

CIA Prepares Spinola-Style Coup in South Korea

August 19 (IPS) — All indications are that the sledgehammer regime of South Korean President Park Chung Hee has a very short time to live. The recent raising of interest rates on Eurodollar loans to the South Korean government to 2¼ per cent above the prime rate, and the international “watergating” of dictator Park have set the stage for a “progressive” coup and the installation of a South Korean Spinola.

Simultaneously, the Nixon Administration decision, announced by Henry Kissinger three weeks ago before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to continue to provide U.S. aid to the repressive Park regime for “security” reasons, has met with Congressional opposition. Kissinger’s support of Park can be used if Cyprus is not enough ammunition for the Rockefeller cabal’s attack on detente and Kissinger.

For the past two months the *New York Times* has led a massive international press barrage to discredit the Park Chung Hee regime, carrying articles virtually every day on its admittedly savage repression. As this attack spread to the international press, the necessary atmosphere was created in which talk of dumping Park for “humanitarian” reasons could flourish. At the same time, the raising of interest rates for Eurodollar loans to the South Korean government will put severe strains on the already highly illiquid South Korean economy and will further undermine Park’s credibility. Last week’s decision by Chase Manhattan Bank to cancel a \$50 billion loan to the South Korean government is only the beginning of what will be large reduction in total loans extended to the Park regime.

The Korean Issue

The vast CIA press attack has made the Park regime so controversial that church and civil libertarian groups around the world are protesting, while at the same time government officials have been forced to take a stand on the “Korean issue.” Kissinger’s testimony in front of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee presented the Nixon Administration’s stand. Citing South Korea’s importance for the “security of the area” and stating that “U.S. security is more important than stopping repression,” Kissinger announced that aid would continue. To this, Rockefeller agents led by Foreign Relations Committee Chairman William Fulbright responded: “Park is not stopping Communism but is

aiding it by this repression. The way to prevent Communism is through democracy.”

The “liberal democracy” government these agents are promoting is best represented by that “fighter for democracy” Kim Dae Jung, leader of the opposition New Democratic Party. Its base is a well-organized CIA-Alinsky network of local control community institutions. Since 1961, the Urban Industrial Mission (UIM), an Alinsky-organized apparatus of “labor organizers,” has been pushing coparticipation, while at the same time the Alinsky-controlled Korean Students Christian Federation has been Park’s main opposition, and has aided in the organizing of local control. These forces, like Portugal’s “progressive” ex-Nazi Spinola, will provide the “left cover” necessary to maintain the level of austerity demanded by South Korea’s huge foreign debt.

As this newspaper has previously reported, the wave of repression now spreading throughout South Korea is Park’s hysterical reaction to his knowledge of CIA plans to dump him. To save his neck, Park has set up what may be the most repressive police state in the world.

The repression has been aimed at the Alinsky disciples, completely decimating the UIM “for communist agitation,” and significantly slowing the CIA-controlled student movement by jailing many of its leaders. The CIA cannot afford to keep block head Park around any longer.

KCIA Raids CIA

At present there is no telling how far Park will go to avoid being dumped. IPS Intelligence learned recently that Park’s personal police force, well named the Korean Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA), periodically raids the offices of the widely known CIA front, the Asia Foundation. The Asia Foundation is employing openly “ex”-agents from the CIA and is heavily involved in the Alinsky network, organizing self-help rural electrification projects. As Park breaks up the network they have developed over the past decade, the CIA must move quickly against him. The coup could come any day.

The recent shake-up in the U.S. State Department, which sent a new Ambassador to Greece to oversee operations of Greece’s new “democratic” government,

also dispatched a new Ambassador to South Korea. This may well be the signal for rapid upheavals on the Korean peninsula.

Characteristically, the CIA retains a few options for its moves in South Korea. The Korean peninsula, with North Korea bordering on the Soviet Union, is in a strategic situation for psywar operations to be conducted against the Soviets. It is well known, and was em-

phasized in press attacks against Park, that he uses "Red Scares" and has provoked border disputes with the North to justify political repression. Given this situation, it is quite possible that the CIA will provoke a serious border dispute with the North, blame it on the "selfish political ambitions of Park," and legitimize his toppling. Additionally, the blame could be pinned on Henry Kissinger and his support for the Park regime.

Cyprus Ambassador's Murder Intended to Discredit Kissinger, Detente

August 26 (IPS) — Close analysis by the IPS Research staff of the circumstances surrounding last Monday's murder of U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus Roger Davies indicates that his assassination was staged.

While 300 to 400 Greek Cypriote demonstrators surrounded the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia, burning cars and madly waving flags to divert attention, two gunmen fired into the Ambassador's office — aiming through shutters yet finding their target.

The bullet that killed Davies was aimed not only at tightening Rockefeller's grip on this strategically important area; it was aimed also at discrediting the foreign policies identified with Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger. The press is using the entire Cyprus flare-up to make Kissinger and his policy of cooperation with the Soviet Union look ridiculous.

As a counter to Kissinger, the bourgeois press has been praising U.S. Defense Secretary James Rodney Schlesinger to the skies. The press is claiming that this RAND Corporation robot is the only man in the Pentagon who can now pull NATO together. The CIA is creating a soft cop-hard cop situation, where Kissinger, the so-called peace maker and Schlesinger, the war maker, are played off one against the other. Schlesinger is coming out the white knight because a strong military figure is vitally necessary to pull together the international NATO military machine, a machine to be

used both against the Soviet bloc and the world's working class.

Help From Greece

Karamanlis, Greece's new supposedly progressive Prime Minister is helping the process along, by trying to give his regime a liberal, democratic veneer. Karamanlis is attempting to lure the Soviet Union into approving his rule by lulling the communists into thinking that Greece is anti-NATO. To this end, Karamanlis recently appointed to high government positions two CIA agents who parade as leftists. The installation of these puppets, Davos and Arbouzis, also will help Karamanlis and the CIA to shake out the dead wood from the Greek military and replace it with military men who understand the need to appear liberal.

And In Israel ...

In a related development, Israel dealt Kissinger and his foreign policy another blow. Only a month ago, during the Israeli disengagement talks, Israel was worshipping Kissinger as the "Miracle Worker." Now, under the carefully coordinated plans of the CIA to destroy detente, Israel blamed Kissinger for releasing information that Prime Minister Yitzhat Rabin had accepted an invitation from President Ford to come to Washington in September, before Rabin had formally agreed on the meeting.