

Kissinger Watch by M.T. Upharsin

Fatties in the White House

Fat Henry, who once incurred the wrath of Ibero-America by pontificating that "nothing important has ever come out of the South," added a new dimension to his disdain for the region when, from his Christmas vacation spot of Venezuela, he said: "I support President Bush," but the invasion of Panama is only an "incident."

Kissinger apparently finds the question of prompt debt service payments to Kissinger's clients, like the Chase Manhattan Bank, far more important than a resurgence of "gunboat diplomacy incidents."

Henry Kissinger chose as his companion on this little Shylock debt collection jaunt, fashion designer Oscar de la Renta. He made a three-hour visit to Caracas for meeting President Carlos Andrés Pérez, traveling from Santo Domingo, where de la Renta owns a villa called "La Romana" that is notorious among jet setters and is Kissinger's regular Yuletide haunt. The Cisneros clan of Venezuela once again provided Henry with their private plane.

As *EIR* has elsewhere documented, the Cisneroses have much in common with Henry Kissinger, especially since they banned distribution of a book in Venezuela that linked them to financial institutions and persons believed to be involved in drug-money laundering. Several of Kissinger's own clients, of course, are also linked to drug-money laundering, including Midland Bank PLC, whose

portfolio had been handled by Kissinger Associates president Larry Eagleburger. Midland's Crocker subsidiary was indicted in 1985 for laundering over \$3 billion which the Treasury Department believed to derive from "Golden Triangle" opium/heroin proceeds.

Fat Larry's travels

No sooner had Kissinger piped up to dismiss the fuss in Ibero-America about Panama, than his former employee and current Deputy Secretary of State, the even fatter Lawrence Eagleburger, was dispatched by President Bush to head a commission, ostensibly to investigate the financial needs of Panama. But, the State Department refused to rule out that Fat Larry might have really been sent for a last-minute push to pressure the Vatican into releasing Gen. Manuel Noriega from the Papal Nunciature in Panama City.

Wasn't this the same Larry Eagleburger who, after his December China trip to meet Deng Xiaoping, the "butcher of Beijing," had Henry Kissinger insist on CBS television that criticism of the trip was unfounded, because "all sorts of human rights issues" raised during his visit would soon become known? Among those issues, Fat Henry claimed that Fat Larry had raised was the right of Chinese dissident Fang Lizhi to have sanctuary at the American Embassy in Beijing.

The actual purpose of Larry Eagleburger's trip to Panama may only become known months from now, as happened with the secret trip he and Kissinger crony Gen. Brent Scowcroft (the only thin one of these three stooges) had made to China last July, which only became known in September. But whatever Eagleburger in fact did, he certainly did not deliver cash

pledges for the billions of dollars damage done by America's military "steel wall" tactics. In fact, Reuters news service, which reported the Eagleburger mission as kicking around a piddling \$70 million figure, quoted Eagleburger that Panama's economic problems had been caused by "the misrule and corruption of the Noriega regime"—a neat way of letting the United States off the hook for the effect of two years of U.S. sanctions and the recent blistering bombardment of Panama City.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, the former Carter National Security Adviser who today sits with Henry Kissinger on President Bush's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB), recently recommended Fat Larry for a new job: overseeing all U.S. aid programs to Eastern Europe. As National Democratic Policy Committee spokesman Scott Thompson, who was the only person to testify against Lawrence Eagleburger's nomination, warned last spring, Larry Eagleburger's client portfolio at Kissinger Associates included several firms that have invested billions in Eastern Europe, raising the question of a major conflict of interest should he once again become involved in East-West trade issues.

Not only are banks of Kissinger Associates creditors located in Eastern Europe—including Poland, where Kissinger has advocated the sort of International Monetary Fund-style austerity that will discredit and possibly topple the Solidarnosc government—but Larry Eagleburger specialized in businesses working in Yugoslavia. He was a member of the board of Global Motors which produces the Yugo, and is a member of the LBS Bank of New York, itself a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Yugoslavian Ljubljanska Banka, that was indicted in 1988 for money laundering related to attempts to violate the Arms Control Act.