

European countries," *Izvestia* declaimed.

Enter Henry Kissinger. . .

Marc Rich, currently one of the wealthiest commodity dealers in the world, began as the son of burlap bag seller. Picked up by the Oppenheimer commodity trader Phibro, Rich became one of its top traders, leaving the firm in 1973. Rich's new ventures, centered in spot-market oil, made it big only through the 1973 Kissinger-orchestrated oil crisis and his chummy relations to several Middle East countries including Iran. Rich's success in securing Kissinger Associates partner Robert O. Anderson, the owner of Atlantic Richfield, as a reliable purchaser of his oil, is acknowledged as key to his financial success. Rich's credit line with Kissinger employer Chase Manhattan, is also among those coups which enabled the firm to grow so rapidly. In fact Peter Ryan, the vice president of the commodities division of Chase, left Chase to become Rich's partner and Chief Executive Officer of Rich International.

During the 1970s Rich joined forces with one of Henry Kissinger's closest friends, oil man Marvin Davis of Denver, himself of shadowy origin and another beneficiary of Kissinger's oil hoax.

In 1981 Davis and Rich took over Twentieth Century Fox. Among their first deeds was appointing Henry Kissinger as a paid director of the firm. According to one source the joint financial dealings of Kissinger, Davis, and Rich have also included real-estate speculation in Israel.

Rich's stranglehold over the economy of Bolivia, where he controls 45 percent of tin production—its largest export next to cocaine—has suggested to some that Rich figures in Kissinger's Ibero-American operations.

. . . and Russian speculators

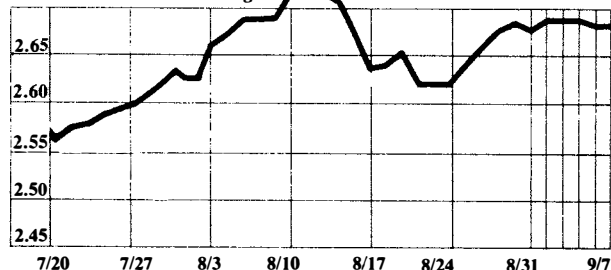
Apart from Moscow's affection for Henry Kissinger, it is not out of the question that the Soviet Union's defense of Rich and Swiss speculators might reflect the U.S.S.R.'s own direct ties to Rich. The Soviet government is currently one of the largest sellers of oil on the spot market in the world and does a brisk business with the Republic of South Africa in gold and related commodities. Soviet commodity speculation is done through western banking and corporate interests not associated in the public imagination with the U.S.S.R. These cut-outs, many operating out of Switzerland, include scores of South African firms and Swiss banks, most prominently the interests associated with the Oppenheimer empire—the same interests which spawned Rich. Are Rich A.G., Rich International and related Rich concerns in this category?

Among the most striking features of the 1979 oil trade of Rich A.G. now being investigated is that the oil—to a large degree originating in Iran—was sold to interests including Charter Oil. During that same period Libya-linked Charter Oil was negotiating with Billy Carter a number of corrupt deals only partially exposed by the notorious Billygate scandal.

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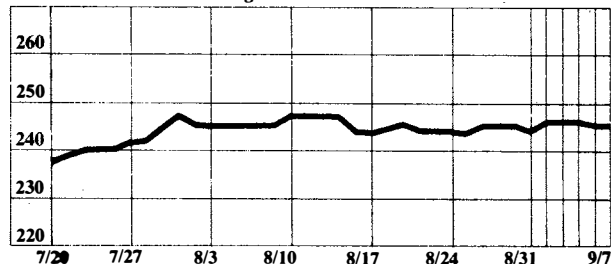
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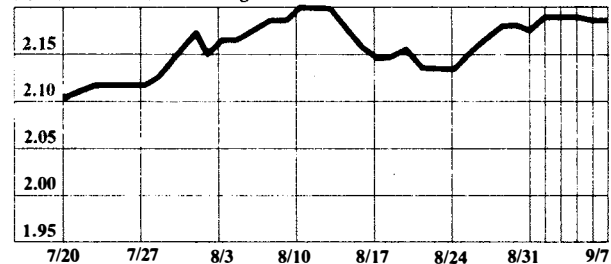
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