

“military establishment” in the West on short order?

Two distinct types of conflicting answers are being advanced at this time. One is the “American cowboy” answer associated with Weinberger, Richard Allen, Irving Kristol, Fritz Kraemer and even some “well-meaning” fools around the Reagan White House: create a political combination in the Atlantic Alliance which shall ensure the early deployment of the Pershings in Europe, and this “political combination” will eventually, somehow, become the basis of our required “military establishment.”

The second, rival view is now being advanced by circles associated with British Foreign Secretary Lord

## Thatcher government: no advanced weapons

*The following is excerpted from an article by Philip Webster in the Times of London that appeared July 9.*

Mr. Nott [British Secretary of State for Defense] described as nonsense a contention in a letter to the *Times* on Monday by Air Vice-Marshal Stewart Menaul that the Trident missile system could be obsolete before it was introduced in the early 1990s.

The air vice-marshal wrote that the most important aspect of recent intelligence information about Soviet activities was their huge research and development efforts in space-based chemical lasers and charged particle-beam weapons. . . .

Mr. Nott said there was no grounds for believing that a system would be developed in the next decade which could successfully knock out a ballistic missile system.

Mr. Nott asked whether it was really suggested that the United States would be considering going into the Trident II ballistic missile system and the MX missile system if it believed a laser and particle-beam weapons system that could knock out ballistic missiles was about to be invented.

“Is it suggested that the Soviet Union would be going into a whole range of new ballistic missile systems if they believed they could get lasers up into space which could knock out ballistic missiles? We know they cannot.”

Carrington, backed by the British Royal Household and the British military leadership: abandon monetarist economic policies, go for a rapid fascist reorganization of all the economies of the OECD nations, and within the context of a fascist economy, undertake a dramatic high-technology-oriented military buildup effort. To succeed in this undertaking, the West must gain time. Therefore, go through the motions of a so-called “New Yalta” negotiation with the Soviet Union. Thus, the current period is not one of military confrontation with the Soviets; it is a time for stalling the Soviets while the West moves for imposition of fascism by emergency decree and “crisis management.”

We reprint below the argument of the Carrington faction as stated by Air Vice-Marshal S. W. B. Menaul. The British high command has identified the answer to the West Europeans’ question: why is the American nuclear umbrella unreliable to the point of requiring Pershing deployment in Europe in order to defend Europe? The answer is: the American nuclear umbrella is either already technologically outflanked by Soviet developments in high-energy weapons systems, or is about to be outflanked. According to the British high command, the old-style arms race is finished forever. We now have before us a technology race which must be fought under conditions of world economic collapse. Hence, the British opt for fascism by emergency decree and crisis management.

The extent to which the British leadership is committed to this perspective must not be underestimated. The extent to which the American confrontationist “cowboys” are contemptuous of this British approach must also not be underestimated. The current outbreak of massive rioting throughout Great Britain is one of the major elements by which this battle is being fought. A number of intelligence and covert operations networks have converged to make the riots happen, including Israeli intelligence networks and probably KGB-associated networks as well as Anglo-American networks sympathetic to Richard Allen’s views to the effect that Lord Carrington represents the apex of “British degeneracy.” On top of this, however, Lord Carrington and the Royal Household stand smiling, and amuse themselves with the thought that these riots have unleashed a political process which best facilitates what they have next in mind: the elimination of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher (and her defense minister), and the emergence of a military-run dictatorship with power transferred to Prince Charles, backed up by the military leadership for which Air Marshal Menaul speaks. It is a scenario well spoken of in the halls of Buckingham Palace. The suspect security arrangements for the upcoming Ottawa summit and the renewed assault against the CIA (upon Lord Carrington’s arrival in the United States) fit the Prince Charles scenario all too well.