

Social Democrats, crazier than ever, welcome chaos in U.S.S.R.

by Scott Thompson

Those nice folks at Project Democracy who brought us the Iran-Contra debacle and have more recently done their best to bankrupt the Solidarnosc government in Poland by pressing it to make brutal austerity concessions to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), are at it again.

In a series of interviews with this publication and articles elsewhere, spokesmen for the international social democracy have responded to the economic and social chaos occasioned by Gorbachov's failed perestroika policies by demanding more money for their political intelligence operations.

Yet, the analysis that the social democrats are peddling into the U.S. intelligence community through the likes of Leo Cherne, the social democratic-trained vice chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFI-AB), contain a fatal error on what is happening now in the U.S.S.R.: a miscalculation that may tend to disarm the West while the forces of Great Russian nationalism rise up for a global showdown with the West.

In 1983-84 the "crumbling empire" thesis about the Soviet Union was being touted in the National Security Council by a combination of social democrats and others who were influenced by the Bolshevik opponents of Stalin. As political statesman Lyndon LaRouche warned at that time, any internal breakdown of the Soviet Union occasioned by the failure of the communist economic system would bring about a resurgence of the "pagan Rus" culture, which was historically the most bitter opponent of Western civilization.

LaRouche also noted that the immediate cause of the "crumbling empire" was that Soviet Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov had directed the Soviet economy toward completely modernizing the Soviet military to build a war-winning capability.

While none then foresaw the added disaster that Mikhail Gorbachov would wreak upon the Soviet economy through his failed perestroika policies, the essence of LaRouche's forecast is now coming to bear fruit, namely that the "crumbling empire" occasioned by economic collapse is bringing to the fore the forces of Great Russian nationalism, which is armed to the teeth with modern, strategic weapons.

The Soviet Commonwealth?

One social democratic idiot with impeccable credentials is Zbigniew Brzezinski, the former Carter national security adviser, who is today a member of President's Foreign Intelli-

gence Advisory Board, and who penned "Post-Communist Nationalism," the lead article for the winter issue of *Foreign Affairs*, the journal of the Council on Foreign Relations. While Brzezinski is smart enough to recognize that Great Russian nationalism will emerge with the demise of Soviet-style Communism, he writes that the way to counter a revival of "messianic complexes" such as the doctrine that Moscow must become the "Third and Final Rome," is to double funding of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the above-ground arm of the shadowy interventionist apparatus Oliver North called "Project Democracy."

Through U.S. government funding of the NED for mounting Project Democracy operations inside the U.S.S.R., Brzezinski argues that the Russian empire might devolve peacefully into "a genuine confederation or commonwealth," where Great Russian nationalism would be transformed "from masters to partners." Such "a decentralized Eurasian confederation," similar to the 1950s transformation of Britain, Brzezinski argues, "might be a less unacceptable arrangement."

This pie in the sky view overlooks the fact that because of economic collapse, the Soviet Union is heading toward bloody civil war, where the Great Russian nationalists will at least share control over the largest thermonuclear arsenal in history.

See no evil

Edward Gudava, a spokesman for the New York-based Center for Democracy, Inc., the main instrument using NED funds to operate inside the Soviet Union, spoke to this reporter on Dec. 10. Gudava was even more lunatic than Brzezinski. While stating that it would be a good thing for the Soviet Union to collapse under the weight of conflicting nationalities, so that the enslaved outer republics could gain freedom, he hysterically denied that this would bring Great Russian nationalism to the fore.

And, he just as vigorously argued that the Russians would not take such "crazy steps" as mobilization for war, when their empire "crumbled," basically because he thought the Nomenklatura (families of top state bureaucrats) would stop nationalists like Soviet Marshal Ogarkov from doing so. Equally erroneously, Gudava denied that Moscow Center—influenced by Great Russian nationalists—would mount a crackdown, even though the empire might be torn asunder

by the eruption of Baltic, Georgian, Ukrainian, Turkic, and other nationalisms seeking freedom from the empire of misery.

Asked why there would be no resurgence of Great Russian nationalism, if the empire crumbled, Gudava stated that there had been a shift in the millennia-old "pagan Rus" cultural matrix, which meant that no new Stalinist-Great Russian nationalist combination could come to the fore, of the sort that mobilized "Mother Russia" to win World War II. But the only reasons he could ultimately muster were that external forces such as the United Nations would never tolerate it, while the internal growth of such groups as the Project Democracy-linked Democratic Union in the U.S.S.R. would block it.

Ludmila Thorne, director of Soviet Affairs for Freedom House, also denies that there will be a Great Russian nationalist revival, if the Soviet empire crumbles. Freedom House's honorary chairman is Leo Cherne, who had been a lifelong friend of the late Director of Central Intelligence William Casey and serves on PFIAB with Brzezinski. Again, Thorne said the reason why this revival would be blocked was the existence of the Democratic Union and thousands of like-minded groups.

Creatures of Project Democracy

Is it any wonder that such lunacy is being peddled by the Center for Democracy, Inc. and its principal funder, the National Endowment for Democracy and the affiliated Freedom House, since they are all part of the same Project Democracy secret government apparatus that the Iran-Contra scandal has proved to be such a dismal failure in Central America?

The NED is headed by Carl Gershman, a social democratic sidekick of Leo Cherne. The NED's board includes: Lane Kirkland and Albert Shanker of the AFL-CIO; Anglo-Soviet agent of influence Henry Kissinger, who today wears two hats as a member of PFIAB and as head of a network of global consulting firms whose clients always seem to profit from Kissinger's advice to the President; and Sally Shelton-Colby, the wife of former Director of Central Intelligence William Colby, who, like Kissinger, has represented Wall Street banks in their attempts at usurious debt collection from Ibero-American nations: all in the name of fostering "free enterprise" and "democracy."

Documents released from the NED under the Freedom of Information Act show the money trail from its own U.S. Congress-supplied budget to the Center for Democracy, Inc. for supporting operations like the Democratic Union and Armenian leader Sergei Grigoryant's *Glasnost* magazine in the U.S.S.R.

The head of the center, Yuri N. Yarim-Agaev, admits that the KGB had given him exceptional kid-glove treatment compared to other Soviet human rights dissidents before he came to the United States.

Some queries for the

by Argus

From Jan. 16 through Feb. 5, top U.S. military officials, including Joint Chiefs of Staff head Gen. Colin Powell, have been meeting in Vienna with leading military officials from the Soviet Union and over 30 other countries, for discussions on military doctrine. Guest columnist Argus offers some pointed suggestions as to what kinds of issues U.S. and other Western officials should be bringing up to their supposedly "peace loving" Soviet counterparts.

Any U.S. groups, official or unofficial, which have been or are expecting to go to the Soviet Union specifically to discuss military affairs with the Soviet military staff officers (and there have been a number of such groups during the past year) had better be armed with a number of pointed questions to get discussion on straight rails. Otherwise, such visitors are likely to be snowed under by Ministry of Defense and General Staff propaganda or a lavish show of hospitality that, to quote Shakespeare, "signify nothing."

Almost anyone tuned in on world affairs these days presumably knows that the Gorbachov regime has been promoting what it calls "new thinking" redounding to the military sphere *qua* "sufficient defense." Our own officials, including Generals Scowcroft and Powell in the present administration, and Admiral Crowe, former Chief of the Joint Chiefs, have discussed such matters with their Soviet counterparts, in fact, on U.S. or Soviet territory during summit visits or on special tours to military installations.

Unfortunately, seldom if ever do our people confront the Soviets with the kinds of queries that would make them realize that we have some worries about their intentions and their past record, that we know their latest military literature from cover to cover, that we want clarification and straight-from-the-shoulder-board responses. In a recent address about Soviet defense to one of our War Colleges, one of the above (Powell) did not even canvass Soviet military thinking or strategy as discussed in Soviet military literature.

One, then, is tempted to ask our own people, if you don't know or care what they're *thinking*, how can you guess what they might be *doing*?

Also, our side, distracted by glasnost and other baubles, seems hesitant to ponder whether the Soviets might be engaging in strategic deception as they disclaim any hostile intent