

Editorial

Gorbachov: no man of peace

Days after the Soviets ratified a new constitution which gives Mikhail Gorbachov explicit emergency war powers as President, he presented himself before the United Nations in the guise of a man of peace. The fact that the socialist "republics" of Armenia and Azerbaijan are under military occupation by Soviet troops is ignored by pro-Gorbachov cheerleaders, while the troop reductions he promised, receive rave reviews.

The irony is that the proffered troop cuts, etc., will not reduce Soviet war-fighting capability, or their ability to rapidly mobilize. They are a planned part of a major reorganization of the Soviet force structure, coincident with a transformation of the order of battle, to take advantage of the potentialities of next generation weapons, such as radio frequency anti-personnel devices. Moreover, it is an open secret that the tanks and artillery which Gorbachov said were to be phased out, are both old and obsolete in design.

Armored assault by tanks, amphibious units, and the like, is being replaced under the Ogarkov war plan by use of Special National Forces (*spetsnaz*) units. These can be either parachuted in behind NATO lines, or may already be in place, to take out all 250 of the leading Western European command-and-control targets without firing a single missile.

Russian irregular war is advancing on all fronts. They knock our planes out of the Western European sky, one by one, using laser and radio technology, and the policy of Western governments is to ignore it, while their citizens—particularly in the Federal Republic of Germany—are being whipped up into an anti-military hysteria by the KGB-controlled peace movement.

They also have control of the Balkans tinderbox—as soon as they decide to move. U.S. blundering has given them a strong position in the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Rim. Immediately the spots to be watched are Yugoslavia and the Indian subcontinent. Gorbachov's U.N. visit was not just an exercise in manipulating popular opinion, but it was intended to test Western response to future Soviet moves.

One possibility is the placement of Russian troops on the shores of the Adriatic, under the pretext of a Yugoslav civil war. In Afghanistan, he is offering not to remove Soviet troops, but to freeze the situation with a new cease-fire, opening the area up to partition. In the Middle East, particularly after the bizarre incident of the so-called airplane hijack from Moscow to Israel, the Soviets are playing with the Israelis as well as the Arabs, in order to be placed at the center of a negotiated peace settlement.

While the media in the West seized upon the disarmament issue, the thrust of Gorbachov's speech was political. A major portion of it was devoted to a New Age treatment of so-called environmental and ecological issues.

Over the years we have documented the fact that the environmentalists are a Soviet operation, KGB controlled and financed—and, in the case of the West German Greens, with East German "refugees" in leading roles. Now, in his speech before the United Nations, Gorbachov has openly admitted that the KGB is the mother of environmentalism. He announced that the Soviets were prepared to institute a new, worldwide greenie peace movement, to force the West to disarm.

The Greens in Germany are infamous for tactics such as the forced resignation of Philipp Jenninger, formerly Speaker of the Bundestag, on the absurd charge that he was insensitive on the Jewish Question. Less known but equally dangerous is the role of the Greens, and similar environmentalist movements in other countries, in covert operations, to create an ambience in which hard-core professional terrorists are free to operate.

Within the West, we find citizens not willing to fight to defend their nations. The spiritual fiber of Western civilization is slackening in a hedonistic frenzy unparalleled since the Dark Ages. Were this not the case, Gorbachov's pretensions would have been laughed out of court. He is no less a clown than Nikita Khrushchov, nor less dangerous, even if he does wear Gucci shoes.