

Kissinger Watch by M. T. Upharsin

The appeasers and the State Department

During the period beginning Sept. 21, Henry Kissinger and his Associates launched a drive to consolidate an Eastern Establishment faction within the Reagan administration to guarantee a soft response to the Soviet Korean Airline atrocity.

On Sept. 24, Kissinger's dear friend George Shultz provided his offices on the seventh floor of the State Department to be used by a meeting of members of the Kissinger Associates consulting firm and their friends in the administration, who were in the process of organizing a campaign to subvert President Reagan's policy of strategic build-up against the threat from the Kremlin.

Political observers expressed surprise that not a single official from the White House or National Security Council was included on the list of attendees of this seminar on "The Future of U.S.-Soviet Relations." Clearly, they could not have tolerated any White House "spies" at their planning session.

One of the participants in the Saturday cabal meeting, Helmut Sonnenfeldt, Kissinger's oldest friend and a paid consultant to Shultz, has insisted, despite strident Kremlin statements to the contrary, that the KAL massacre "was obviously an accident."

Even though this view of the KAL massacre was expressed by at least a half-dozen of Kissinger's closest collaborators on both sides of the Atlantic, including those who attended Shultz's Saturday cabal meeting, Shultz has still not withdrawn his support for Kissinger's return to power.

On Sept. 23, the day before the Kissinger Associates meeting in Shultz's offices, Shultz's spokesman John Hughes stonewalled on the question of Shultz's support for Kissinger. *EIR* correspondent Stanley Ezrol asked

him, "Is it the view of this administration that it is possible the Soviet downing of KAL Flight 7 could have been the result of a misunderstanding or confusion of some sort?" Hughes replied, "There can be no justification for that viewpoint."

Ezrol asked if Secretary Shultz would therefore reconsider his support of Kissinger for his current position as chairman of the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America because of the former Secretary of State's irresponsible advocacy of that view during an address at Penn State's Behrends campus days earlier. Hughes refused to explore the question, "in light of the source of the allegation"—which had been reported by Associated Press, though only lightly covered in the American press.

Dr. K. responds to conflict of interest question

From Sept. 28 through Oct. 1, Kissinger parades a group of "experts" led by ex-President Richard Nixon before his commission to give the appearance of unimpeachable authority to the commission's recommendations, which are scheduled to be released early next year. In fact, a radio journalist known to be among Kissinger's warmest supporters in the media, has told his colleagues "The report is already written. Winston Lord [Kissinger's former assistant on the National Security Council, and current chairman of David Rockefeller's Council on Foreign Relations] wrote it," and that the publicized commission meetings and planned trips to Latin America are merely "carnival shows" to create support for the report.

At a Sept. 29 press conference called to announce the commission's Oct. 9-16 trip to Central America,

Kissinger lied to cover up his and his business partners' disqualifying conflicts of interest, casting unwarranted aspersions on an elected U.S. congressman in the process. *EIR*'s Stanley Ezrol pointed out to Kissinger, "Rep. Henry Gonzalez has introduced a resolution calling for the investigation of you and your commission counselor William D. Rogers for conflict of interest. He refers to the fact that up through 1981 your business partner Rogers was a registered agent for the Sandinista government for the purposes of assisting the Sandinistas in arms trading. . . ."

At that point, Kissinger interrupted: "I don't believe that is true." When Ezrol pointed out that Kissinger could easily verify Rogers's registration as a foreign agent, the liar yelped, "Who are you?" After Ezrol identified himself, Dr. K. declared, "You may be accredited to the State Department, but you are not accredited to me."

Henry presides at GOP fundraiser

The Hyatt Regency in New York was the scene of a banquet fundraiser for the Republican Majority Fund Sept. 27. President Reagan was the guest star of the event organized by Howard Baker; the gracious and witty Kissinger was emcee.

"This is the first occasion I've ever been to the right of Ronald Reagan," he cracked. "I must ask you to hold your applause—both because it is difficult for me to look humble for an extended period of time, and in deference to Senator Helms and his friends."

Kissinger's other big joke: "I may be the only person in this room who is barred by the Constitution by reason of birth from being the President of the U.S. It is not true, however, that this was the original Helms amendment."