

## Is your congressman's wife in bed with the KGB?

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In the midst of a global drive for empire by the Soviet Union, depending significantly on prospects for destroying the United States from within, it is no small item of national security concern to discover that the wives of more than 60 U.S. senators and representatives are members of a front-group for the Soviet KGB. *EIR's* continuing investigation into Peace Links, the "sexual politics" women's organization which has played a leading role in a nationwide series of joint events with agents of the Soviet government over the past year, has established that the organization serves as a significant coordinating operation for the KGB's campaign to destroy America's national defense capabilities.

On the basis of evidence already in hand, it is high time to ask your congressman if he is sleeping with the KGB.

### A profile of Peace Links

Peace Links was founded in 1981, as the Reagan administration took office, by Betty Bumpers, the wife of Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.), ostensibly to focus attention on the dangers of the nuclear arms race and to link up with women concerned for peace around the world. Although the vast majority of congressional wives recruited in Peace Links come from the Harrimanite environmentalist, "post-industrial society" wing of the Democratic Party, the leading elements of the organization constitute a "bipartisan" deployment with Republican assets of the Trilateral Commission, Council of Foreign Relations, and Henry Kissinger.

Peace Links was established with funding, for example, from the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation. Included among the directors of Peace Links is Teresa Heinz, wife of Republican Sen. John Heinz of Pennsylvania, who sits on the Washington Quarterly Roundtable of the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies, one of Henry Kissinger's more notorious stables. Also among the officers of Peace Links is Deba Leach, wife of Rep. Jim Leach (R-Iowa), a leader of the KGB-endorsed drive in the House to ban the defensive beam-weapon technologies President Reagan has called for as the means for rendering nuclear weapons obsolete.

Among the more prominent members of Peace Links is Sharon Percy Rockefeller, daughter of Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Charles Percy (R-Ill.) and the wife of Democratic Governor Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia. On behalf of the Kennedys, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, wife of top Kennedy hand Sargent Shriver, is also a member.

Peace Links' ties to the KGB have not gone wholly unnoticed on Capitol Hill. Sen. Jeremiah Denton (R-Ala.) reported on the floor of the Senate earlier this year that two of the organizations on the national advisory council of Peace Links—the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Women's Strike for Peace—have been officially designated as Soviet front groups by the U.S. State Department.

Peace Links president Betty Bumpers was a member of

the American delegation to the May 24-29 U.S.-U.S.S.R. Exchange Conference, cosponsored by Moscow's U.S.A.-Canada Institute and the left-wing Washington-based Institute for Policy Studies (IPS). Serving as the initial staging ground for a month-long, nationwide round of "peace" events with Soviet participation, the Minneapolis conference featured Richard Barnet of IPS and the Committee for National Security—another advisory council member of Peace Links—and Fyodor Burlatskii of the Soviet Union's *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, the journal identified by Western intelligence sources as the organ of the KGB. Burlatskii declared in that journal this month that U.S. development of defensive beam-weapon systems against missile attack would be considered a *casus belli* by Moscow (see article, page 32). Soviet and Russian Orthodox Church officials at the Minneapolis conference violently denounced President Reagan's beam weapons policy.

At the next major stop on the KGB road show, the Women's Leadership Conference on U.S.-Soviet Relations in Washington, D.C., Peace Links members were again prominent participants. In addition to Betty Bumpers, the wives of Reps. Berkley Bedell (D-Iowa, Elinor), Tom Daschle (D-N.D., Laurie), Jim Leach (R-Iowa, Deba), David Obey (D-Wis., Joan), Paul Simon (D-Ill., Jeanne), Wes Watkins (D-Okla., Lou), Timothy Wirth (D-Colo., Wren), Howard Wolpe (D-Mich., Nina), and Sens. John Heinz (R-Pa., Teresa) and Paul Tsongas (D-Mass., Niki), joined in three days of panels and workshops with Soviet representatives, including four from the Minneapolis conference, sponsored by the Committee for National Security and orchestrated again by Barnet.

Peace Links is also heavily involved in the series of "women's encampments" (see *EIR*, Aug. 23) which have targeted key U.S. corporations, defense installations, and military research centers around the country, including Boeing in Seattle, which produces guidance systems for the Trident missile, and California's Lawrence Livermore Laboratories, a major center of beam weapons research and development. The largest encampment is at the Seneca Falls Army Depot in upstate New York, where 3,000 women have engaged in repeated acts of civil disobedience designed to profile military security procedures. The encampment was organized by Donna Cooper, a leader of the Communist Party's Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, which serves as an advisory member of Peace Links.

The international model for such women's "peace" camps was the Greenham Common encampment in Britain, whose organizers have also worked directly with Peace Links. Greenham Common's Simone Wilkinson in fact joined Betty Bumpers for an organizing and planning tour this spring through the Northwest, where similar women's encampments have already appeared near a missile site in Missoula, Montana, where Bumpers addressed a meeting of 170 women in late April, and a Boeing plant involved in cruise missile production at Kent, Washington. Overlapping such direct

action operations, the Northwest is a major target for a series of KGB "educational" offensives this fall, organized with significant input by Peace Links.

Modeled on last year's "Target Seattle" operation which herded 20,000 people into Seattle's Kingdome stadium for a disarmament orgy, a string of similar events will take place this fall in Spokane, Washington and Portland and Eugene, Oregon. Target Seattle, which Betty Bumpers helped organize last year on the scene, will feature Richard Barnet along with an array of Soviet officials for a week-long program of forums and "living room" meetings to saturate the population of Seattle with pro-Soviet propaganda. The wives of Rep. Les AuCoin (D-Ore.), whose district includes part of Portland, and James Weaver (D-Ore.), whose district includes Eugene, are also members of Peace Links. On her tour of the Northwest with Simone Wilkinson, Betty Bumpers addressed a gathering of 120 women in Portland.

As part of what amounts to KGB sabotage of America's electricity production grid, the effort to shut down the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS), the nation's largest supplier of electric power, is being led on Capitol Hill by congressmen who are also in bed with Peace Links (see article, page 52).

### Itineraries and demands

Direct input from Moscow has become a regular feature for Peace Links since Averell Harriman's trip to meet with Soviet President Yuri Andropov at the end of May. A month later, 19 House members and their wives followed Harriman's bidding to go to Moscow for direct "dialogue" with Soviet leaders. Six of them are married to members of Peace Links: David Obey (D-Wis.), Timothy Wirth (D-Colo.), Anthony Beilenson (D-Cal.), Norman Dicks (D-Wash.), Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.), and Jim Leach (R-Iowa). All six of them are also cosponsors of a House resolution to ban space-based weapons. Of the nine Democratic senators currently in Moscow to meet with Andropov, four of them—Senator Bumpers, of course, and Howard Metzenbaum (Ohio), Patrick Leahy (Vt.), and Don Riegle (Mich.)—have wives in Peace Links.

The Senate delegation was met at the airport by Georgii Arbatov, head of the U.S.A.-Canada Institute which cosponsored the Minneapolis conference. The payoff for the KGB was made public after the senators' meeting with Andropov on Aug. 18. Andropov lyingly announced that the Soviet Union would never be the first nation to put anti-satellite weapons in space, and Senate delegation leader Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.) played follow-the-leader by praising Andropov and urging that the United States enter into a treaty with the Soviets to ban space weapons. A Senate resolution to that effect, which would eliminate the number-one obstacle to the KGB's drive to make the United States helpless militarily, was introduced this spring by Paul Tsongas (D-Mass.). His wife Niki is also a member of Peace Links.