

Editorial

Assad, no different than Hitler

Fascist and Communist regimes are best characterized by their brutal disregard for human life. How different is Syria's aggression toward Lebanon from Hitler's treatment of Czechoslovakia? Hitler's policy was to exterminate the Jews; Hafez Assad has targeted Lebanese Christians. In both cases these are pretexts for a foreign policy of brute aggression—in the words of the Pope, of genocide.

Indeed, thirty percent of the troops in Lebanese Prime Minister Michel Aoun's ostensibly Christian army are actually Muslims, who are willing to die to resist the Syrian aggressor.

Besides the Pope, more and more people are raising their voices to protest this outrage. Yet governments, and the United Nations, remain strangely silent. The eminent French jurist Jean Marc Varaut has supported the Pope, and he is appealing for international support for his call for a new Nuremberg Tribunal which will bring Syrian dictator Hafez Assad before the same bar of justice which tried Nazi criminals in the past.

In a similar attack on the failure of any government to *act* in defense of the sovereign people of Lebanon, Lothar Ruehl, a former deputy defense minister of Germany, and a leading member of the Christian Democratic Union, has said that until the United States, France, and Great Britain name Syria as responsible for genocide in Lebanon, any call for a cease-fire there is no better than empty rhetoric.

While President Bush has given support to the United Nations call for a cease-fire, so far this appears to be mere lip-service, or worse, a negotiating posture. It is rumored that the United States might be willing to trade Lebanon for the release of one or more American hostages. Such cynicism, if true, is little better than the aggression which it claims to oppose.

One reason for the continued paralysis of American foreign policy before repeated insult to international law, is the evil influence of Henry Kissinger, who aspires to again assume his former position as foreign policy Tsar. By not stopping Syria, the United States is

following Kissinger's policy toward Lebanon which has allowed the Syrians a free hand in this once flourishing nation, which has been devastated since 1974-75. Of the 1.6 million people who formerly lived in Beirut, now only several hundred thousand still do.

Kissinger is wedded to Syria as an American ally, despite the fact that every intelligence source—as this magazine has documented—knows full well that Assad is a Soviet puppet. Nonetheless, Washington is now putting maximum pressure on Lebanon's duly elected prime minister, Michel Aoun, to resign—thereby implicitly justifying Syria's plans to assimilate the Lebanon into a "Greater Syria."

While international attention has been focused upon Iran in the case of the hostages, or on the demented character of its fundamentalist government, in fact it is Hafez Assad who has been the coordinator of international narco-terrorism out of the Middle East for the Soviet KGB. The KGB footprints are clear in Bulgaria's documented involvement in the dope trade of the Middle East, as well as terrorism in general.

It is the case that the Iranians are partly responsible for the hostages, but the controller in the situation, the man who is calling the tune is Hafez Assad, and he is working according to Henry Kissinger's game plan for how to exert maximum control in the area by creating maximum chaos. Many people believe that Henry Kissinger is also a Soviet agent of influence—but whether we label him and his policies as Communist-oriented or fascist, it is all the same: genocide.

While in the Middle East, U.S. policy is one of appeasement toward sworn enemies, in Central America just the reverse is the case. Here the United States is threatening to use armed force against the nation of Panama. The administration believes that it can act with impunity to bully the nations of Latin America.

Unless Kissinger is rapidly removed from any policy influence, what is now a present tendency of the United States in the direction of becoming a fascist police state will become dismal reality.