'Blow-Up' Scenario For The Horn Of Africa

The British faction in the U.S., led by Kissinger, Schlesinger, and Mondale, and including British spokesmen in the media, are goading President Carter into "taking action" against the Soviet Union in the Horn of Africa. Royal Institute for International Affairs spokesman James Reston of the New York Times issued the call in his Sunday column for Carter to prepare for U.S. military intervention. Using the technique of "leaking" faked intelligence, Reston bombarded the White House with the Big Lie: "when the Soviet Union moves its big tanks, men and satellite soldiers into areas that may dominate the energy of the Middle East and the sea lanes around the African continent. Washington obviously has to decide how to react...the Soviets know that power comes out of the oil barrels in the Middle East, and they can read maps. Washington is beginning to understand that it had better do the same." Reston concluded that "the Soviets are bent on dominating the world's oil supplies...forcing themselves into that vital position."

Hoping for a successful rerun of British manipulations of U.S. Presidents into anti-Soviet postures — starting with the "teach the Russians a lesson" brainwashings conducted by Foreign Secretary Eden and Ambassador Halifax on the naive Harry Truman beginning with his very first day in office — the Scottish-born Reston concludes with a "round-up" of the "Red-endangered" areas: Angola, Ethiopia, Italy, France, Portugal, and — in a Big Lie that outstrips even the other fraudulent enumerated cases — Saudi Arabia. Reston ends with a sinister, gleeful prediction of the expected outcome of machinations on Carter: "We are coming into another one of those tense periods between Moscow and Washington."

In the two days following the Reston column, the New York Times and the Washington Post have been filled with articles on the "massive Soviet-Cuban intervention...planning to attack Somalia...and establish Soviet naval bases in this vital region." Kissinger biographer Marvin Kalb went one better in an inflammatory nationwide radio broadcast carried on all CBS affiliates. Kalb, after gravely intoning over the "thousands of Soviet and Cuban troops pouring in" and the "planned invasion of Somalia" - that is, Ethiopia's own sovereign territory, illegally annexed by Somalia's unprovoked invasion of Ethiopia last year-then charges that warships of the "Soviet fleet" shelled the Ethiopian province of Eritrea, site of an anti-Ethopian rebellion. The liar Kalb concludes along the Royal Institute's lines: "If this continues, a United States-Soviet showdown over the strategic Horn of Africa is near."

Background of Sabotage

Among the numerous and unfortunately successful acts of sabotage against detente pulled off by Henry Kissinger during his years as British intelligence "resident" running the National Security Council, was a dry run test of the currently operational Horn of Africa crisis. It should be recalled that a gullible President Ford, on his first few days in office, was taken in by then-NSC head Kissinger and, via a briefing from faked intelligence, issued his first foreign policy statement. The

subject was a "tough warning and denunciation" of the "Soviet presence in the Horn of Africa."

Under the nefarious tutelage of the British faction in the Administration — Brzezinski, Schlesinger, Mondale, et al—the unfortunate and susceptible President Carter has thus far been manipulated into a far more dangerous situation than Ford was — although this situation is by no means irreversible.

Carter's major blunder at his press conference last week, where he charged "massive and unwarranted Soviet-Cuban intervention" into the Horn, was to give an official White House stamp of approval to the Big Lie postulates floated by Royal Institute spokesmen like Reston, thus lending an aura of "credibility" to the ensuing black propaganda barrage.

The Escalation

The City of London has used this profiled response by Carter to inaugurate the current round of crisis escalation. On Jan. 16, Somalia's President Siad Barre charged that "my country is about to be invaded by the Warsaw Pact" and requested that U.S. troops be sent to Somalia, or, minimally, shipments of heavy arms be forthcoming. The statement was issued at a press conference called after an "urgent meeting" with all the Western ambassadors in the Somali capital. Siad neglected to mention that the territory "about to be invaded" happens to have been a longstanding integral part of the sovereign state of Ethiopia before Barre decided to follow a London plan and try to conquer it by force. The "Somalian territory" in question lies 500 miles within Ethiopia from the internationally recognized border.

Not Everyone's Buying What Henry's Selling

President Carter's refusal to respond thus far to such ludicrous "pleas" is very good news. Within the Administration, a critical fight is now raging with sane American elements in the State Department and elsewhere struggling hard to prevent Brzezinski and his colleagues like David Aaron of the NSC, from manipulating Carter into pushing the U.S. over the edge. This short-term battle remains to and fro, with no certainty of outcome.

Last weekend it appeared that Brzezinski's manipulations were taking hold, while making the State Department (where resistance to confrontation is strong) do the overt "dirty work." Thus on Jan. 14, the Soviet ambassador was summoned to the State Department, where Secretary of State Vance formally protested over "Soviet involvement."

On Jan. 18, and in line with a Cyrus Vance speech last week before the World Affairs Council in Los Angeles rejecting confrontation, the State Department issued an official response to Barre's request for troops. "We will not contribute to a conflict..." said State Department spokesman John Trattner, "by pouring gasoline on it."

"U.S. officials," reported the Washington Post Jan. 19, "said there had been similar private requests in the past, and they reiterated American opposition to military involvement in the conflict and called again for negotiations."

Vance: "We Cannot Go Back to the Cold War"

In his Jan. 13 address to the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance included strong statements against a renewal of tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union.

...Our country, within sight and memory of some Americans still living, has been transformed from a largely agrarian society of the world's greatest industrial power — one in which economic, political and social mobility are the accepted order of the day....

Because of who and what we are, both the basic interests and the ideals of our people must be present in our foreign policy, or it will not be long sustained.

We must maintain a defense establishment modern and strong enough to protect ourselves and our allies.

We must protect American investment overseas and ensure continuing access to vital raw materials.

We must be strongly competitive economically, so that American families can continue to enjoy their standard of living.

We must maintain our close relations with our allies, while we seek at the same time improved contacts with our main competitor, the Soviet Union, and with the non-aligned nations.

All of this, and more, can be pursued — as we pursue our national interest — while still expressing the deeper ideals and aspirations that have led us to our remarkable economic and social progress here at home....

If we have the courage and patience to see it through, I believe we can both lower the threshold of international danger, and release new resources for the works of peace, through SALT and other such negotiations.

But we must summon the will to do it.

For it is in our relations with the Soviet Union that war and peace issues and decisions are most involved....

In the cause of peace and of our own interest, we have engaged the Soviet Union on a wide range of concrete matters, intended in the first instance to stabilize the military competition and to regulate the political competition. These are our first objectives, because they go to the heart of the issue of war and peace.

Beyond these objectives, we seek to enlarge areas of common understanding and common action on a range of international issues, including human rights; cooperation on matters affecting the lives of people everywhere, such as disease, food supply, pollution of the environment, and the application of science and technology.

Progress in these fields is uneven, and may take a long time, but we draw patience and a long-term perspective from our realization of how far we have come from the intense and dangerous Cold War spirit that prevailed only a few decades ago.

The alternative to this active dialogue with the Soviets implies a return to the tensions and mutual isolation of the Cold War. Many of you and the leadership of this Administration remember what that period was like. In good conscience, we cannot recommend that we lead the country back to the troubles and fear of that era....

A Europe Of Chiles

The European end of the destabilization gameplan is being expanded to embrace London-orchestrated "civil war" terror and chaos scenarios in both Italy and Portugal. Taking up from where Kissinger left off in his lies about communist infiltration of Western European countries, London has activated a 90-day terror and chaos plan to reduce Italy and Portugal to fascism on the Chile model.

Portugal

This week, the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) broke off negotiations for a new government with the Portuguese Socialist Party after Socialist Premier Mario Soares presented his International Monetary Fund formula for a new government: a PSP coalition with the neofascist Social Democratic Party and the conservative Social Democratic Center.

An editorial in the City of London-controlled daily La Repubblica in Italy bares the game plan. Repubblica "predicts" a civil war for Portugal, where a "wave of terror" from the Portuguese Communist Party "shall occur if the new government is formed." Says Repubblica, "If (PCP head) Cunhal sees himself again as the leader of the only opposition party, he will lose very quickly the 'realism' he has been showing lately and will return to the maximalist perspective typical of his formation and character. Therefore, a very dangerous

clash is foreseen in Portugal: the 'white' north against the 'red' south." With the control it has over the trade union and peasant masses, the PCP can "render very difficult the job of a centrist government..."

Italy

Using the same "90-day scenario" with some slight variations, Kissinger and the City of London have employed their agents from the top of the government to the terrorists in the streets to prevent the formation of a prodevelopment government with the participation of the Italian Communist Party (PCI). As of this writing, Italian President Leone is expected to formally invite Giulio Andreotti to form a new government, and the Aldo Moro wing of Andreotti's Christian Democracy (DC) and the Napolitano wing of the PCI are utilizing every ploy to prevent that government from including the PCI.

Il Popolo, linked to the DC, ran an article by a Moro associate stating that it is not possible to work with the PCI; 70 DC-linked "intellectuals" wrote a letter to the party's leadership saying "no" to any PCI role in the government.

In the PCI itself, Giorgio Napolitano and Gerardo Chiarmonte are raving that the PCI must go into the government without the DC — virtually an open invitation for U.S.-NATO intervention and civil war.