

## Kissinger Watch by M.T. Upharsin

### Back to the Bilderbergers

Henry Kissinger is to keynote the exclusive, annual Bilderberg Society meeting, and Bilderberg organizers hope he will remember to come in black-tie, rather than wear the bear-skin he will be sporting at the Bohemian Grove meeting in California woodlands a few weeks hence.

"Uncle Henry will speak with a . . . loud voice at the Bilderberg Society meeting," said a North American steering committee member of that organization, who added: "It is because of his book that he will be a keynote speaker." This is a reference to the geopolitical bowdlerization of Harvard history courses that His Pomposity has titled *Diplomacy*.

This year, the Bilderbergers will meet at the Kalastorjatorppa Hotel in Helsinki, Finland on June 2-5. As the location suggests, leaders confirm most of the agenda will have to do with the ex-Soviet Union.

"There is evidence of civil war in Russia before the end of business as we know it there," the Bilderberg steering committee member said. He added in regard to the effect of shock therapy being applied to Russia: "There has been a reduction to 20% of industrial production. You can't live on that. . . [But] nobody knows how far you can go with shock therapy."

Asked about Vice President Al Gore and Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott's statements that what is needed is "less shock and more therapy," the Bilderberg leader said: "There has never been anything like a country indoctrinated over 50 years in an ideology opposite to the western world, which overthrew that system without getting a demagogue. I am rather pessimistic."

The Bilderberg Society leader dis-

missed Vladimir Zhirinovskiy as a "transitional figure," quoting the French saying: "The Revolution eats its children." He added, "There's been quite a change in personnel in Bilderberg, too." Perhaps Fat Henry has eaten them.

Sally Shelton Colby (wife of former Director of Central Intelligence Bill Colby), who is awaiting confirmation as administrator for global programs at the U.S. Agency for International Development and who had attended previous Bilderberg meetings, refused to say if she would be there this year. But a former Bilderberg habitué, who had been U.S. ambassador to Moscow, said: "It is typical of most government programs that they concentrate aid to Russia on the USAID. They shouldn't contract to USAID, because it doesn't know anything about Russia."

Asked whether Kissinger shared a concern about a backlash from International Monetary Fund shock therapy, the Bilderberg steering committee leader said: "Uncle Henry talks about Russian expansionism, but claims nothing can be done about it economically."

### Another grandstand play

The Bilderberg Society was founded in the 1950s by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands with the assistance of the late *éminence grise* of Europe Joseph Retinger—a man accused variously of being a Soviet agent, homosexual, and Nazi-lover. While not the oldest of policymaking bodies, like the Royal Institute of International Affairs, it is by far the "most exclusive," often hosting royalty such as the queens of the Netherlands and Spain, and Britain's playboy Prince Philip.

The last time Bilderberg regular Henry Kissinger is known to have been a major voice at one of its meetings was the April 22-25, 1971 gathering at the Woodstock Inn in Vermont owned by the Rockefeller family. Kissinger leaked information on the proposed economic freeze of the Nixon administration, and he also revealed President Nixon's plans for a trip to China—invaluable information for those present. But according to coverage in the *Manchester Union Leader*: "The main topic of discussion at the secret conference was 'the radical change of the American role in world affairs and the subsequent consequences.'" What the self-confessed British agent meant by the "radical change of the American role in world affairs," was the emergence of a two-and-a-half-empire arrangement as envisioned by Bertrand Russell, between "détente" with the Soviet Union and the "open door" to China.

### 'The book'

Kissinger's latest book, *Diplomacy*, is a continuation of British geopolitics, calling for a "radical change of the American role in world affairs." At the National Press Club "rap" on his book on April 7, Kissinger quipped that *Diplomacy* was shorter than his memoirs by hundreds of pages, because he left out the word "I." He said the United States was losing its superpower status, and that it must minimize its belief in "principles and causes to determine its national interest." Kissinger was met with groans when he brought up his heroes of "balance of power" and "stability," which he stated must become the predominant U.S. "strategy," namely Prince Metternich and Lord Castlereagh at the 1815 Congress of Vienna.