

Kissinger Watch by M.T. Upharsin

Guilt by Kissinger association

Once upon a time, when Henry Kissinger would visit West Germany, he would be invited to dinner, as guest of certain of the leading bankers and leading families of the Federal Republic. Today, however, if Henry Kissinger were to want to have dinner with one of his favored hosts, he would have to do it in a federal jail.

The case involves a certain Count von Galen, a leading figure in the Schroeder, Hengst, Muenchmayer banking group. Von Galen is now languishing in detention, for having engaged in what could be most simply labeled a "fraudulent bankruptcy." As the bank for which he was employed was having severe financial difficulties, Count von Galen was caught siphoning off hundreds of millions of deutschemarks, into a "shell" construction firm. The German authorities have rejected a large bail offer from the Count's legal war-chest, and he remains in detention.

The case has received a certain amount of international notoriety, but certain interesting questions have tended to be buried. Let us present these now:

- The "ties that bind" Count von Galen and Henry Kissinger are more than whatever passed over dinners. The Count is the *only* West German trustee of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Georgetown, of course, is one of Kissinger's headquarters for operations. The "Georgetown Mafia" in West German politics has become more interesting, in view of the recent ascension of Georgetown

graduate Kurt Biedenkopf to be the head of the North Rhine-Westphalia region Christian Democrats. What, if anything, does Georgetown have to say about its only West German trustee now being in jail? What does Biedenkopf have to say? Biedenkopf himself, our sources say, has a lot his own "skeletons in the closet."

- Extending this line of analysis one step further, we find that the "Muenchmayer" in question, Alwyn Muenchmayer, is one of the West German members of the Trilateral Commission, on which Kissinger sits as an Executive Committee member. Muenchmayer is an enthusiast for the Trilateralists' policy of expanding Western contributions to the Soviet economy. His daughter, named Frau Breuel by marriage, today is the economics minister of the state of Lower Saxony, and is a vocal sponsor of "post-industrial" economics. One interesting fact about Frau Breuel, is that she is a founding member of Kurt Biedenkopf's Institute for Science and Social Studies in Bonn. Small world! Another interesting fact, known to astute investigators, is that Frau Breuel is herself implicated in a scandal, whereby she has set up special oil-trading relationships with Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran, interceding for oil refineries in Lower Saxony.

- The "Schroeder" in question, is from the same banking group, Schroeder's Bank, which sponsored the rise of the Adolf Hitler regime in the early 1930s.

And on to Vienna

Matters don't stop here.

Another good banking friend of Henry Kissinger, Hannes Androsch, the head of Austria's largest bank, Kreditanstalt, is in deep trouble these days.

Readers of Kissinger Watch will recall that in May 1984, we reported that Kissinger was the honored guest of Androsch, at a symposium and dinner in Vienna.

Androsch, too, is one of the key advocates of expanded East-West trade, in Western European banking circles. His bank interfaces with important Vienna-based operations of the Club of Rome, and the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), two institutes that serve as key back-channels for deals with the Russians.

Androsch was caught, several months back, in a tax evasion violation. Now, in the first weeks of 1986, he has been charged by the state prosecutor, with what would be called in English, "false testimony," which is one step short of actual perjury.

Androsch's case has been receiving considerable play in the Austrian press.

As of this writing, it can not be said with certainty, where else we will see Kissinger Associates in dire straits. One point for the astute reader to watch, is Turin, Italy, and the nexus of Gianni Agnelli of Fiat. During mid-February, the Italian Christian Democratic daily *Il Giorno* leaked that Agnelli and his financier friend in Venice, Carlo De Benedetti, were procuring, gratis, the services of a practitioner of "white magic," one Signor Rol. It is not known why *Giorno* chose to leak this select piece of information, but it is known that Gianni Agnelli is personally unhappy about the leak having been made.

Agnelli is one of Henry Kissinger's longest-standing buddies in Italy. He is one of a circle of Kissinger's friends who are also close to Israel's Ariel Sharon and to some of New York's most prestigious "blueblood" families.