

Kissinger Watch by M.

Is Helmut Schmidt setting up a Kissinger fan club?

On June 21, Dr. Henry Kissinger's good buddy Gerald Ford opened up the annual World Forum in Vail, Colorado. Included among the 75 individuals in attendance were former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, former British Prime Minister James Callaghan, former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, and a group of Congressmen and think-tank policy influentials.

As is the case with many of these prestigious affairs, those *not* in attendance may be of greater importance to the proceedings than those present. To wit, Henry Kissinger's non-presence may allow for the formation of a Henry Kissinger Fan Club by Schmidt and other members of Spenglerian elites.

Schmidt had earlier authored a paean to Dr. K. in the May 31 *New York Review of Books*, a house journal for the decadent New York intelligentsia, entitled, "Saving the Western Alliance." It begins: "Henry Kissinger has done the Western world—and not only his own country—another important service."

The widow of slain Italian President Aldo Moro might grimace at the idea of another "important service" done by Henry Kissinger, but Helmut Schmidt, for all his much-touted "pragmatism," is not one to shrink away from unthinkable—and unpalatable—thoughts. His essay essentially proposes that Henry Kissinger rule the world.

Schmidt praises Kissinger's March 5 *Time* magazine piece, in which Dr. K. recommended pulling half of the American troops out of Europe, and particularly extols Dr. K.'s recom-



Ole Vail won't be the same without you, Henry.

mendation for appointing a group of "wise men" to formulate Western strategy. Says Schmidt: "Kissinger's critics overlook his justified and urgent appeal: that NATO finally work out once more a grand, over-all strategy for the Alliance with problems between East and West."

He goes on: "Kissinger has hit the bull's eye: The Alliance needs a new grand strategy. . . . The European governments should take up Kissinger's suggestion and go on from there."

"Kissinger Watch" readers may think of another image associated with the word "bull" at this point.

Further proposals for decoupling

Earlier this year, in January, it may be recalled, Kissinger and Schmidt staged an orchestrated brawl at the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies meeting in Brussels, Belgium. Out of that emerged a number of proposals and appeals for the decoupling of Europe from the United States, beginning with one put forward by Lawrence Eagleburger, then of the State Department and now president of Kissinger Associates, and continuing with Kissinger's *Time* magazine piece.

One of the attendees at that Brussels meeting was Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.). On June 19, Nunn introduced a proposal into the Senate calling for removal of 90,000 troops from Europe if the Europeans failed to raise defense spending levels. Nunn's office strongly praised Kissinger's *Time* piece as guiding their thinking.

Proposal co-sponsor Sen. William Roth (R-Del.), a member of the Trilateral Commission, inserted portions of Kissinger's *Time* piece into the June 20 *Congressional Record*, and Roth inserted a recent piece on the same theme from the London *Economist*, a champion of European-American decoupling.

So, while strategic disaster looms for the West, Helmut Schmidt will be applauding his partner in crime in the cool Colorado breezes. That may not be all. It is usual for the Vail annual events to be followed by the get-together of world elites at the cult Bohemian Grove center in California. We would expect that Henry Kissinger, in the flesh, would not want to pass up that new opportunity for further mischief against Western interests.