

PUBLIC FORUM

Real issue

Editor, Spectrum:

With the appointment of Henry Kissinger to head the (so-called) bipartisan commission to develop U.S. policy toward Central America came disbelief, consternation and outspoken criticism from all points of the political spectrum.

As liberal Rep. Michael Barnes, R-Md., stated, "...the Kissinger appointment sends the wrong kind of signal. The Latins best remember Kissinger as one of the architects of our policy in Chile, which resulted in the overthrow of the government. He's not known for his advocacy of development assistance in the Third World."

Is Kissinger really the issue: For example, this commission did not originate in the White House. It came by way of the Congress and was to be on a bipartisan basis. The President has the option to either accept or reject its findings. The real issue here is Soviet-Cuban subversion in Central America (and the evidence is overwhelming.)

I now quote from "Conservative Digest": "Kissinger was America's top foreign official when our foreign policy virtually collapsed, leading to the loss of Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Angola, and within a few years, Afghanistan, Iran, Rhodesia, Nicaragua and others. He bears much of the responsibility for the give-away of

the Panama Canal and for policies that winked at the continued Soviet domination of Eastern Europe."

At the time Reagan was campaigning for the Presidency Henry Kissinger "dogged" his campaign trail. There was much in the news media under the question, "What does Kissinger want?" It is now obvious that he wanted back in the state department and, again, questions arise: "What motivates him?" "Is there some underlying philosophy or belief which he wants to influence or perpetrate upon the world?" Kissinger in the State Department was a disaster to the United States and freedom seeking nations.

Whatever the merits or demerits concerning Kissinger and his past disastrous policies, which remain with us today, the real issue remains: the Soviet-Cuban subversion of Central America...which is approximately 1,400 miles from Utah.

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Good support

Editor, Spectrum:

The Washington County Fair Board would like to publicly thank the Spectrum for its total support in making the 1983 Fair the best ever! Your support is unprecedented as we have never had such backing from a business.

Your staff created great interest and lent excitement and color, not

just to our Fights but the Fair in general. The exceptional coverage is greatly appreciated. You helped make success possible and memorable.

Your "First Timer," Mark "Wop Wop" Marine is deserving of not only gratitude but a medal for bravery. Can anyone there ever forget his entourage coming through that sea of people all in his blue and white colors with the Rocky music playing, causing all to stand? The crowd couldn't have helped but admire the brave and daring performance of "Wop Wop." We were impressed with his newly learned skill and are prepared to offer him a re-match if he would like one — or at least a mud wrestle next year.

We would also like to thank KDXU for their many, many years of special help and coverage of our ribbon cutting ceremonies and for their Opinion Please as they have interviewed us each year.

It takes untold hours of hard work and planning from many people to put a Fair the size of ours together and to those many people we give thanks and our undying gratitude. We feel sure those who attended the Fair are also grateful to them.

Once again may we give a hearty thanks, Spectrum for your support and the excellent job of printing our tabloid.

Cleo Atkin, chairman
& the Washington County Fair Board