

Editorial

A report to shake the world

July 24 will be a day to remember in Washington, D.C. For it was on that day that virtually every member of Congress and the Senate, and most members of the administration, received *Global Showdown*, a 370-page *EIR* Special Report detailing the Soviet plan for world domination by 1988. Coming on the heels of the largest Soviet naval maneuvers in history, and virtually simultaneous with the release of the official intelligence estimates of U.S. and Soviet military capabilities, the release of *Global Showdown* represented a blast of reality into a capital obsessed with budgets and summit talk.

From the very first responses, it was clear that *Global Showdown* would create the kind of sensation it was planned to create. Between 40 and 50 people came to the press conference to announce the release. And the Congressional Research Service, which was releasing the official estimates, lost no time in attacking those who accuse the Soviets of having a "war plan."

Given the pace at which the Soviets are proceeding in their offensive against Western Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, we have no doubt that the report will become even more relevant, and sought after, in the immediate months ahead.

It is unfortunate, but true, that the only way in which a truthful evaluation of the Soviet threat could be produced is by a private intelligence agency. And the only agency capable of producing a truthful evaluation is *Executive Intelligence Review*.

The question to be answered is why is that the case.

There is no question but that the bulk of the information in *Global Showdown* has been available to the governments of the NATO alliance, and even to some of the legislators of the NATO governments. Tables of comparison of U.S. and Soviet missiles, submarines, and other such hardware are constantly being produced. And some of them, which escape the censoring hand of Henry Kissinger or Zbigniew Brzezinski, are even accurate.

But the essence of *Global Showdown* is not the facts and figures. The guts of the report is its identification of the Russian imperial strategy that underlies the Soviet military buildup, the pinpointing of the mechanism of the Russian mind. What *Global Showdown* does is to identify the specific Russian cultural matrix, and its history, which not only have pushed the Soviets into their current strategic deployment, but also define the weaknesses of the Soviet position.

It is here, in the cultural area, where *EIR* shows its unique capability. To the other "conservatives," a compilation of the tremendous military buildup of the Soviets is overwhelming to the point of provoking depression. Just to look at all those columns, where the Soviets have more than ten to one preponderance, or where the United States has no equivalent resources at all—as in civil defense—is to confront a profound despair: It has been more than once that *EIR* editors have tried to convince conservatives to put forward the real picture of Soviet superiority, only to be rebuffed by an attitude of helplessness and impotence. The truth is not useful, they say; it will only discourage the troops.

But, if you have grasped the central issue of the cultural differences between the Russians and the West, there is no reason for despair. For as the *Global Showdown* report points out, and we give a foretaste of in our special feature this issue, it is the cultural matrix which the Russians have rejected, the cultural matrix of the Judeo-Christian ethic, which holds the unique capability for the West to frustrate the Soviets' war plans in the immediate future, and eventually create conditions for world peace.

In other words, the secret behind the *EIR* report is a methodological secret, the secret of the same kind of cultural optimism that generated the Italian Renaissance after the degeneration of the Black Death, and that has consistently allowed mankind to emerge from the most profound crises of civilization. Spread that secret, and we can win the war.