

Editorial

Humor and a way out of the mess

Giscard, Schmidt and Carter are taken prisoner by the Iranians, and brought in front of a firing squad. As the gunmen level their sights on Giscard, he, thinking quickly, screams earthquake! In the fray, he escapes.

Back in position, the Iranians take aim at Schmidt, and as usual, following Giscard's lead, he screams "flood!" And in the fray, Schmidt, too, escapes.

All lined up again, the riflemen aim at Carter. Carter tries a repeat performance à la Schmidt and Giscard.

He screams "fire!"

The above story, was narrated on April 29 by the West German daily *Die Welt* and was apparently being circulated around the European Community summit meeting in Luxembourg.

The following day, another West German daily, *Die Zeit*, ran an article entitled, "The Bomb in the White House," by Wolfgang Ebert. "The Americans have the bomb. The Superbomb. It is in Washington. . . in the White House.

"...It makes no distinction between good and evil. That is why we are so afraid. . . The Americans call it tenderly, 'Jimmy'."

"Dr. End-Game" tells us of the bomb: "According to the recent experience with American technology, there is still a certain chance that it might not function when the going gets tough."

This story, which we reprint in full in the International Report, captures an important shift in world politics since Secretary of State Cyrus Vance resigned after the humiliating spectacle of the Iran rescue caper. The humor from the generally "respectful" West German press shows a certain courage, a distancing from the flight-forward insanity of the Carter administration, the capacity to say no, we won't go along with this insanity, not even for the "unity" of the alliance.

The fact that Vance himself refused to back "the first action of World War III" went a long way in allowing the more responsible world leader-

ship to reassert the necessity of a war-avoidance rather than a war-provocation policy. Since then, the EEC has strongly rebuffed Britain's Maggie Thatcher, Helmut Schmidt has decided to visit Moscow, and the U.S. population from the trade unionists, scientists and military on up to the ruling patrician circles have been shocked out of complacency.

Now, having deployed humor, a crucial arm of courage, world leaders must relaunch a war-avoidance strategy. Such a policy was begun in May 1978 when Schmidt last met with Soviet President Brezhnev and both agreed to broad ranging trade and development deals between the two nations. Later the European Monetary System was created with the stated purpose of stabilizing the world monetary system and opening the way for the European Monetary Fund to supply cheap development credits for technology transfer to the Third World.

These first steps of a war-avoidance policy must be taken up again as the basis for the creation of a new gold based monetary system that will redefine the ground rules for detente and end the rule of Malthusian depression economics.

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