

SOVIET SECTOR

Soviets Link NATO War Plans To Carter Advisors

Oct. 22 (NSIPS) — Horizont, an official newspaper of the German Democratic Republic, this week identified the Brookings Institution as a major advocate of the "forward defense" posture for a nuclear "blitzkrieg" by NATO in Europe, announced by NATO Supreme Commander Alexander Haig Oct. 13. With this and other statements (reprinted below), the Warsaw Pact nations are now advertising their perception that there exists a faction in the West whose hegemony would lead to an intolerable threat to their security and, therefore, to war. Their decision to say that there is a conspiracy for war and to link it with Brookings, a nodal institution in the web of Jimmy Carter-advisers and drafters of the Committee on the Present Danger, broadcasts clearly that the election of Carter would push the world across the political "trip wire" line bounding adverse developments tolerable to the Warsaw Pact, and make World War III a certainty.

The Soviet Union and its allies are closely monitoring the U.S. elections as well as developments in West Germany and the strength of the Andreotti government in Italy, a rallying point for opposition to the war faction, as definitive elements for which way the situation will break. Their newly posed initiatives for "one Europe" economic development (see International Markets Newsletter) have buoyed up the factions for peace and progress.

East Germans Rip Haig Brookings Autumn Forge Blitzkrieg

Oct. 21 |— The following extracts are taken from an article entitled "General Haig's Theater of War" by Major Heinz Rabe, which appeared in the most recent issue of the German Democratic Republic weekly newspaper Horizont:

... The former Chief of Staff at the White House during the Nixon period does not want to see Europe become a starting-point for a relaxation of tensions. He describes our continent solely in terms of "the possible European theater of war," a viewpoint enthusiastically propounded in the Aug. 25 issue of the big-bourgeois Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. For NATO's aggressive forces, "Autumn Forge" is an undisguised mobilization of the forward strategy.... According to the legend of a "Soviet threat" — carefully cultivated in the interest of NATO's profits and armaments — this side (the Soviet Union) was naturally the "aggressor" and provided the defenders with the excuse to use ABC weapons, which was then promptly "played through." According to this, a war with nuclear-armed missiles is included in the NATO military strategists' calculations.

One of the completely new aspects of the setting up of NATO's planned major European theater of war is the debut appearance of the 101st U.S. Airborne Division during the maneuver.... The unanimity of the most aggressive circles in the U.S.A. and the Federal Republic of Germany was also announced by the Supreme Commander of the so-called central front, General Schnell. At Fort Campbell he personally led the airborne troops into the maneuver.... The landing units belong to the American Marine Infantry, who followed up their first appearance in the FRG last year with a far more massive action: 6000 "Marines"

landed on the FRG coast. Before that, during "Teamwork 76" they stormed a "red coastline" and captured socialist territory near the central Norwegian city Steinkjer. Just as with the airborne troops, Europe is described as a new field of activity for this "partial offensive force."

These calculations have been made without consideration of the economic and international relationship for forces which, as is well known, threw the "Marines" of the shores of Vietnam and into the sea. They nonetheless prove the correctness of the evaluation in the (Socialist Unity Party's) program, that imperialism is utilizing every remaining available means to implement its dangerous, aggressive and reactionary plans. The Haigs and the Schnells are acting on the basis of the "German Treaty" of the 1954 Paris Treaties, which was signed by the FRG and various NATO countries, including the USA and Great Britain. Its Article 7 sanctions NATO aid for the efforts of aggressive circles in the FRG to incorporate the GDR into the imperialist power sphere. NATO maneuvers like "Autumn Forge" are clearly military assistance for a policy which endangers peace. They are directed against the inviolability of European borders as agreed upon in Helsinki.... A command staff exercise in NATO headquarters will evaluate the experiences gained by the further filling out of the forward strategy. But we are now already hearing joyful cries from those who justly regard "Autumn Forge" as a gold mine. Thus, the New York Brookings Institute, on the request of the big monopolies, is demanding that a priority be placed on the accommodation of U.S. land forces to the conditions of a conflict in Europe....

Rude Pravo:

"NATO's 'New Policy' — A Return To War Fever"

Oct. 14 |— The following are excerpts from an article by Gustav Hruby that appeared under the headline above in today's issue of the Czechoslovak party daily Rude Pravo.

Some time ago, the American Senator Hubert Humphrey criticized the U.S. armed forces stationed in Western Europe for their lame relationship to their duties. Above all, this disturbed the supreme commander of the NATO forces in Europe, the American general Alexander Haig. He maintained that insofar as certain deficiencies exist, this is the case only because part of the war technology of U.S. is put into the Mideast region. According to Haig, since this time the situation has fundamentally changed. According to him, the training of American soldiers, the fighting strength of formations, and the readiness of NATO's war technology are at a high level. These facts are supposedly proven by a series of maneuvers under the name Autumn Forge.

A provocatory demonstration was carried out by NATO in a giant operational sphere in Western Europe and the Atlantic, on the land, water and air of many countries.... For over two and a half months, in 27 maneuver subdivisions altogether, the Atlanticist generals displayed their inclination to rattle sabres. As General Haig stated, this is supposed to demonstrate NATO's capacity to draw strategic reserves into battle with the utmost speed....

The Western press terms these efforts the 'new policy of mobility,' whose goal is to promptly cover NATO's weak spots, decrease them, and thereby create the basis for the most rapid attack operations.

...'Autumn Forge' is allegedly supposed to smarten up the mutual movements of the NATO armies to such an extent that they will promptly assemble at a certain spot in order to immediately open battle from there. There is no reason to doubt that, insofar as the Atlanticist generals had sufficient means and also the opportunity, they would not hesitate to station the military resources as close as possible to the borders of the socialist countries, so that already during a period of peace their NATO units would have this point of departure, from which they could be directed Eastward. So long as this is impossible, the Atlanticist generals console themselves with at least testing an invasion of the borders of the socialist countries, and do so fully in the spirit of the 'new policy of mobility.'

What NATO calls 'new' is actually simply the continuation of the so-called strategy of forward positions, which for many long years has been the official conception of NATO in the Central European sphere. The demand is to install the maximum possible forces and material on the borders of the socialist states already in time of peace. Comparable efforts are also termed preparation for a blitzkrieg. This year's autumn maneuver by NATO was the largest general testing yet of how the 'forward position' of the Atlantic armies can be strengthened around the attacking forces which for the time being do not enter the accessible area against the East.

(This is) nothing but a testing of aggressive actions of the North Atlantic Pact armed forces against the socialist states — and at a time when the resolutions of pan-European Helsinki conference are still fresh in European minds, resolutions whose realization is the active goal of the socialist states. The Atlanticist generals take a totally different standpoint. Their 'new policy' is nothing but a sick reaction to the healing of the international atmosphere, and is supposed to be a return to the war-fever which is favorable only for the heads of the imperialist military-industrial complex.

TASS:

West Must Stop Stalling On European Troop Cuts

Oct. 18 — According to a broadcast from Voice of the German Democratic Republic radio today, the Soviet government news agency TASS has released a statement which reads in part:

The stalling policy of the Western countries at the Mutual Balanced Force Reduction (Central European troop cut negotiations in Vienna — ed.) talks is no longer justified. It is high time for a constructive approach towards an agreement. The Western countries have stuck to a demand for a symmetrical reductions, but they should now return to reality.

Honecker:

"We Are Working To Prevent ... A New World War"

The speech from which the following is excerpted was given by Erich Honecker, General Secretary of the German Democratic Republic's Socialist Unity Party, to an election rally Oct. 16:

...Only peace ensures us the necessary external conditions for our great task of constructing socialism and communism. The matter of peace and detente is the litmus test for any foreign

policy. We struggle resolutely to abolish the threat of a new world war, to achieve reduction in the arms race forced forward by NATO, and for concrete measures in the area of disarmament. This has to do with the vital interests of all peoples. These are eighty questions for the future of all humanity....

In the capitalist world, however, not everyone has yet understood that there is no alternative to peaceful coexistence. The activity of those circles which would like to turn Europe back to the times of the "cold war" is intensifying. These circles have again made themselves known in one of our neighbor states, the Federal Republic of Germany.... Theirs is an undertaking without prospects and an adventurous one. We will continue to take care of the integrity of the achievements of our people. We do not want the cause of peace to suffer. If both sides will be ruled by reason and good will, it will be possible to fulfill treaties in spirit and letter. Anything else is just smoke and clatter.... We are in any case working with all forces to prevent the danger of a new world war. The future of our people, and of all the peoples of Europe and the world, ought to be a future of guaranteed, firm peace.

Gierek:

"We Will Rebuff ... Attempts To Sow Chaos And Anarchy"

Oct. 15 — The following are excerpts from a speech given by Edward Gierek, First Secretary of the Polish United Workers Party, to a conference of mine workers yesterday.

The achievements of Poland, its position in the world, and its development do not please reactionary forces abroad, who still adhere to the spirit of the "cold war." These forces have repeatedly exhibited their anti-Polish position on the most vital questions of our country, its borders and security. They have not laid down arms. They still have influence and means for conducting noisy propaganda hostile to Poland. Unfortunately, they have cohorts in our country, who support them and their goals.

The enemies of our country close their eyes to our achievements, but eagerly exaggerate and exploit our difficulties. They deck themselves out as advocates of democracy and defenders of national sovereignty. Our party and the Polish people have no need of lessons on independence and sovereignty.

For over 30 years, Poland has based its political independence on the firm foundation of a growing economic capacity, modern defenses, progressive social relations, and the moral and political unity of the people....

In the name of the well-understood interests of Poland, we will decisively rebuff any attempt to distort our democracy and use it as an opportunity to sow chaos and anarchy. We know benefits from that, and we know the price our people would pay for this — our people has learned by the bitter experience of history....

In the successful development and consolidation of the Polish People's Republic, we have constant and indestructible support in our friendship with the Soviet Union.