

Kissinger Watch by Kathleen Klenetsky

Dr. K on the brink

The expert on crisis management is now dealing with one of his own.

In the first week in June, *EIR* has been told by a number of Kissinger-watchers, Henry Kissinger began precipitously to descend into a nervous breakdown.

"It's eerie," one of these sources commented. "It's almost like he's haunted. Before, Kissinger's always been so sure of himself." The Kissinger-watchers' evaluation is that if Kissinger doesn't drop out of sight for awhile, his paranoia and megalomania will take over to the point of real crisis. Otherwise, they say, "he's going to put himself right in a psychiatric ward or worse."

Evidence of the breakdown had surfaced at the time of Kissinger's posh 60th birthday party on May 26 at the Hotel Pierre in New York, where Dr. K was toasted by such other has-beens as former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Even the London *Guardian*, a newspaper run by the British intelligence circles Henry reports to, felt obliged to mention that the \$75,000 dinner-dance was greeted by demonstrators yelling "murder." The charges that Kissinger set up the assassinations of former Pakistani Prime Minister Bhutto, Italian leader Aldo Moro, and Chilean President Salvador Allende, among others, have followed him on every public appearance for 18 months.

Then, the week of May 30, Seymour Hersh's biography of Kissinger, *The Price of Power*, hit bookstores—and the press. Review of Kissingerian "dirty tricks" is the theme. The report which has gotten most media attention, and the most violent reaction from

Kissinger, is Hersh's story of Kissinger's duplicity in 1968, when he approached the Humphrey camp as well as the Nixon one. To Nixon he provided inside information on the Johnson-Humphrey administration's Vietnam negotiations; to Humphrey he offered damaging files on Richard Nixon. He also begged the Humphrey campaign for assurance that, should they win the election, Kissinger—adviser to Republican presidents—would be guaranteed the post of National Security Adviser or at least a position on the National Security Council.

On a recent "Night Line" (ABC-TV), Kissinger was asked about the current administration's activities in Central America and covert operations in his tenure at NSC and the State Department. Where once the great diplomat could have deflected the question with a suave witticism, now Kissinger's face was grim, frozen. In an almost desperate tone, he insisted that never, never had he engaged in covert operations or assassinations. That would be murder, he said.

Back on "Night Line" June 1, Kissinger addressed the issue of those "slimy lies" in Seymour Hersh's book. If Humphrey were alive today, Kissinger insisted, Humphrey would back him up.

Unfortunately for Kissinger, the next day a former Humphrey campaign worker appeared on nationwide network news to confirm Hersh's charge in its important particulars. Former Humphrey campaign worker Zbigniew Brzezinski did the same.

These items were followed on the

news broadcast by a film clip of Kissinger disembarking at the Houston airport and being besieged by reporters. "No comment," he hissed.

Kissinger's Houston trip was itself traumatic. He had scheduled first a secret reception at Houston's posh Bayou Club and then, top-secret, a briefing on handling Mexico and the Latin American debt bomb to 100 Houston insiders. The briefing was sponsored by Georgetown University's CSIS, along with Exxon and Quintana Petroleum (the company of Roy Cohn's playmate Baron Ricky di Portonova).

Though shrouded in secrecy, and completely off-limits to the press, the fact of Kissinger's trip and its purpose was leaked to members of Lyndon LaRouche's National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC). As a result, local press tried to crash the reception at the Bayou Club, to be told repeatedly that Kissinger was thousands of miles away and then to be bodily ejected. An NDPC picket line was in front of the Bayou when a limousine pulled in with Kissinger huddled inside. On Kissinger's face appeared a look of horror. Where was the leak?

The latest issue of *Public Policy* magazine runs an extraordinary interview of Henry Kissinger by New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. The old self-confidence is gone. Instead, Kissinger agonizes over the "many indignities," the "vilifications" he has been subjected to by President Reagan's closest advisers.

If the Seymour Hersh book is a signal that the Anglo-American Establishment is considering abandoning Kissinger as a liability because of the scandals clinging to his name, what of the rumors that another book on Kissinger is in the offing, this one to expose his links to the Soviet KGB from 1944 onwards?