

Kissinger Watch by M. T. Upharson



Why Henry was sad

The best way to describe the effects of Henry Kissinger's frequent trips around Latin America is to say, "Familiarity breeds contempt." Folks down there don't like Kissinger even one little bit. Knowing that Kissinger hates their friend LaRouche worse than anything going, people down below have been known more than once to raise mention of LaRouche's name in just the way to make Kissinger pretty upset.

The first week of September, for example. One morning the leading Mexican newspaper, *Excelsior*, had a big spread about LaRouche as its number-two front-page item. The same day, LaRouche's name came up in the Mexican Congress, as some members of congress proposed to have Mexico's fascist party, the PAN, outlawed for violations of the Mexican constitution and national laws. So, that night, there was LaRouche's name all over the television news throughout the country. The news got back to Kissinger's circles, and they weren't pleased about it, not one little bit.

The other shoe dropped in Caracas, Venezuela, right in the official proceedings of the OAS meeting there. In the envelope of official materials passed out to the official delegates and press, there were three poses of Venezuela's finance minister, one of them showing the finance minister happily reading a recently issued book. You couldn't miss the printing on the cover of the book: it was the latest biography of LaRouche. While some of the Latin American folks tried not to grin too undiplomatically under those circumstances, Kissinger's friends were not at all happy about that picture.

Even those Soviet fellows hanging around in Latin America, who hate LaRouche about as much as Kissinger does, couldn't help but see a funny side to the whole business.

This sort of thing hurts Kissinger's ego. It also hurts his pocketbook. Nowadays, you don't find Kissinger doing much diplomacy without his picking up a bit more than a spare piece of change on the side.

When he was trying to steer U.S. policy in the Middle East, last fall, he was brokering land-grab swindles on Israel's West Bank, which gives you a fair idea of how Kissinger defines U.S. Middle East interests. About the same time, Kissinger, Britain's Lord Peter Carrington, and some other notables cooked up a new company called Kissinger Associates, Inc., taking fat fees for muscling governments around Latin America and elsewhere. Just to keep Kissinger Associates' fat profits rolling in, Henry had himself put on one of the State Department's organizations as head of a Central American Commission: probably the worst case of corruption in government this season—but that appears to be the drift of the way Henry does things lately. Makes a fellow wonder whether Kissinger leaves anything over for U.S. interests after Kissinger's business interests have been taken care of first.

Once folks start laughing at a fellow like Kissinger, he's going to have

trouble selling his services, and might just have to take up some new trade, like selling used cars. Next thing you know, the same fellows who've been hob-nobbing with Kissinger and praising him to the skies, will soon be saying "Henry who?" to the reporters.

If things keep going as they did the first week of September, the best thing Henry can do for himself, and for the United States, too, is to defect to Moscow while he still has some shreds of political market-value left.

Dr. K's friend Craxi to step down?

According to Italian political experts, one of Henry Kissinger's protégés, Prime Minister Bettino Craxi, may announce his resignation soon.

You all probably remember it was Henry who ordered Bettino to collapse the Italian government and make his bid for power last April, while Henry was visiting Italy on one of his Trilateral Commission junkets. (That was the time he ran out of the country through the U.S. Embassy to give the slip to the subpoena of the Rome D.A., who had a few questions to ask him about the murder of Aldo Moro.)

Folks say Bettino might fall over the Lebanon crisis. If Craxi removes Italian troops from Lebanon, his government will be charged with cowardice. If Italian troops die in the coming Soviet-directed assault in Lebanon, Craxi would fall for that reason.

To avoid humiliation, Craxi may choose to resign before being forced to make the decision. Experts conjecture that Craxi's statement of resignation will be on the following lines: "I have discovered that the position of Prime Minister of Italy is a boring, unimportant duty, far beneath a leader of my great talents. A politician with a gnat's brain would be suited for the position. Therefore, I am stepping down in favor of my esteemed friend Amintore Fanfani."