

America's allies box

In a series of statements blacked out of the U.S. press, the responsible leaders of Western Europe, Japan, and the Soviet Union have taken the public initiative to stop the process toward World War III which the Carter Administration's Camp David hoax has created.

As of this moment, these governments have stopped short of denouncing the Carter's Administration policy as the wildly lunatic course it is. But they have made it clear that, if the U.S. does not respond to their forceful moves toward isolating the British monarchy's provocateurs in the Middle East, Africa, and the European Community by joining in their march toward detente and the new European Monetary System (EMS), quarantine of the Carter group as certifiable lunatics will be the next step.

These leaders have received a significant ally in their fight with the election of Pope John Paul II. With his opening remarks the new Pope demonstrated that he will continue in the tradition of his close friend Pope Paul VI, a tradition most fully expressed in the Encyclical *Populorum Progressio*, released in 1967. This encyclical outlines the basis for a Third World policy based on technology transfer that would create living conditions "appropriate to the dignity of man." This is the perspective with which John Paul II will be going into a heavy schedule of meetings with all the Western European principals working toward the EMF and world peace, starting with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt on Monday, Oct. 23, President Giscard d'Estaing Oct. 29, and probably Italian Premier Andreotti in between.

The Pope's election has — U.S. and British press coverage to the contrary — been warmly received by the Soviet Union, the Polish government, and the PCI, and foreshadows a deepening of the collaboration formalized in the recent summit discussion between Italian Communist Party head Enrico Berlinguer and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in Moscow. The content of the communiqué coming from that summit underlines Paul VI's *Progressio Populorum* policy as the legitimate basis for a continuation of the Communist Party-Christian Democratic alliance that rules Italy, and implicitly for collaboration already underway between the USSR and West Germany, France, and (in the planning stages) Japan.

The Vatican's key role underlines the fact that the basic components of the Grand Design embodied in the EMS have been coming into place over an extended period of time. The last crucial phase of this process occurred in the spring of 1978, when Soviet President Brezhnev and Chancellor Schmidt concluded their historic 25-year treaty as a model for war avoidance through economic development between the East, West, and developing sectors, and then Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo concluded a similar historic treaty with the Soviet Union. The result of that phase was to provide the muscle for the European Monetary System, adopted at Bremen July 17. The upcoming phase of diplomacy — which includes a Portillo trip to Japan as well as an intensification of discussions between Giscard, Schmidt, and the Soviet Union — holds the seeds of the actual linkup of the EMS to the Japanese, Arabs, Soviets, and Third World into a new world monetary system in fact, if not in name, by Jan. 1979.

The tough alternative

The treatment which the Carter Administration can expect if it does not accept this offer is not hard to see. It is now being meted out to the British government, which is publicly denouncing, whining, and pulling over the EMS threat to the IMF. "Two months is not enough time for any respectable nation to be able to prepare," the British press fretted, as if being invited to a formal tea. In their politer moments they have tried to subvert the dollar-support concept of the system; in their nastier, to spread disinformation about its policies and ability to exist.

Schmidt and Giscard have taken off the kid gloves. While still in the Far East, Schmidt called his press secretary Boelling, ordering him to give a press conference that would refute British lies on a "delayed" EMF. "There is no possible obstacle to realization of the European Monetary System on schedule," Boelling said in a press statement Oct. 17. Schmidt repeated this message to Callaghan personally, when he was in Bonn Oct. 18.

Last week U.S. Treasury official C. Fred Bergsten got a whiff of how the U.S. will be treated if it continues the British line. He arrived in Bonn on Monday, only to find no leading officials there to meet.

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He sojourned to France, and was snubbed again. The lower-level officials who met with him were themselves forced to show him the door, once he came out with the trade-war ultimatums fed to the U.S. from London.

This is not the preferred way of the French and the Germans, but they know that world war or peace lies in their hands. The U.S. will either follow their lead, or face hideous consequences indeed.

—Nancy Spannaus

1. France gives Carter a foreign-policy lesson

While the government of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing continues to give its fullest backing to the immediate implementation of the European Monetary System, Giscard and his colleagues are also making an international issue of the evident rottenness of the core of Carter Administration foreign policy, the so-called Camp David process.

In sharply worded statements last week, statements largely unreported by U.S. media, the French President and his Foreign Affairs Minister, Louis de Guiringaud, denounced Israel's pact with the professedly Nazi Christian militias in Lebanon, and warned that continued escalation of tensions in the Mideast is pushing the world dangerously close to thermonuclear war. Without attacking, as yet, Carter and his advisors in so many words, the French charges hit at the guts of the U.S. Administration's disastrous foreign policy.

Both Giscard and Guiringaud were careful to emphasize that the danger of war does not lie in any aggressive intentions of the Soviet Union, nor of the United States. Instead, Giscard stressed that it is China — that is, Zbigniew Brzezinski's favorite geopolitical playing-card — that is actively, brazenly preparing for nuclear holocaust.

Guiringaud blames Chamounists, Israelis for Lebanon war

In an Oct. 16 statement following a meeting with the Anglo-American Press Club, Minister Guiringaud charged that Camille Chamoun's Christian militias, armed and advised by the Israelis, are responsible for the current bloodshed in Lebanon. Guiringaud also denounced the plans to partition Lebanon, part of an anti-Soviet balkanization of the region which is the "secret" side of the deal Carter presided over at Camp David. Significantly, Guiringaud was careful to stress that the Chamoun group does not represent the Lebanese Christians, but only a very particular, and very ugly, geopolitical strategy. Here, excerpts from the French Foreign Minister's statement:

It is the Christian militias who set off the fighting in Lebanon. The militias of Camille Chamoun bear responsibility for the violence of the last two weeks. We have to see where responsibilities lie. I do not want to absolve the Syrians, who reacted very harshly, but we know that the militias were prepared for this fight. We have known this since last September. Their forces were well retrenched in the Ashrafiyeh neighborhood, and by launching his attack, Chamoun took very great risks for the Christians.

Chamoun has behind him 5,000 people, out of a population of 500,000 to 600,000 Christians who disapprove of his crazy clique. Our ambassador has expended great efforts to try to convince him that the future of the Christian community does not lie in an impossible war with Syria, but in an entente between Lebanese.

There is no question of France sending military contingents to Beirut. We have to tell the Christian militias that they cannot count on international support. I fear that Mr. Chamoun has received very bad advice from a neighboring capital. He received Israeli Sherman tanks last September. The Israelis are carrying out combat against many neighbors, and negotiating a treaty with Egypt. They think it's good to have the only other neighbor that counts (Syria — ed.) tied up in Lebanon.

I don't think that Syria wants to annex Lebanon in