

AEI backs Soviet takeover in Europe

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The American Enterprise Institute, a prominent Washington-based think tank which prides itself on its conservative Republican credentials, has now formally certified its pivotal inside role in the Soviet conspiracy to split NATO and bring Western Europe into its expanding sphere of influence.

Officials of the outfit, which supplied such influential figures to the first Reagan administration as U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick and U.S. Ambassador to West Germany Arthur Burns, don't even attempt to hide this treachery. At an April 1 AEI seminar devoted to the budget deficit, senior fellow Norm Ornstein boasted to *EIR* that he and other members of the institute are busily lobbying on Capitol Hill to get Congress to enforce an American troop pullout from Europe.

"What we're proposing is that Congress cut back the U.S. military presence in Europe by one-fourth to one-third," he disclosed. "We say this is the best way to save money in the defense budget, and to help cut the deficit. It would save us tremendous amounts of money, both in actual troop costs, and in the massive support apparatus required to maintain them."

But wouldn't reducing American forces imperil Europe's security by encouraging a Soviet offensive, he was asked? Oh, no, Ornstein replied breezily. "I think we could safely reduce our troops by that amount without jeopardizing West Germany's security."

By advocating such a measure, Ornstein and the rest of the AEI gang place themselves in direct opposition to the administration they claim as their own. Both President Reagan and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger have repeatedly reaffirmed their strong opposition to any lessening of America's commitment to Western Europe. Indeed, at a press conference April 2, Weinberger repeated a warning he has directly issued in the past to advocates of a U.S. troop pullout: "The United States could not survive in a world in which Europe was overrun by the Soviets."

That doesn't faze AEI. As *EIR* revealed in January 1984, AEI's Arthur Burns, together with Henry Kissinger, engineered the whole campaign to decouple Europe from the United States. During his tenure as Reagan's ambassador in Bonn, Burns has furthered that gameplan by feting representatives of the East bloc-funded Green Party, which advocates a U.S.-Europe decoupling, and by sending back lying intel-

ligence reports to Washington that these savagely anti-American terrorists pose no threat to NATO.

That's par for the course for AEI which, under cover of a carefully cultivated "conservatism," has been successfully peddling oligarchical policies to honest conservatives—including influential members of the Reagan administration—ever since it was taken over by Bill Baroody, Sr. in the late 1940s. Scion of an ancient Lebanese oligarchical family, Baroody was trained by the Benedictines at St. Anselm's in New Hampshire, and effectively turned AEI into a vehicle for Benedictine penetration of the American conservative movement.

It is worth keeping in mind that in July 1983, St. Anselm's hosted a week-long "Forum for U.S.-Soviet Dialogue," which brought a large group of KGB agents to the U.S. to profile the American population on the SDI, and that Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee—the former Abbott Primate of the Benedictines worldwide who last week called for extending IMF surveillance to the United States—has frequently spoken at Green-sponsored rallies in West Germany protesting the American military presence there.

AEI's support for decoupling is consistent with the Benedictines' overall strategic goal of destroying the nation-state and erecting on its ashes a new form of the ancient pagan empires.

Nunn amendment becomes a habit

In his remarks to *EIR*, Ornstein disclosed that he is working closely with a number of influential members of Congress, including House Armed Services Committee chairman Les Aspin (D-Wisc.), Sen. William Cohen (R-Maine), and Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) on a revamped version of the amendment Nunn introduced last June mandating a phased American troop pullout from Europe. "This will become a major focus on the Hill by next month," Ornstein confidently predicted. "Nunn plans to take it up again in a big way, though not necessarily in the same form as last year."

Nunn and Aspin just happen to belong to AEI's National Defense Policy Studies Advisory Council, whose other members include Reagan senior arms-control adviser Paul Nitze and Sen. Charles Mathias (R-Md.), a leader of the anti-SDI cabal in Congress who is also sympathetic to the Greens.

Ornstein believes all further funding for the MX should be "terminated," and admits he is "highly skeptical" about the SDI. His main complaint with the Pentagon is that "the U.S. has no military strategy. They ask for weapon systems before they have any idea why they need them." That's why, he told *EIR*, he's so "very pleased" that Aspin is now running the House Armed Services Committee, and that Senator Nunn and Cohen are major influences at Senate Armed Services. "These people think in terms of strategy, not weapons systems," Ornstein said.

As for the best means of imposing cuts in military spending, Ornstein opined, "IMF surveillance [of the U.S. economy] wouldn't be a bad idea at all."