Union, something they have never disavowed, is swept out of sight. The obvious Chinese game of milking the U.S., and Japan and the West in general, of every piece of technology they can get their hands on in order to build up the power of China into the next century—this is viewed as an "opportunity for trade."

The worst of our acts of obsequiousness before the mandarins of the unchanged Chinese dynasty is the active support given China's hideous policy of genocide and expansionism in Southeast Asia. No one in the State Department can honestly deny that it was Peking which directed and controlled the Pol Pot regime in Kampuchea, a regime that carried out, with Chinese advisers on the spot, the most incredible act of genocide against any one people in this century. Yet it is a fact that the U.S. role in the region is aimed solely at assisting Peking in returning that regime to power, under the guise of

opposing Vietnamese aggression.

It is Chinese aims, Chinese interests, that we are serving in Asia and elsewhere—not those of this nation. There are many in Southeast Asia who do not look on China as their protector. The Indonesians and others are well aware of the long historical record of Great Han expansion south, of the role of the overseas Chinese community in serving as conduits for Peking's money, Peking's subversion and not least, Peking's heroin.

The Chinese ask that we take the risks of confrontation with the Soviet Union, risks they themselves will not take for fear of the kind of Soviet attack that would set back their "modernization" plans for a very long time. The current talks in Tokyo are clearly in that direction, focused on U.S. assistance to Thailand, which (due in no small part to the enormous power of the Chinese dope-running networks there) has unfortunately lent itself as a base for Peking's activities.

The Chinese have not confined their aggression to Southeast Asia. In Northeast India Chinese-armed tribal rebels are staging acts of guerrilla warfare and separatist rebellion against the Indian government. They have been doing the same thing in Burma for years, and not incidentally maintaining control of the opium traffic from the Golden Triangle and China's Yunan province.

It is time for the China Card to be turned over and exposed. And it is time that we served notice to the Peking regime that American interests in Asia will not be served through supplication at the court of the Middle Kingdom. While Governor Reagan—or his "advisers"—seems to have retreated at the first sound of gunfire from a call to restore U.S. diplomatic recognition to the Republic of China on Taiwan, we think this is an important principle to stand on. Restoration of full diplomatic relations would not only erase a wrong done to a loyal ally in pursuit of illusory gains, but would notify Peking that we reject their evil designs.