

Mexican Press:

'Alan Riding Must Be Expelled'

Three leading Mexico City newspapers and additional regional papers this week prominently printed excerpts from a Mexican Labor Party call for the expulsion of *Financial Times* and *New York Times* correspondent in Mexico, Alan Riding, from the country. The PLM charged Riding with systematically presenting British intelligence scenarios and policies for Mexico in the guise of news reporting. Riding's attitude toward Mexico was summed up in an exchange with PLM members in Mexico in which Riding said President Lopez Portillo had no choice in dealing with Mondale and Schlesinger pressure except "pull down his pants and bend over."

The extensive coverage of the PLM call was widely interpreted as a signal that elements of the government are increasingly concerned about Riding's activities and are prepared to take more direct measures against him. The *New York Times* said today it had instructed Riding to deny making such a statement.

The PLM charges first appeared in a prominent page one article in *Ultimas Noticias de Excelsior* Jan. 10. They were repeated in political columns in both *Diario de Mexico* and *Ovaciones* the next day, and picked up in Monterrey papers at the end of the week.

The *Diario de Mexico* coverage, headlined "Alan Riding Must Be Expelled," ran as follows:

Attributing to him statements to the effect that "the Mexicans will have to put their pipeline up their ass" and that "soon the government of President Lopez Portillo will have no alternative but to 'pull down its pants'" before the official in charge of managing energy policy for the White House, the Mexican Labor Party yesterday

called publicly for the expulsion of the correspondent of the *New York Times* and the *Financial Times*, Alan Riding, from our country.

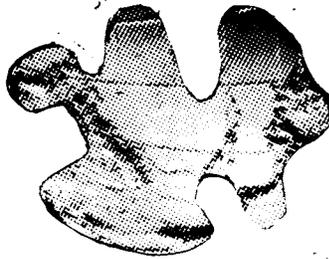
The Party also singled out the journalist Riding as an "agent of the intelligence and subversion of the Rothschilds" and noted that his "articles are nothing but open calls to impose a Schachtian economy on Mexico, which would claim the lives of millions of Mexicans."

From the column "Mirador Politico" in *Ovaciones* Jan. 11:

The expulsion from the country of Alan Riding for being an agent of the intelligence and subversion networks of the Rothschilds, acting under the cover of "correspondent" for the *New York Times* and the *Financial Times*, is demanded by the National Executive Committee of the Mexican Labor Party. The Mexican Labor Party also declares that U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale, in his upcoming visit to Mexico on the 20th of this month, intends to blackmail the government so that, as James Schlesinger would have it, Mexico conditions the sale of its gas to the neighboring country to the north to the implementation of large-scale birth control and pick and shovel labor in our country.

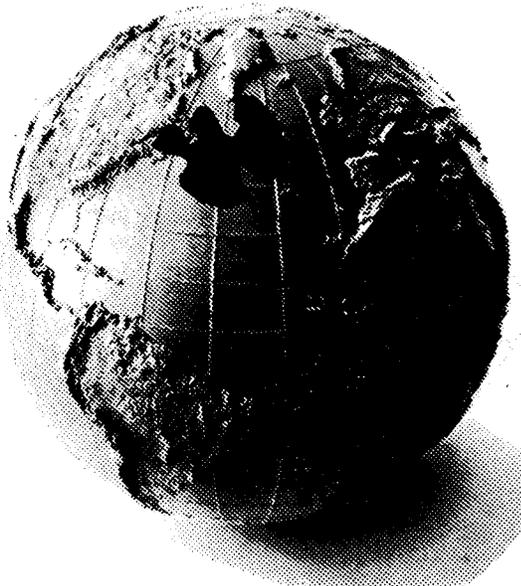
It declares as well that Walter Mondale, James Schlesinger and Zbigniew Brzezinski act de facto as British "agents of influence" within the Carter Administration. Thus, adds the Mexican Labor Party, Mondale will arrive in our country with a U.S. passport but following British marching orders.

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