

Europe Tells Mondale: Go Home

ITALY

Il Popolo (Christian Democratic newsdaily) Jan. 26
(Italy's) geopolitical position confers upon her, in fact, not only the role of fixed bridge — or if one prefers — connection or synthesis — between Africa and Europe, between North and South, between rich and underdeveloped; but also, no less delicate of meeting point between East and West ... Such awareness must force us to clarify without reticence — not only to friend Mondale but above all to ourselves — the choices that we intend to adopt. It must be justly remembered in these days that (Foreign Minister) Forlani and our allies have, after our recent and fruitful diplomatic missions, "a great possibility of understanding" that Italian foreign policy is developing in "a secure and coherent manner" ... the visit to Rome of the U.S. vice-president constitutes rather a valid occasion for us to confirm the clarity and firmness of our international policy.

Corriere della Sera (Newspaper of Record), Jan. 22
The new president, as one can see, is backed by a single network ... the Trilateral Commission. It's basic assumption, of the crisis of democracy ... emphasizes so-called ungovernability or the crisis of governability of modern democracy and the eventual alternatives ... even at the price of the limitation of democratic institutions.

Il Giornale, Jan. 25
... (after referring to the New York Times interview with Chancellor Schmidt) ... this interview predicts something different than a free and easy rapport with the new administration ... we find that another nail has been driven into the coffin which is the agreement signed between Germany and Brazil ... the Americans hope to find a satisfactory solution but Helmut Schmidt is not likely to lose face by tearing up an accord he has already signed.

L'Unita, (Italian Communist Party Newsdaily), Jan. 26
EEC official Roy Jenkins probably presented Mondale... with the EEC economic and energy paper with the intended aim of reducing European dependency on petroleum imports.

ENGLAND

The Daily Telegraph, Jan. 21
Mr. Carter's administration is dominated by men who like himself are members of the Trilateral Commission ... Both left-wing and right-wing critics have denounced the commission as a sinister global conspiracy.

The London Times, Jan. 21
Carter's inaugural address reminds one of President Kennedy's ... when only a few Republicans and anti-Papists doubted that he intended a 'rebirth' for the nation ... Little did we realize that Kennedy meant every word of it and that the New Frontier would be sought in Berlin,

the Bay of Pigs, the underground silos of inter-continental ballistic missiles and Vietnam.

The Daily Mirror, Jan. 21
Carter's inaugural speech was promising. He promised the American people almost everything but the moon, because Nixon's astronauts have already been there.

London Observer, Jan. 24
America has got a new President, but Americans are still not sure what sort of a President they have got in Jimmy Carter. Carter's talk of bringing the people into government is a bit of a hoax, well meant, perhaps, but dangerous ... The problem of Russia and of avoiding nuclear war aside, Carter has economic problems... reflation... and world recovery... This is a formidable man, capable of much. One only hopes that his conscience never comes into conflict with history.

Sunday Telegraph, Jan. 24
Jimmy Carter's inaugural address was... humble humbug. And... his down-home ways could be dangerous... In the leader of the greatest power on earth, such St. Francis-like pretensions to Christian humility could prove far more dangerous than the Napoleonic conceits and fancies of President Kennedy.

WEST GERMANY

Die Welt, Jan. 24
The new administration... adheres to a NATO policy... which would make West Germany the main theater of battle in any nuclear confrontation... In the last century, politicians in a country under such a threat would reconsider their responsibilities to the Alliance. West Germany can not do that, but we cannot be content with an Alliance strategy which plays out our total destruction in war.

Die Welt, Jan. 23
West Germany's refusal to reflate its economy isn't going to appeal to Walter Mondale... whose ideas are prepared by the Trilateral Commission... Mondale coming to Bonn will bring nothing new with him... he will want to strengthen the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund... The Trilateral Commission was created by David Rockefeller... Mondale will want to explain Jimmy Carter's nuclear philosophy to Chancellor Schmidt... but Schmidt will not discuss details of German atomic exports with Mondale, preferring to leave this to experts.

Die Welt, Jan. 25
The United States has been speaking of partnership and of mutual formulation of policy, but the direction in which Carter is going is already fixed. It is the U.S.' own self interest that is speaking here. The United States' demand for the stimulation of the world economy is not in the interest of Europe and the Third World... Jobs depend

on its exports, and therefore he (Carter) wants others to inflate so that they can buy U.S. products. This is not acceptable for Europe and West Germany. Schmidt will take a firm position. One can only hope that Mondale will bring back to the United States this insight into Europe's problems. The nuclear deal with Brazil will show that the interests of the U.S. and those of West Germany are not the same.

Die Welt, Jan. 26

Government spokesman Klaus Bolling's art of interpretation reached a high point yesterday that can be included as one of the more memorable occasions in one's life... Bolling's best specimen was his interpretation of the Chancellor's (Schmidt's) remark, that of course Carter's inauguration speech was eloquent, but it lacked any direction. No, Bolling said, not so, not so. The Chancellor simply wanted to say that the speech did not contain any economic program, that was all...

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Jan. 24

Jimmy Carter, the Tarzan from Georgia, is a natural boy. He told his driver to pull over to set an example for Americans how to get used to the cold... to cut down energy consuming.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, (editorial) Jan. 26

... Helmut Schmidt is holding a strong front at home and abroad against inflationary advice which is becoming more and more frequent. There is an unholy alliance of foreign states, monetary theorists, trade union leaders and his own party friends, who are all pointing in the same direction:... inflation.

Frankfurter Rundschau, Jan. 24

Mr. Mondale's visit is to strengthen the U.S.-European axis. That's not the reality today. After 1973, European efforts to open up relations with Arab nationalism dissolved, leaving the field for the U.S. to set up the illusion of a U.S.-European Axis as the only reality... One must keep in view conflicts of interest spanning the Atlantic.

Suedische Zeitung, Jan. 26 "Inflation — No Recipe for World Trade"

A quick look at the interview will show that at least Schmidt is the old Schmidt again as far as the freshness of his tone goes, which is not always an advantage. But in other things he's quite correct. The Chancellor defending himself against the idea that cannot be eradicated in spite of its nonsense, that the Federal Republic of Germany only needs to make a little monetary steam, that is

inflation, and the international economy will be on its feet once again.

Bild Zeitung, Jan. 26

Both Mondale and Schmidt negotiated in a friendly manner for more than three hours, but they were unreconciled over one point; Mondale wanted to dissuade Bonn from the nuclear deal with Brazil. The Chancellor remained firm.

Bild Zeitung, Jan. 26 "Threats Won't Work"

....The Federal Republic of Germany could do a great deal of business selling nuclear reactors for peaceful purposes to foreign countries that urgently need energy. We need business orders, and the jobs, and the foreign countries need the energy. The Americans are grumbling, they have many objections, but in essence they have only one: they want to do the deal themselves... but we have the better argument: our reactors are better. Nothing works with threats. We remain open to advice, but not to tutelage.

Stuttgarter Zeitung, Jan. 26 "Bonn's Nuclear Deal"

... Schmidt told Mondale that in the future the Federal Republic of Germany will take on additional responsibilities in the question of atomic exports.

FRANCE

Le Figaro, Jan. 24

The very exclusive "Trilateral" think-tank created by Nelson Rockefeller which is said to have provided Jimmy Carter with the main body of his ideas in terms of foreign policy, has always considered its first priority the reinforcement of consultations between the United States and its principal allies. In fact, the trip by Vice President Mondale which begins today in Brussels and will proceed to the other capitals of the "Old World" and Tokyo, demonstrates that such is indeed the essential priority of Gerald Ford's successor.

JAPAN

Mainichi, Jan. 13

It is feared in some quarters that the brief moratorium on nuclear energy proposed by the Trilateral Commission... may slow down Japan's efforts to establish nuclear fuel recycling facilities... Walter Mondale is expected to visit this country shortly, to discuss the energy issue with Japanese leaders at the instruction of President-elect Carter... Amidst such a cooperative atmosphere, we must redouble our efforts to better their understanding of our unique position on the nuclear fuel issue.