

Kissinger Watch by M.T. Upharsin

It's silly season for appeasers in Europe

Usually reliable sources report to *Kissinger Watch* that the Italian city of Milan, on May Day, was graced with the presence of Henry A. Kissinger.

Aside from his usual round of meetings with some of the more degenerate influentials among the northern Italian financial elites, and a likely rendezvous with the Schimberni family, which runs the Montedison conglomerate, Kissinger is also scheduled to hold a debate on Channel 5 television with Italian Defense Minister Giovanni Spadolini and others.

The Milan events may signal that the "Kissinger Season" has begun in Europe, as pressures intensify for the "decoupling" of Europe from the United States, and particularly for withdrawal of American military forces from Europe, as Kissinger has demanded.

As of this writing, the itinerary of history's worst U.S. secretary of state will also include a visit to Madrid during the period of May 17-19, to attend the international plenary of the Trilateral Commission in the Spanish capital.

Kissinger's "decoupling" program was placed on the agenda for European appeasers of Moscow during the March through May period of 1984, beginning with a March 5, 1984 interview in *Time* magazine, advocating a phased withdrawal of American troops from Europe. Now, two years later, the Kissinger networks in the American think-tanks and the State Department have gone on the war-path, in the aftermath of the American

military attack against Qaddafi's Libya. Kissinger sidekick Helmut Sonnenfeldt, now of the Brookings Institution, has recently been among the most vocal to warn that a withdrawal of American troops from Europe, beginning this year, is a strong possibility. In the year of budget cutting mandated by the Gramm-Rudman law, such a withdrawal is becoming increasingly possible.

A back channel to the U.S.S.R.

Kissinger's friends in Europe are preparing his grand entrance, by meetings with Soviet representatives and others. From April 18-20, also in Milan, at the Palazzo delle Stelline, there was a meeting of a curious New York City-based entity called the Institute for East-West Security Studies, one of the few think-tanks in the world that boasts directors and advisory board members from both the NATO and Warsaw Pact countries. Co-sponsored by the Italian foreign ministry, the meeting was on the theme, "Improving East-West Relations."

According to one insider at the event, the Soviets were doing their level best to charm and woo these discontented Westerners (both European and American), smarting from the decisiveness with which the United States had acted, only days before, against Qaddafi. The star of the occasion, we understand, was former Soviet ambassador to Italy Boris V. Petrovskii, now a member of the Collegium of the U.S.S.R. and the head of the International Organizations department of the Soviet foreign ministry.

The Institute is, in effect, an arm of the Kissinger machine at the U.S. State Department and the U.S. National Security Council. The founder

and leader of the Institute, John Edwin Mroz, has carried out special private diplomatic missions in the Middle East on behalf of the State Department.

EIR will have more to say on some of the Institute's suspicious financial connections, in upcoming issues.

The Bilderbergers and Bonnie Prince Charlie

The "silly season" could not be complete without British Prince Charles somehow being involved in it.

According to a German Press Agency release from London April 27, Charles was the featured attraction at the annual meeting of the secret Bilderberg Society, held outside Perthshire, Scotland, over the April 25-27 weekend. Our sources have not yet confirmed whether Bilderberg member Kissinger was there, but Kissinger associate Helmut Schmidt, former chancellor of West Germany, was indeed present. The Bilderberg group was founded in 1954 by Dutch Prince Bernhard and others, and Kissinger has attended many of its meetings since the early days.

Prince Charlie has built quite an array of East bloc connections of his own. He professes himself to be a great admirer of Occidental Petroleum chief and Soviet agent Armand Hammer. In early April, while vacationing in the area of Florence, Italy, at the estate of the Frescobaldi family, the unstable claimant to the British throne likely met with leaders of the Italian Communist Party, according to a leak in Italy's *La Repubblica* newspaper at the time. The PCI was holding its national convention in Florence during the first days of April, and one featured attraction was an unusually large delegation from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.