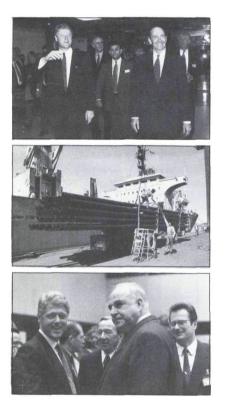
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From the Editor

FROM "SPECIAL" TO "ANNUAL" DOUBLE ISSUE: A REFLECTION OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY?

After publishing three "Special Double Issues" during our first three years of publication, we find it impossible to call another double issue in our fourth year "Special" and consider this the beginning of an "Annual" tradition. From now on, expect an Annual Double Issue, probably for the January-April time frame.

It is perhaps not surprising that events are so concentrated and determinative over the fall and winter months—much of the world lives more from spring to spring or summer to summer than by the calendar year—but it is nonetheless of interest to examine why we find it editorially preferable to combine the events included in this particular issue under one cover.

The Clinton Administration came to office with certain preconceptions and commitments about U.S. foreign policy, recorded in our November/December 1992 issue. These were tested from the Inauguration until around October of last year, and a number were found wanting. (Others, such as the centrality of support for democracy and economic reform in Russia, remain intact.) We see the failure to follow through on campaign rhetoric on Bosnia, the policy reversal on U.S. troops in Somalia, and the cautious restraint on Haiti, as turning points that led to Secretary Christopher's enunciation of new policy priorities on November 4, 1993 (see p. 43).

Essentially, this Double Issue records the shifts in emphasis that followed—in particular, the concentration on international economic policy (with a Pacific tilt) that complemented the Administration's domestic agenda, but also the effort to move away from the frustrating "regional issues" of Bosnia, Somalia, and Haiti, and an evolving dependence on the U.N. as a peacekeeping mechanism, back to the arguably broader questions of the future of Russia and the other republics of the former Soviet Union, of the nuclear arsenals the Cold War left behind, of NATO and of the U.S.S.R.'s one-time Warsaw Pact allies, of the Middle East and its potential for global disruption, and of the threat of nuclear proliferation.

As we go to press, the Bosnian "regional issue" once again is demonstrating its own potential for global disturbance, but it would be the height of folly to predict where this might lead. In any case, it is our function to record, not to predict. We hope this Double Issue's documentation of the effort to recast U.S. foreign policy will be useful to those involved in analyzing it.

Paul E. Auerswald Editor

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