

Kissinger Watch by M.T. Upharsin

Fat Larry goes to SEED

No sooner did Fat Henry Kissinger resign from the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) in January, than the former president of Henry's global influence-peddling firm, Fat Larry Eagleburger, got himself a new job. Besides being number-two man at the State Department, George Bush gave him the title of Presidential Coordinator for Eastern European Assistance.

Wearing that new hat, Fat Larry took off on Feb. 20 for a seven-day tour of Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia, and Austria. Fat Larry's mission was to implement the President's Support Eastern European Democracy Act, which, on closer examination, proves that the Bush administration policy toward Eastern Europe has "gone to SEED."

When Fat Larry landed in Budapest, he reviewed plans for the free elections to be held in Hungary in March. Ironically, this is the same man whose last presidential mission, in December, showed him kowtowing to plant a large kiss on Communist butcher Deng Xiaoping's behind, saying that all was forgiven for the mass murder of unarmed students in Tiananmen Square. There was even the well-publicized toast by Gen. Brent Scowcroft, who had been Fat Larry's partner in Kissinger Associates, Inc., where Scowcroft pledged to work against the "negative forces" that sought to break U.S. ties to the Chinese regime. Well, with such great credentials as a democrat, the Hungarians ought to make sure that after his talks with them, Fat Larry did not invite Deng Xiaoping's tanks to roll over their country, as the Soviets did in 1956, if he thinks Hungary is becoming too independent again.

Of course, Fat Larry also dangled the purse of all the aid voted for Eastern Europe through the SEED Act. Perhaps the lion's share of the SEED money is earmarked to go to "free enterprise zones"—just like the treaty port of Hong Kong—where, presumably, Western financiers could with minimal capital investment pay coolie labor wages. This SEED plan should be contrasted with the rapid rail transport and nuclear energy "triangle" planned by *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., which would drop the equivalent of Japan in Central Europe, thereby becoming the motor for development to offset the U.S. financial collapse.

Other SEED funds for "currency stabilization" and so forth are tied these nations' enacting the same sort of IMF austerity conditions that have nearly toppled the Solidarnosc government of Poland, since it raised prices for food 50-100%, home electricity 400%, and so forth: all to ensure debt service payments to Western banks that now want to exploit cheap Eastern labor.

Narcontra democracy

SEED, too, "supporting democratic institutions," by hiking funds to the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), which is the agency that Iran-Contra investigators helped expose as the brain center of the Project Democracy, secret government octopus. Anyone who could call support for the narcotic-smuggling Contras a democratic project, clearly has no idea what President James Monroe had meant by a concert of sovereign nations, each pursuing the American System of republican economics for the prosperity of its citizens. It was Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger who co-drafted President Reagan's origi-

nal "Project Democracy" speech, that launched the lunacy behind the Iran-Contra scandal.

Pig at the trough

Even while Fat Larry barges his way through Eastern Europe, investigative journalists have caught him once again at the trough trying to make money on this Eastern European swindle. Fat Larry's former protégé at the State Department, Mark Palmer, got himself appointed chief executive officer of the Central European Development Corporation, which bought 50% of a Budapest bank on Jan. 26 for \$10 million, while Palmer was still U.S. ambassador to Hungary.

According to the *New York Times* of Jan. 26, the consortium will invest in banking, real estate speculation, tourism, and other oligarchic pastimes. The consortium's chairman is Ronald Lauder, the ex-U.S. ambassador to Austria, who now works at the family cosmetics firm, Estée Lauder.

Big money for the consortium comes from Andrew Sarlos, a Hungarian emigré who has an investment firm in Toronto; Melvin Simon, whose family firm, Melvin and Associates, is the world's largest mall development corporation; and Hungarian emigré Albert Reichmann of the \$25 billion real estate firm, Olympia and York Development, Ltd., allegedly a front for the Bronfman family's old bootlegging and prostitution fortune in Canada.

Of course, Palmer discussed all this with his boss, Fat Larry, before agreeing to join the firm. Informed sources report Kissinger Associates, Inc. is in on the deal. Palmer, still employed by the U.S. State Department, is trying to duck conflict-of-interest charges from a cubbyhole office at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service before taking up his job in Eastern Europe.