

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

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with Washington, indeed, defiance. "If Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Mitterrand are so committed to making the biggest East-West trade deal in history that they are willing to risk a serious breach in the Atlantic alliance, that is their business," declared Bill Safire in a recent N.Y. Times essay, and added: "But the U.S. is not obligated to assist them in what we believe to be a fundamental mistake."

"The point of having an alliance is not merely to have an alliance," the noted columnist continued. "It is to act together in a common purpose. The purpose of NATO, for example, is to deter the Soviet Union from doing in West Germany what it has done in Afghanistan and Poland. If the West Germans consider it more important to strengthen their ties with the Russians than to maintain their ties with the Americans, then the 'alliance' has become a

hollow shell and we would do well to so recognize it."

And this is the price the West Germans and the French are paying the U.S. for having rescued them from the horrors of World War II and then rebuilt them. Your correspondent fully joins Safire in what he has to say here and in this conclusion:

"A total of 350,000 U.S. servicemen are stationed in Europe to defend it from Soviet aggression. We have a right to object to actions by misguided allies that add to the power of our common enemy. If these serious objections are derided by foreign ministers who bluster about

'divorce' and threaten to use our technology against our will, Europeans now taking us for granted may find themselves with a fine gas pipeline to the East and no umbilical cord to the West."

In a column written during the Carter administration entitled "Look to Your Defenses, America," this writer noted that "not all the allies can be trusted. There will be sell-outs by some of our best friends...It is known that France, Britain, West Germany, and even Japan, Austria, have not only been flirting with the Arab world for obvious reasons. They have also succumbed to pressures from the Kremlin...."

The Siberian 'Fishline' will undoubtedly catch the big fish. And America must continue to look to its defenses.

BOSTON (WNS) -- James Kohn, Publisher of the Jewish Times in Brookline, died August 11, after a brief hospitalization for heart problems. He established the weekly Jewish Times in the Greater Boston area more than two decades ago. Funeral services were held August 12 at Temple Ohabei Shalom, Brookline.

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