

Kissinger tightens grip over GOP at convention

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Not what was said and gaudily celebrated, but what was *not* said at the Republican convention in Dallas, what was deliberately omitted, defined the real state of affairs in the country, the Reagan administration, and the Republican Party. There was deafening silence over the imminent threat of Soviet invasion of Western Europe; silence over the massive and ever-accelerating Russian military buildup over the last four years; silence over the complete militarization of Russian society; silence over the massive Russian violations of all strategic arms control agreements since Reagan entered office; silence over the Russians' great strides in strategic anti-missile weapons systems over the last four years.

In Dallas, the 1980 GOP platform plank which once called for U.S. "military superiority" over the Soviet Union was quietly dropped. Also dropped was the 1980 plank declaring the United States free of its obligations under SALT II in light of systematic Soviet violations. A draft plank calling for the urgent production and deployment of anti-ballistic laser beam weapons was killed after interventions from the Reagan campaign organization, the State Department, and the White House palace guard.

Henry Kissinger, a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, and his patrons in the Republican Party who dominate in that board were orchestrating, behind the scenes, these things which were not said at the Dallas convention.

The defanging of Ronald Reagan

A retrospective review of the Reagan administration's accomplishments from Jan. 20, 1981 to date in the sphere of

national security will demonstrate that, despite the euphoric atmosphere of "new patriotism" dominating the intoxicated ranks of GOP rank-and-filers, almost nothing was accomplished which had not already been pre-programmed by the Carter administration.

- The defense budgets of the Reagan administration, after Congress applied its knife, were not one red penny higher than what the Carter administration had projected in its last year.

- Under the pressure of Kissinger's Scowcroft Commission, the United States has retained its commitment to "arms control" totally intact despite the fact that the Russians have walked out of all negotiating forums, never to return.

- Production of the MX missile has yet to be approved, despite the fact that the Russians have announced that in 1985 they will actually deploy a new type of ICBM, perhaps more advanced than the projected MX.

- The Russian government, during the latter part of 1981, informed the Reagan administration that those articles of the SALT II treaty which limit the number of Russian ICBM launchers and the number of MIRVed missiles have been declared "obsolete." The Reagan administration decided not only to not react to this but to not even inform the American public.

- Despite longstanding pressure from concerned senators that the administration take measures against systematic and massive Russian violations of the arms-control agreements, the Reagan administration, during 1983, went on record that it intends to do nothing about it.

- Late in 1983, the Reagan administration made a deci-

sion to falsely claim that American strategic defenses have been restored and that the world is now "further away from the threat of war" than ever before.

• After the President's historic March 23, 1983 announcement that the United States would proceed with the effort to "render nuclear missiles impotent and obsolete" by means of space-based anti-missile defenses, an unprecedented mobilization of Kissinger's "arms control" mafia succeeded in reducing that program to a miniscule "research and development" venture designed to get nowhere despite the best efforts of the country's best scientists and engineers.

Thus, when President Reagan arrived at the 1984 Republican convention in Dallas, he was no longer the Reagan of the 1980 campaign. He had been broken by the Kissingerian arms-control mafia and had been reduced to merely implementing a defense and national security policy which had been laid out during the Carter administration. No rhetorical claims to the contrary will alter either the facts or the figures. During these same intervening four years, however, the Soviet Union was transformed into a mobilized garrison state under the overt command of a military junta centered around Marshal Ogarkov's General Staff. All economic, technological, and scientific institutions, together with the educational system and the apparatus of domestic propaganda, were transferred to the Russian military in the course of late 1982 and 1983.

During the now almost four years of the Reagan administration, the rates of increase of Russian military hardware production reached truly astounding levels, in virtually every type of nuclear and conventional equipment. In addition to three new types of land-based ICBMs now under production, Russia is preparing to deploy five different types of submarine-launched ballistic missiles, some designed to be launched from underneath the Arctic icepack, two new types of long-range cruise missiles designed for shore bombardment, and a huge space station to begin being assembled in 1985.

Russia, during the Reagan administration, has accelerated its mass production and deployment of all types of intermediate range ballistic missiles, special purpose artillery equipment, aircraft of all types, submarines, frigates, missile craft, high-altitude surface-to-air missiles, and tanks. While Russian growth rates in these areas nearly doubled in the last four years, the Reagan administration, having been forced to collapse back to the Carter defense program, decided to keep quiet about the rapidly growing Russian threat.

To conceal its capitulation to Kissinger's treacherous arms-control mafia, the Reagan administration chose to falsely claim that the Russian military threat has diminished while in fact it has grown ominously.

Kissinger's intelligence coup

One month before the Dallas convention, Henry Kissinger published an article in the *Washington Post* in which, while proposing the establishment of a back-channel negotiation with Moscow for the purpose of "outlawing militari-

zation of outer space," he made the assertion that the Russian leadership is at this time preoccupied with its internal problems and thus to be trusted not to present any actual military threat to the West. A few weeks later, at the opening of the Dallas convention, Kissinger on national television revealed that he has been advising President Reagan to hold a summit with the Russian leadership, specifically Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. He supported his proposal by asserting that there is tremendous disarray and factionalization within the Russian leadership, that the Russian empire is about to begin crumbling, Eastern Europe about to spin away and so

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forth—thus making an American conciliatory move both profitable and propitious at this time.

Increasingly during the month before the Republican convention, many issues of defense, foreign, and domestic policy of the Reagan administration were decided on the basis of this assumption of a "crumbling Russian empire." This assumption is a lie concocted by Kissinger, Brzezinski, et al. for the purpose of rationalizing policies designed to lead the United States to a decoupling from Western Europe and to eventual capitulation to Russian military pressures. There is no such thing as a "crumbling Russian empire."

However, the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, which Kissinger joined in April 1984 and which has in its ranks such "post-industrial society" Republicans as Anne Armstrong and Clare Booth Luce, is intoxicated with the vision of the "crumbling Russian empire." Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), under Kissinger's guidance, started mass manufacturing arguments intended to prove the "crumbling empire" theory. So did Stanford University's Hoover Institution. Harvard University's Russian Studies Center and Columbia Uni-

versity's Harriman Institute did the same. NATO analysts under the direction of Lord Carrington, a political and business partner of Kissinger's, and also under the direction of David Abshire, now U.S. ambassador to NATO and previously head of Kissinger's Georgetown CSIS, started manufacturing and sending over tidbits of news designed to back up the "crumbling empire" thesis.

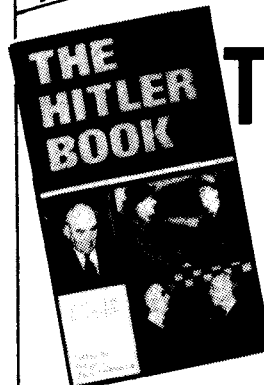
With the aid of Zbigniew Brzezinski, who found a way to get into the National Security Council (NSC) from the back door via certain well-known, deluded fellow Catholics, the "crumbling empire" thesis became hegemonic inside the NSC, especially after Robert McFarlane was appointed to replace Judge William Clark. The NSC and the White House, fascinated with the "connection to the Polish underground" offered them by certain Jesuit-solidarist conduits of unsavory past, began falling for the analysis-line retailed by the Jesuit-solidarist channel. This analysis-line happens to be the same as that emerging out of Georgetown CSIS, Hoover, and Kissinger. It is not an honest "analysis of facts" but an elaborate rationalization meant to facilitate a strategic decoupling of the United States from Europe.

Consider: Kissinger, the NSC, et al. are arguing that a serious national defense effort by the United States is not required because the "Russian empire is crumbling." If it were in fact "crumbling," the conclusion any serious analyst would reach would be that that crumbling empire's bosses are more tempted than ever to strike out into foreign military adventures in order to shore up their crumbling positions; and would then correlate that to the raw statistical data of Russian military buildup.

One would then see that what appear to be symptoms of "crumbling" are merely "growing pains." The Russian empire is expanding. This at least should be evident to any observer who wonders why not a word was heard at the Dallas convention of the fact that the United States, since April 30, 1984, has been kicked out of the entire Middle East; it has been kicked out of North Africa; it has lost most of its remaining influence in the Indian subcontinent; it is now forced into the choice: Either use its limited military resources to defend Europe and lose Central America, or defend Central America and lose Europe. Kissinger is telling the Republican Party's fervent patriots that Central America must be defended "at all costs." What he means is that it must be defended at the cost of abandoning Europe to the Russians.

President Reagan's problem is that he did not have the guts to tell the American people that such a forced choice was and is unnecessary. He did not have the guts to mobilize the American people for a national defense mobilization on a scale similar to what we did in the 1939 to 1944 period, for nothing else is capable of stopping the Russian imperial drive. Instead, he went along with the vacuous "new patriotism" pap of the Dallas convention. Henry and his patrons at the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and in the Kremlin must have been pleased with all that meaningless flagwaving.

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