

## Kissinger Watch by M. T. Upharsin

### The emperor's new clothes

Henry Kissinger stands more exposed than ever before, like the emperor with "new clothes." Amidst a world economic crisis and intensifying global conflicts, there are two factors that have contributed to friends parting company with Henry, realizing that his supposedly oracular prognostications have been pure sophistry.

The most explosive development was Kissinger's testimony before the Senate Select Committee on POW-MIA Affairs, which even led the *New York Times* on Sept. 26 to write: "Mr. Kissinger offered only sophistry, self-justification and counterattacks." This, in response to partial exposure of how Kissinger abandoned an estimated 350 POW-MIAs in Laos alone.

Another development with a long fuse was the almost simultaneous appearance of Walter Isaacson's book, *Kissinger*.

Taken together, these two items have touched off a deluge of attacks, including in publications that formerly treated Kissinger as "untouchable."

### Der Spiegel: a public execution

Henry Kissinger was characterized as "painfully amoral" in the Oct. 5 issue of the German news weekly *Der Spiegel*, which ran a five-page review of Walter Isaacson's new book. The review, a démontage of the longtime positive image of Henry in such Anglophile German media as *Der Spiegel*, is the more interesting, as the founder and publisher of the magazine, Rudolf Augstein, has been a close friend of Kissinger for many years.

The review started off by describing Kissinger's obvious paranoia dur-

ing the Senate hearings on the POWs issue. *Der Spiegel* then gave devastating quotes from key colleagues of Henry's, from Isaacson's book. There was Helmut Sonnenfeldt, saying: "Henry does not lie because it is in his interest. He lies because it is his nature."

Or, Lawrence Eagleburger, declaring of Kissinger that "Henry does not have an intrinsic feel for the American political system, and he does not start with the same basic values and assumptions."

Or, James Schlesinger, who told *Der Spiegel*: "Henry's style of cheating may be less condemned in Europe than here. Anglo-Saxon countries have little preference for someone who is exceptionally manipulative."

*Der Spiegel* reported what *EIR*'s readers have long known: that Kissinger was implanted into U.S. political life by the oligarch Fritz Kraemer, who called Henry "my little Jew"; the report adds that nobody really knows why Henry's 1954 book, *Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy*, became famous. The magazine also quoted an old campaign manager of Nelson Rockefeller, Oscar Ruebhausen, who comments on Kissinger joining Nixon's camp as soon as Rockefeller lost out in the primaries in 1968: "We were shocked. There was a sense that he was a whore."

At the high point of tensions between Nixon and a mentally unstable and disloyal Kissinger in the White House, Nixon insisted that he would fire Henry if he didn't agree to seek psychiatric care. This tale from Isaacson's book had also been reported in the Sept. 28 *Washington Post* by Mary McGrory, who tells how Nixon set up a "Handle Henry Committee" to approach the "psychotic" Kissinger, with the proposal to seek psychiatric care. Said Nixon: "Just tell him; don't

ask him. Either he sees a psychiatrist or he's out."

On Sept. 29, Germany's largest popular daily, *Bildzeitung*, downgraded Kissinger as "the bad guy of the day." *Bild* reported that on the surface, Kissinger played the confidant of Nixon, but behind his back, he gave him names like "drunkard" and "hamburger brain."

*Der Spiegel* also pointed to Henry's sado-masochistic personality. When he once met Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, who told him that her policy was to do to others what they would do against her, Kissinger is said to have responded that one should add 10%.

Kissinger may have made good money with his consulting firm, Kissinger Associates, Inc., *Der Spiegel* wrote, but he never did what he did while in office for the money, as much as out of a totalitarian bent—such as his support for Red China's regime. As *New York Rep.* Stephen Solarz put it: "Dr. Kissinger has always come out in defense of repressive dictatorships, whether he had a financial interest or not."

### Pouting

Kissinger has not taken this exposure well. The Sept. 15 *New York Post* carried the report in its gossip column, that Henry planned to boycott an affair at the Council on Foreign Relations. Apparently Henry threw a fit when longtime associate William Hyland wrote a one-paragraph favorable review of Isaacson's book in the latest issue of *Foreign Affairs*. Kissinger was reputed to be so miffed, that he boycotted the gala dinner celebrating the 70th anniversary of the premier magazine of the eastern liberal establishment.