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About This Issue

Dear readers,

We have been pleasantly surprised by your overwhelming response to the first issue of KissingerWatch and are very grateful for your encouraging words. Thus far we have received more than 360 subscriptions, from across the globe. Since the launch of KissingerWatch, our website has had on average more than 300 hits per day. Among you are journalists, law and political science scholars, and many human rights professionals.

We are publishing KW #2 earlier than planned to draw attention to Kissinger's appearance at the "Southern Methodist University Ethics Conference" on March 27 in Dallas, Texas, USA. This issue is – as promised – more concise and contains four articles that focus on protests against Henry Kissinger's public appearances. Regarding Kissinger's upcoming speeches – in Dallas on the 27th and in London on the 24th of April – we urge you to support the planned protests and to initiate other public actions. If you have any information on his future travels or speech calendar, please let us know. We also welcome your academic contributions, including legal assessments, foreign policy analyses, and other submissions. These could serve us to increase the profile of our campaign and contribute to a more detailed and accurate picture of Henry

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1. Dallas: HENRY KISSINGER TO SPEAK AT SMU ETHICS CONFERENCE MARCH 27

<http://www2.smu.edu/newsinfo/advisories/01260.html>

Henry Kissinger will be speaking at the SMU conference "Ethical and Moral Dimensions of America's War on Terrorism". Send protest e-mails (e.g. KW #1 & KW #2) to following addresses:

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DALLAS (SMU) — Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will be the featured speaker at a conference, "Ethical and Moral Dimensions of America's War on Terrorism," at SMU from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, in Hughes-Trigg Student Center Theater.

The conference is being presented by the SMU Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility and the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies in the Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences. Although the conference is not open to the general public, media may attend. Media will have an opportunity to hear Kissinger's remarks in three different settings:

- 2:45 p.m. Kissinger will hold a news conference in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center, lower level, Promenade Room B. (media should be in place at least 10 minutes early).
- 3:15 p.m. Kissinger will appear on a panel with other scholars to discuss the changing nature of American power.
- 4:30 p.m. Kissinger and will deliver the keynote address in which he is expected to talk about national security in the wake of Sept. 11.

Also appearing at the conference will be five leading scholars in the area of ethics and international relations: Joseph S. Nye, dean of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; Stephen Krasner, Graham H. Stuart Professor of International Relations at Stanford University;

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J. Bryan Hehir, president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA; Albert Pierce, director of the Center for the Study of Professional Military Ethics at the U.S. Naval Academy; and Charles E. Curran, Elizabeth Scurlock University Professor of Human Values at SMU.

The following is the schedule for the day:

- 1 p.m. “Ethics and America’s War on Terrorism” with panelists Curran and Pierce. Robin Lovin, Cary M. Maguire University Professor of Ethics at SMU and dean of the Perkins School of Theology, will moderate.
- 2 p.m. “Morality and the Use of Force” with panelists Krasner and Nye. James Hollifield, director of the Tower Center and professor of political science at SMU, will moderate.
- 3:15 p.m. “American Power and Its Uses” with panelists Hehir, Kissinger, Krasner and Nye. Lee Cullum, columnist with The Dallas Morning News, will moderate.
- 4:30 p.m. Keynote address by Kissinger.

In the history of American diplomacy, Kissinger is considered one of the nation’s most influential statesmen, having served Presidents Nixon and Ford as National Security Advisor from 1969 to 1975 and Secretary of State from 1973 to 1977. He was a leading architect of American foreign policy during the era of the Vietnam War, détente with the Soviet Union, Middle East wars and the reestablishment of diplomatic ties between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.

Originally a supporter of escalating the fighting in Vietnam, Kissinger in 1973 became the key negotiator in the withdrawal of American troops. His efforts at resolving the war won him the 1973 Nobel Prize for Peace, also given to the Vietnamese negotiator, Le Duc Tho.

Much of what high-level American diplomats routinely do today can be credited to the skills of Kissinger. He invented the practice of shuttle diplomacy, which he used to disengage the combatants in the Israeli-Arab War of 1973. In addition, he was responsible for the resumption of

diplomatic relations between Egypt and the United States, severed since 1967.

2. London: PROTESTS PLANNED AGAINST KISSINGER’S VISIT TO LONDON IN APRIL

Plans are taking shape for a protest against Henry Kissinger’s visit to London where he will address the Institute of Directors’ Annual Convention in the Albert Hall on Wednesday 24 April.

For more information on the protests visit: <http://www.resist.org.uk/diary/kissinger.html>

Resistance to Kissinger The Guardian

Thursday March 7, 2002

Christopher Hitchens describes Henry Kissinger as the US’s leading war criminal and laments that London is one of the few capital cities in the world that he “can visit with impunity” (Justice is just too expensive, G2, March 6).

This is not entirely true. An ad hoc Justice for Kissinger committee, comprising human rights activists and various Chilean and Timorese representatives, is being coordinated by Globalise Resistance to picket his next public speech in Britain at the Royal Albert Hall on April 24. The hosts, the Institute of Directors, shamelessly brown-nose on the website advertising the conference: “Enjoy the rare opportunity to learn from, and be inspired by, Dr Henry Kissinger - one of the world’s most respected individuals.”

Given that the event includes speakers from leading companies such as Shell that have invested a lot of effort in developing policies on corporate social responsibility and that one of the seminar’s main themes is “the relationship

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Kissinger’s machinations as foreign policy advisor, secretary of state, or consultant.

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between globalisation and CSR”, I would be especially interested in hearing from the growing number of individuals involved in CSR and ethical investment how they feel about the invitation to Kissinger. Surely one can be entirely in favour of capitalism and globalisation, but still be morally appalled that the IoD wishes to give such a prominent platform to a known war criminal?

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3. Sao Paolo: KISSINGER CANCELS VISIT IN FEAR OF PROTESTS AND POSSIBLE CHARGES

Due to fear of protests and possible legal complications, Henry Kissinger cancelled a recent visit to Brazil. He was invited to Sao Paolo to give a talk on “Peace in the World after September 11” and was to receive the “Ordem Do Cruzeiro do Sul” from the Brazilian President Cardoso.

Kissinger cancelled his planned trip to Brazil, citing “conflicting engagements”, but Brazilian officials say his decision followed a phone call with Brazil’s new Foreign Minister Celso Lafer, during which it was suggested that a postponement would avoid “mutual embarrassment.” Lafer, who was in Washington to prepare in for President Fernando Henrique Cardoso’s visit, is concerned by the threat of Spanish Judge Baltasar Garzon to bring “crimes against humanity” charges against Kissinger, just as he did against Chile’s former dictator Augusto Pinochet. Garzon is now looking at Kissinger’s role in the Indonesia’s takeover of East Timor (see KW #1), which like Brazil was once a Portuguese colony.

To protest against the award to Henry Kissinger, send e-mails to President Cardoso’s office:
protocolo@planalto.gov.br

4. Cork: WAR CRIMES PROTEST AS KISSINGER VISITS CORK

By Olivia Kelleher
The Irish Times, February 28, 2002

Former US Secretary of State Dr Henry Kissinger denied he was a war criminal yesterday, saying it was an insult to human intelligence for protesters in Cork to compare him to Slobodan Milosevic. Protesters at University College Cork chanted and waved banners bearing the words “The Milosevic of Manhattan” prior to the arrival of the 56th US Secretary of State, who was in office during the controversial Nixon administration. Dr Kissinger said he was pleased to discover that even in Ireland people were not indifferent to him. However, he said he was incensed at comparisons made between him and known war criminals. “These people are throwing around allegedly criminal charges without a shred of

real evidence. I don’t know who they [the protesters] represent, but I wish their knowledge equalled their passion.” Dr Kissinger, who was visiting the university to deliver a speech at an MBA Association of Ireland business conference, said he had never replied to derogatory remarks made about him in the media. “I consider them [the accusations] fundamentally beneath contempt. They are based on distortions and mis-representations.”[...]

WAR CRIMINAL MET WITH HUGE PROTESTS

by Mary Kelly www.afan.org.uk
28 February 2002

Dear Everyone,
We had not even expected to get inside UCC, Cork university, so we were amazed to even get up to the door of the Aula Max where a banquet for Kissinger was about to begin. A friend was already was already leafletting the guests entering the hall with a brilliant letter titled “Guess who’s coming to dinner?” It documented SOME of K’s skullduggery in Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Chile, East Timor, ... and should have made their wine and food harder to digest in the presence of this war criminal.

Stretched out on the grass in front was an enormous black and white poster of that famous “Vietnam” picture of a boy and girl running screaming, she with her clothes burnt off by napalm, courtesy of Kissinger. There was not a large Garda (police) presence and the weather was stormy, with hail and snowstorms. About 60 protesters gathered outside the windows of the dining hall, chanting MURDERER, NOBEL PRIZE GENOCIDE!, MILOSEVIC OF MANHATTAN! We could see surprised guests peer out at times, so it was good to know that they could hear our drums and tribal war cries outside! The Garda only stepped in when we tried to climb up to the windows. A regular protestor, Pat the Picket who is usually incoherent and over the top at meetings was given full reign to stride up and down like a Napoleon ranting and raging about all the millions of starving people in the world, and he would lead full blooded chants that we joined in. Basically the guests were given a full on history lesson and we let them know that K should be in the Hague NOT in UCC.

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After 3 hours we retired to the pub then to bed and then up for 7am where we gathered in the campus again this time outside the Boole library where 300 punters paid \$300 to hear him speak. Loads of drummers were there keeping the heartbeat going and loads of new/old activists who usually don't come to demos and have not been out in the streets since the 60's and 70's turned out to show their disgust and shout SHAME at all those people entering the building. We did several press interviews and there were about 50 protestors at this stage. I had spent some time working on the legal aspect and had written to the DPP asking him to initiate legal proceedings. He replied stating that it was a criminal matter so I faxed 20 pages to the Garda Commissioner and the Local Garda asking them to take the initiative. I hope they might take a leaf out of CID's book in the UK where it was the Police who began the thing about Pinochet.

There was a huge Garda presence. I asked to be let into the building, and spoke to the Garda in charge, asking were they going to take action? I got an answer that said it was not up to them they would be thinking about it and I would be contacted in due course. I politely expressed my dissatisfaction at such a pawn like answer and asked that they make history NOW and take initiative! One Garda called Simon actually stepped out of line and came over and HUGGED me ! It felt lovely, but they were still saying they had no power. I had asked a Chilean friend to be part of the legal angle and to give the whole thing more weight, but he was too scared to as he wants be able to return to Chile some day. He and his wife were lucky to get out and fled to Ireland 27 years ago. Her brother was disappeared. They are a lovely couple. We have seen him speak at public talks and he always breaks down and cries when recounting that horrific time. So I was delighted when they made the journey from Shannon for the protest. Enrique gave a brilliant radio interview spelling out exactly Kissinger's involvement in the massacres and tortures and disappearances in his country.

A guy came up to me shaking and stuttering saying he was a Barrister who was willing to give us legal backup. That felt good as he gave me a copy of the exact article in our Irish Constitution that said that war criminals could be tried in Ireland even if there was no direct Irish involvement. A journalist had tried to trip me up on that one so it was good to have the chapter and verse to hand.

I had assumed that Kissinger was inside the Boole Library as the conference was due to start at 8, and was really amazed that we were allowed right inside the campus. Then I heard that K had given a interview from his hotel at 8 30. So Becky and I started patrolling the 3 entrances trying to suss which one would they choose to get him inside. We joined up with some student/activists from Limerick and this is where mobile phones are so handy.

The main body of protestors were swelling to 100, and kept up a ferocious onslaught of blood curdling chants and BOO's . It snowed and rained but spirits were very high. I tried talking to the cops guarding the entrances. Some of them said they were not born during the Vietnam days so we educated them and had serious chat about the limitations of their union.

At 11 am we got the vibe and sure enough a red Special Branch car drew up followed by a limousine with himself inside. Then followed a scene where I saw an old man struggle to get out of his car attempting to look dignified. There was a huge cordon of police but there was only one Garda between me and HIM. I stretched through my hand and caught him by the arm for a few seconds. I was like a terrier and would not let go. I shouted CITIZEN'S ARREST and he turned to see who had hold of him. Next I got a punch in the neck from a Garda and was sent reeling . People were baying for his blood and he looked seriously rattled. The Gardai JUST about got him in the doors and slammed them shut. We were elated at having got so close, and milled outside exchanging impressions. I asked some people to give me cover and undid the dust caps on his tyres, shoved in a biro and HISS the sound of the air coming out of 2 of his tyres was drowned in our noise till the driver got wise and called the cops and had to get a machine to quickly inflate them again.

The next hour we spent closely watching the Garda and Special Branch moving around cars and trying to suss where he would exit. They erected loads of fencing to keep us back. Inside, Tracey, a student and fellow TP2000 activist had managed to get inside with other students. She started screaming there is a MURDERER IN HERE and created a huge disturbance inside. At noon about 400 protestors had gathered, our numbers quickly swelled by students who received accelerated education through our leafletting and the noisy demo which brought the campus to a standstill.

A large body of us were blocking the road. The police started coming on heavy, saying if we did not move we could be arrested under section blah blah. The students angrily said but this is OUR campus. I said under Section 34 of our Constitution they should be arresting that war criminal. One guard said 'But Mary, two wrongs don't make a right and you are breaking the law.' I said 'Yes but you are breaking a bigger law by not arresting HIM.' He sort of nodded his head in agreement and I grabbed his walkie talkie and said 'Hey! this guy is stupid!' into it. Everyone cracked up laughing including himself. Becky engaged with the Guarda about Tristan's murder, saying that her son had been killed by policies made by people like Kissinger. The friendly Guard Simon was very affected by this.

Very soon they insisted we move as the Special Branch

wanted to go for their lunch and we were blocking the road, and go home now , ye have made your point etc. I said 'NO WAY.' We all have jobs and kids and had to take a day off to come and do this and we were not leaving till they put him in the paddy wagon with handcuffs on. With that Becky and I linked arms and sat on the road . Some students joined us and we were nose to nose with the car of the head of the Special Branch, who looked like Fred Moloney!

The Garda said they had to arrest us. We said 'Fine! Go ahead.' Then all of a sudden they walked away and we got word that K had left by another exit. We then got off the road satisfied that our point had been truly made.

That is the bones of what happened. The positive side is that protest is alive and kicking in Cork, and many students feel they are now able to protest effectively. It has been suggested to have a forum where UCC are forced to answer WHY they have these bastards there to speak. Also some of the professors we were in contact with said that they were threatened that funds for their Faculties could be cut just for protesting about this visit. A lot of good strong new links have been made. Since 9/11 we have not had a focus in Cork to vent the collective outrage, so that was a brilliant opportunity. For me personally it was being able to make a dent into the elite power structure, that is causing all the wars and suffering in the world, even though it is small effort it felt good.

Just reading the newspapers today , I see that we got some good coverage but I am dismayed to read at the amount he got. He said he would not lower himself to answer any

accusations as he was too intelligent to engage at that level, and that we protestors had got it all wrong and he wished we had as much intelligence as we had passion and that HE had been misunderstood. There was a huge report about his conference, where he says he is 'Impressed with Ireland's progress' in the last 10 years. and that we have built relationships with companies that have a 'global reach'. The head of Aerospace, Bombardier Shorts, the biggest employer Arms factory in the country, was there encouraging more 'foreign direct investment'. There was a lot of focus on DNA, microchips, Genetic Engineering and Technology. Also he has been sent by the US to galvanise support for the war on terrorism. But we know that the US are the greatest terrorists. It is sinister and very worrying that he has wormed his evil mind into 300 stooges yesterday. It is a huge task we protestors have ahead of us.

On the negative side, it is disappointing that no solicitors or professionals were willing to get their act together for this event. They are the ones who should have been doing the legal work.

Also I phoned a Cork Senator I know to congratulate him on an excellent article he had written in the local Cork paper against UCC for inviting Kissinger to speak. I asked him, would he be at the protest? He said , No Mary, I don't agree with arresting old men! So as usual we have no politicians with balls. A Green TD turned up but skulked away in the shadows in case he was seen to be too directly involved. The Dáil is a disease. Any good people that go there loose their teeth.