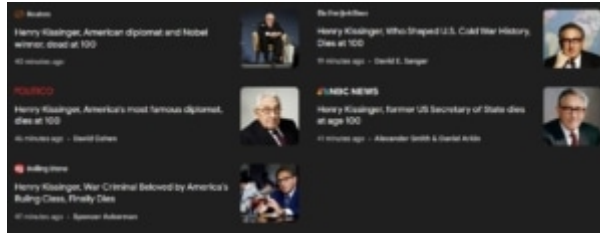


FINALLY: WAR CRIMINAL DEAD AT 100

[NB: check the byline, thanks. /~Rayne]

Henry Kissinger died today, age 100.

I am posting an image of the headlines at the top of Google News this hour because I don't trust myself to write much about this man.



Polarizing barely describes Kissinger's approach to foreign policy. So many of the challenges we've faced since Kissinger left the Nixon administration are blowback and blowback upon that blowback from his bullshit.

And by bullshit I'll point to his unlawful war on Cambodia, as just one example. Nixon may have started the unauthorized bombing but Kissinger's support ensured it would continue.

Beloved chef and travel journalist Anthony Bourdain put it best in his 2010 book, 'A Cook's Tour: Global Adventures in Extreme Cuisines':

"Once you've been to Cambodia, you'll never stop wanting to beat Henry Kissinger to death with your bare hands. You will never again be able to open a newspaper and read about that treacherous, prevaricating, murderous scumbag sitting down for a nice chat with Charlie Rose or attending some black-tie affair for a new glossy magazine without choking. Witness what Henry did in Cambodia – the fruits of his genius for statesmanship – and you will never understand why he's not sitting in the dock at The Hague next to Milošević."

You will hear that quote above often this week because there have not been enough people who have distilled Kissinger's wretchedness into less than 100 words as Bourdain did.

I wish I could but the size and scale of Kissinger's evils outstrip my ability.

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This is an open thread. Leave your comments about Kissinger and war crimes here rather than pollute other threads.