

## Editorial

# Science Adviser shows his colors

1939: "The nuclear chain reaction is a scientific curiosity, which is unlikely to find a technical application in the foreseeable future."—Leading nuclear physicist Niels Bohr, quoted in the U.S. Army manual for the Manhattan Project.

1942: "Read the statement by Niels Bohr; but don't believe it!"—Reported instructions of U.S. Army Engineers Corps commanders issuing manuals to officers serving in the Manhattan Project.

1948: "For a long time to come the Soviet Union will not have achieved atomic armament."—J. Robert Oppenheimer to a U.S. navy Committee.

1949: Soviets' first atomic blast.

1982: "Not one watt of commercial fusion energy will be produced before the year 2050."—Dr. George Keyworth, President Reagan's science adviser, to Indian scientists in New Delhi in November.

1982: "Feasibility of directed-energy beam anti-ballistic missile systems will not be determined until well into the 1990s."—Dr. George Keyworth, reported paraphrase of testimony to a closed session of the Senate Armed Services Committee, December.

As this false testimony was being conducted to the Senate in contradiction to Dr. Edward Teller's earlier briefing to the same committee, the self-avowed enemies of beam weapons development at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute were preparing a newspaper advertisement that frantically called for a "researcher, on contract, to start immediately," to study "military applications of high energy electromagnetic and particle beams." The international disarmament "mafia" centered on the London-Moscow "peace" axis is mobilized to block a technology breakout which Keyworth says cannot even be judged feasible for a decade.

Energy-beam ABM systems, spinning off laser, electron-beam and plasma-beam technologies for industry, represent a potential revolution in human dominion over nature unmatched since electricity was mastered in the last century. Beam weapons development would also end the Mutually Assured Destruction doctrine which has enabled the British oligarchy and its friends to spread technological pessimism throughout

the industrialized West since the 1960s.

Is Keyworth the Anglo-KGB "disarmament" network's man inside the Reagan administration?

Keyworth went to India pursuant to the scientific cooperation agreement President Reagan and Prime Minister Gandhi recently signed. Indian nationalist sources reported that he had the effect of sabotaging the Indian fusion program's efforts. In private outbursts in New Delhi, Keyworth slandered the U.S. fusion science community as "hustlers" trying to make a buck by exaggerating the promise of fusion energy.

No matter the recent success of the Princeton TFTR "energy breakeven tokamak," the record results of the Doublet reactor at General Atomic in San Diego, or similar progress abroad. No matter the increasingly confident reports of the past decade of every review panel convened to judge U.S. fusion progress. The little man in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy says that fusion is "not ready" for engineering efforts or even large-scale experiments.

During this century, it has been the advice of such as Keyworth which had to be pushed aside to achieve every military-technology breakthrough, and this has only been done under the gun of the national necessity such military breakthroughs impose. Either develop the new technology with an all-out, as soon-as-possible mission orientation, or you don't develop it at all.

Keyworth's scientific incompetence is linked to equal economic incompetence. The same Washington military policy makers are being told that Paul Volcker's economic collapse and the "need" for huge budget cuts rule out any ambitious attempt to develop the E-beam technologies. Keyworth is a science adviser suited for a permanent depression and "post-industrial society." If we want, instead, an economic recovery for the United States, *EIR's* LaRouche-Riemann model has demonstrated that beam-weapons development can provide the unique productivity increases to do it.

A first step would be to remove Keyworth from the post he had disgraced, before he wrecks the national laboratories' military efforts as he has demoralized the fusion program.