

International Intelligence

The SDI and 'Atoms for Peace'

The West German daily, *Die Welt*, compared the American Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) to President Eisenhower's Atoms for Peace Program in an editorial on Dec. 7 written by Washington, D.C., correspondent Thomas Kielinger, entitled: "Are weapons that destroy weapons themselves weapons?" The article is part of a series on beam weapons which the paper is running, in the spirit of the "grand international debate" called for by SDI coordinator Gen. James Abrahamson. The article reads in part:

"Are the beams directed against missiles 'weapons' in the usual sense? If the definition is that a weapon is what attacks people, then this definition no longer applies to these systems for space-based defense. These systems do not serve to increase offensive potentials, but rather are aimed at reducing them. They are not aimed at people, cities, or civilizations, but at weapons that can annihilate everything. They are aimed at a favorite premise: that balance can only be secured by means of a balance of nuclear terror. This balance has another name: 'Mutual Assured Destruction.' The English abbreviation, MAD, expresses what many people think of this condition of our security. It is crazy, 'mad.'"

Kielinger quoted from President Eisenhower's Atoms for Peace speech made to the United Nations on Dec. 8, 1953: "If I say that the means the U.S. has for retaliation are such that they can turn the entire territory of an aggressor into a desert—if I say that, it's true; but it does not reflect the real nature and hopes of the United States. . . . It is the concern of my country to leave this dark tunnel of terror and come into the light," and added: "There is a logical and a moral connection between Eisenhower's proclamation and the appeal of President Reagan [March 23, 1983] to the scientists of his country to work 'to remove the threat issuing from nuclear missiles'. . . ."

"All of this must be kept in mind if one wants to evaluate the 'Strategic Defense Initiative' that the Americans are now working

on. It is an attempt to defuse the nuclear offensive arsenals, not by threatening annihilation, but by defending against this destruction. . . ."

Soviets exploit Indian disaster

The Soviet Union has begun a massive press campaign to gain strategic advantage from the disaster in Bhopal, India. A leak of poisonous gas from a nearby Union Carbide chemical plant killed upwards of 2,000 people and critically injured thousands more.

The Soviet dailies *Pravda* and *Izvestia* blamed the "mass cyanide poisoning of the people of Bhopal" on the United States. *Izvestia* accused the United States of criminal negligence "in the pursuit of high profits." This line has been echoed in the Indian leftist press. One such newspaper, *The Patriot*, ran the headline: "Killer U.S. Corporation."

In West Germany, the Soviet-sponsored Green Party has demanded the closing of all such multinational corporations throughout the Third World. The environmentalists are demanding that all pesticide plants be closed down, hoping to use the disaster to escalate the drive that has banned DDT—causing millions of deaths.

The anti-U.S. pressure on the new Indian government of Rajiv Gandhi is extremely intense. When the chairman of Union Carbide, Warren Anderson, arrived in Bhopal to inspect the pesticide plant, he was placed under arrest! He was later released, but six Indian nationals who ran the plant remain under house arrest. The Indian government has also seized all plant files. In West Virginia, where Union Carbide also has a plant, lawyers are filing a class action suit against the corporation on behalf of relatives of Bhopal victims.

The Bhopal disaster begs a full investigation to determine if the leak was caused by sabotage. Less than a month ago, a similar industrial accident in Mexico caused the death of 500 people. The two mega-disasters, highly unusual, occurring so closely in time in important countries of the Third World, imply that the Nazi-communist ter-

rorist international which carried out the assassination of Mrs. Indira Gandhi a little over a month ago has added a new weapon to its arsenal for destabilization of governments.

Chinese drop Marx as well as Mao

China's Communist Party declared in the *People's Daily* on Dec. 7 that it would be "naive and stupid" to cling to Marxist principles while seeking to modernize China. "Marx died 100 years ago. His works were written more than 100 years ago. There have been tremendous changes since his ideas were formed," the editorial stated. "We cannot use Marxist and Leninist works to solve our present-day problems." If China does not depart from Marxist philosophy, "it will lose touch with reality and be left behind."

This repudiation of Marxism follows directives by Deng Tsiao-Peng for a massive purge of the 40-million-member Communist Party of China. All members must attempt to re-register in the party, at which point their past history and credentials for entry will be inspected. The objective is to force out all the Maoist leftists who ran the genocidal Cultural Revolution. Deng is also leading a massive purge of people who have been caught engaged in corrupt practices—otherwise known as "using the new economic reforms for their own personal gain." In short, the Deng leadership is waging war on the party and its bureaucracy.

The outcome remains to be seen. The army is known to be the recalcitrant center of Maoist resistance to the economic reforms and there has been no real infusion of growth in the economy.

TASS: U.S. troops to leave Europe

On Nov. 16, the Soviet news agency TASS alleged that U.S. forces in West Germany were rehearsing a transfer to Central America under crisis conditions—precisely the

trap the U.S.S.R. has been trying to get the U.S. to walk into. TASS reported a statement by the U.S. Embassy in Bonn, confirming that American forces in West Germany had been "placed on high alert." U.S. Army Headquarters in Stuttgart had earlier denied the story.

TASS commented, "This announcement has justified the fears of the country's democratic public that the U.S. might use West German-based airborne units for aggression against Nicaragua."

Germany's Wörner: 'SDI is irreversible'

West German Defense Minister Manfred Wörner intervened against anti-Strategic Defense Initiative factions in the West German Defense Ministry, according to the West German daily newspaper, *Die Welt*, to stress that the U.S. commitment to the SDI is *irreversible*. The briefing, presented to a recent special meeting of a cabinet-level policy committee, emphasized that "American research on the SDI is proceeding on the strength of the will of President Reagan, which can *no longer be influenced*, and thereby Europe is faced with a *fait accompli* to which it must orient."

Wörner has hitherto been highly skeptical of the SDI.

The briefing paper reportedly identifies "as fact" that "with the aid of the SDI, America will obtain an unprecedented technological lead in know-how, which promises to bring spin-offs far beyond the military area in all areas of civilian technological applications." If the Europeans, and particularly the Germans, do not connect up with this development, "the United States will win such a good starting position for competing on the world market that Europeans, particularly we Germans, face the threat of being wiped off that market."

As a second fact, the briefing paper says that "whatever happens at the end of the research-phase of the SDI project, experts in the government [in Bonn] are already certain that Europe has to begin to rethink how the task of securing the peace is going to be

shaped beyond the year 2000."

A special team in the Bonn Defense Ministry has been formed, under the chairmanship of State Secretary Lothar Ruehle, which maintains continuous contact with General Abrahamson's SDI office, and will also involve experts from German industry in "technological evaluations" of the American SDI program.

Hammer delivers Russia's demands

The KGB's favorite millionaire, Armand Hammer, emerged from a 95-minute meeting with Soviet leader Konstantin Chernenko in Moscow on Dec. 4 to announce that a summit between the Soviet President and President Reagan could be held soon—provided that the United States agrees to renounce the first use of nuclear weapons. Any such policy on the part of the United States would amount to a declaration that Europe, in the current strategic balance, is indefensible and will not be defended by the United States.

Hammer, whose career as a Soviet agent-of-influence dates back decades, said he asked Chernenko if he would be willing to meet with Reagan if an accord not to be the first to use nuclear weapons was signed and sent to Congress for ratification. "His answer was yes," Hammer reported. A Reagan-Chernenko summit could take place within six months of the Jan. 7-8 meeting between Secretary of State Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, said Hammer.

Hammer also reported that Chernenko had told him, in a prepared statement, that while President Reagan had agreed to reopen talks with the Soviets, "only the future will show whether the United States, contrary to its previous actions, would take a realistic position which would make it possible for the negotiations to be successful."

Before he left for his trip to Moscow, Hammer had announced that he wants to return the United States to the era of *détente*—i.e., the era of Henry Kissinger's sellouts to the Soviet Union.

Briefly

● **A CONFERENCE** of the World Futures Studies Federation in San José, Costa Rica Dec. 9-14 includes as participants the terrorist-linked Italian "futurist" Roberto Vacca; Club of Rome leader Eleanora Masini; the German Green Party's Petra Kelly and Roland Vogt; Princeton's Richard Falk who helped install Khomeini in power; and Yugoslav "dissident" Mihailo Markovic.

● **THE CULT** Tradition, Family, and Property (TFP), linked to assassination attempts against the Pope, has implicitly threatened the life of Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi. The sect has placed ads in Brazilian and Colombian papers and in the *Miami Herald* saying that Lusinchi is acting "in the same way as his deceased and intimate friend, Salvador Allende." Lusinchi outlawed TFP activities in his country on Nov. 13.

● **DEATH THREATS** against Americans by the Colombian mafia in retribution for anti-drug efforts should be carried out, said the chief of Colombia's M-19 terrorists. Ivan Marina Ospina told a press conference in Mexico City Dec. 6: "Let these threats . . . be fulfilled throughout the world against the representatives of rapacious imperialism, which lives off the misery of exploited peoples. Drug trafficking has taken on special characteristics in my country, because many Colombians live from and are benefited by this activity, encouraged by the dollars of the U.S. imperialists."

● **RUSSIA** has issued a thinly veiled military threat to Pakistan. A Dec. 2 *Izvestia* article by Alexander Bovin cites domestic instabilities in Pakistan, calling these "the internal affair of the Pakistanis." But then he adds: "The relations of the Pakistani government to the Soviet Union, to her interests and concerns, and to her friends, are very much also our business." On Nov. 29, the military paper *Red Star* wrote that Pakistani officers are being told of the "inevitability of a war" with Afghanistan.