

Kissinger Watch by M. T. Upharsin



Kissinger and papal bull

We now have a better inkling of some of the things that transpired in the backrooms and corridors of the late June meetings Dr. Henry Kissinger had in Italy.

On June 25, Washington's tyrannical fat boy had a session with Pope John Paul II, during the complex of his tête-à-têtes with the oligarchy of Rome. Within days of Fat Henry's return, on July 9, the *Los Angeles Times* published a spectacular "exposé" attempting to blame U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican William Wilson, a close friend of Ronald Reagan, for efforts to enlist individuals in the Reagan administration to come to the defense of scandal-ridden Vatican financier Paul Marcinkus and crime-connected Belgian-Swiss swindler Marc Rich.

The source of the exposé is most suspect: Weeks ago, the *Los Angeles Times* Syndicate signed a giant contract with Dr. K. for a regular column for a consortium of newspapers worldwide, to allow Fat Henry to pontificate on the strategic and debt crises in the United States, Argentina, Spain,

Italy, and elsewhere.

The content of the exposé is, in crucial respects, even more extraordinary. It claims that Lawrence Eagleburger, then number-three at the State Department and now the president of Kissinger Associates, tried to intercede to dissuade Wilson from activities on behalf of Marc Rich.

It is no secret in the underworld of high finance and dirty money that the Marc Rich financial empire is, broadly speaking, one and the same with the financial empire of Henry Kissinger. The latter, of course, is growing rapidly thanks to Kissinger exploiting his political influence to make massive amounts of money through Kissinger Associates' "risk-analysis" delphic-oracle scams.

Marc Rich, of obscure Belgian origins, had been a nobody before the Atlantic Richfield (ARCO) oil company poured money into his oil-trading operations during the 1972-73 period. Atlantic Richfield's Robert O. Anderson is a close friend of Dr. K., and is scheduled to spend the July 14-16 weekend with him at Venice's Cini Foundation. The period in question was one when Kissinger rigged the 1973 Arab-Israeli war to engender the giant "oil hoax" price boom to benefit his oil company friends.

In later years, before the New York Southern District Court went after him in August-September 1983, Marc Rich built up a vast commodity-trading operation globally, in oil, gold, agriculture, and in a number of other, and not so kosher, areas. One of his more lucrative partners was Denver's oil magnate, Marvin Davis, who brought Rich into the empire of Twentieth-Century Fox, on whose board of directors Kissinger sits.

In the 1972-82 decade, Marc Rich's dealings became a favored channel for operations of many types of individuals and services, but most prominently the nexus intersecting Moscow and Geneva.

Scapegoating of William Wilson

In short, the targeting of William Wilson is a nasty little trick. Kissinger's mafia buddies in the United States and in Europe are looking for ways of bailing out of the corrupted Marc Rich empire, and want to find a scapegoat.

More than this: Ambassador Wilson has the virtue of being one of the increasingly rarer species of American envoys abroad committed to strong ties between the United States and its friends overseas. He is a close personal friend of Ronald Reagan, and has mediated the delicate process of consolidation of U.S.-Vatican ties that has transpired over the past year.

This is an especially important post from the standpoint of preempting those powerful and growing tendencies at the Holy See, especially in the circles of Cardinal Casaroli that control Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti, tendencies toward making an across-the-board strategic and political deal with the Byzantine imperialists who rule in Moscow. Knock out an American connection into the Vatican, and you've handed an important chunk of the world map to the Russians.

At stake as well is the question of American-European ties in a broader sense. Fat Henry, unprincipled unspeakable that he is, has in recent days been making a financial killing through associating himself with those business interests and politicians in Europe most committed to an "independent Europe" recognizing Soviet geopolitical hegemony on the continent.

Months ago, Rep. Henry Gonzalez (D-Tex.) had attacked Kissinger's "conflict of interest" in using his Reagan administration Central America post to make a fortune for Kissinger Associates. The upcoming Kissinger Watch unauthorized biography, *Henry Kissinger: Thief*, will compile further evidence to the same effect.