

Kissinger Watch by M.T. Upharsin

Persona non grata?

Surprise!

Here was Dr. Henry Kissinger, pompously strutting into Buenos Aires, Argentina Sept. 11, for a new round of the kind of thuggery and blackmail for which he is now famous. As the American press candidly reported, "The purpose of Kissinger's trip is to encourage Argentina to reach an agreement with the International Monetary Fund on the country's overdue \$44.4 billion foreign debt." (*New York Post* Sept. 14). Lo and behold, hardly had Fat Henry stepped foot on Argentine soil than his troubles began.

Argentines, readers should be aware, are a proud people, aware of their history and traditions rooted in the richness of European culture. They have an ornery distaste, which feisty Americans would appreciate, for the imperial disdain with which Kissinger and his British and Soviet friends treat the nation-states of Ibero-America. And, they downright hate the International Monetary Fund, which has looted their nation to the verge of genocide and economic extinction, on behalf of the financiers who pay Kissinger's bills.

Hence, at an impromptu press conference at the airport when he arrived, a journalist asked Kissinger pointedly if he still held to his stated opinion that the nations of the southern hemisphere had never contributed anything to history (Kissinger had once stated: "history is not made in the south.") Answering as if he were still U.S. Secretary of State, Kissinger asserted, "That's not true. . . . The proof is that this is my third visit to Argentina" since being Secretary of State.

He insisted that the context for his statement was a preoccupation with problems in the Middle East and other parts of the world.

Seen from Buenos Aires, however, Henry was "too hot to handle." Even the U.S. ambassador to Argentina, Frank Ortiz, found "other things to do" and failed to meet Dr. Kissinger at the airport when he arrived.

These tell-tale signs must have made Kissinger nervous. After all, Buenos Aires and other Ibero-American capitals had been saturated with a fact-sheet dossier from *EIR* on the history of Kissinger as a Soviet agent of influence and his sabotage of U.S.-Ibero-American relations.

On Sept. 12, both Venezuela's *El Universal* and Peru's *La República* were running a Spanish News Agency wire story on a press conference in Bonn held by representatives of Helga Zepp-LaRouche's Schiller Institute. The press conference documented Kissinger's sordid history in connection with the "New Yalta" plot to abandon Europe to the Soviet Union. One paper's headline read: "Kissinger Accused of Being a Soviet Agent of Influence."

Venezuelan television on Sept. 12-13 ran prominent stories about activity within Argentina to have Henry Kissinger declared *persona non grata* for his attempts to divide the Ibero-American countries on the debt question.

By Sept. 13, everything really began to hit the fan. The headlines in the Sept. 14 *New York Post* read: "Argentine Mob Traps Kissinger in Government Palace." One thousand Peronist youth demonstrators shouted slogans denouncing Kissinger as an assassin. As a result of this greeting, the *Post* reported, Henry canceled a speech he was to have given at the Argentine affiliate of the New York Council on

Foreign Relations in Buenos Aires.

Worse yet for him, the Peronist Party introduced a resolution into the Argentine Parliament on the same day demanding that he be declared *persona non grata* for his actions against Argentine sovereignty!

Still worse fall-out can yet be expected. Kissinger is using his visit to blackmail and cajole the Argentines into accepting International Monetary Fund austerity conditions, ostensibly in return for receiving more credits from his banking friends in New York and London, and he has invited Argentine President Raul Alfonsín to New York for a "private visit" toward this end. The IMF's blackmail pressure on Argentina, however, is a "tripwire" issue for Argentina's nationalists, many of whom met with Lyndon LaRouche, Henry Kissinger's bitterest enemy, when LaRouche was in Buenos Aires in June of this year.

All this adds up to a dismal flop for Kissinger and his Kissinger Associates financial empire, especially as the shock-wave repercussions will spread throughout the continent of Ibero-America. The media of that continent were already abuzz several weeks back with *EIR*'s charges that Kissinger was in the forefront of the continent's narcotics-trafficking mafia; insiders' knowledge of Fat Henry's own personal depravity has become a feature of discussion among Ibero-American elites. The collapse of his "aura of power" in Buenos Aires will help give others on the continent the courage and will to stand up to his thuggery in the future.

All that need happen now is that citizens of the U.S.A. show the same feistiness as those of Argentina, and Henry Kissinger may be declared *persona non grata* in the United States, too.