

Editorial

Unscientific American, again

The March issue of the magazine *Scientific American* exposes the ugly role of the anti-science mafia in the United States and western Europe. While in the March issue of their Japanese-language magazine, published in Japan, an amazing breakthrough in cold fusion is reported in detail, this news is kept out of the English-language edition.

Such political censorship is par for the course. Cold fusion has been a political football since March 23, 1989, when Martin Fleischmann and Stanley Pons announced their astounding breakthrough. Every effort has been made to bludgeon American and European scientists into dropping research in this area.

The reason for this is not so difficult to fathom. The Bush administration, which has sought to place the export of advanced technology to the Third World under its own hands-on control, was not apt to embrace a scientific advance which had the potential to make the development of a relatively cheap form of fusion technology easily available to every nation. Nor did it welcome the climate of renewed scientific optimism, which the Fleischmann-Pons cold fusion breakthrough was encouraging worldwide.

Within months of the announcement by Fleischmann and Pons, their work was being dubbed "pathological" science by the official scientific establishment, and charges of fraud were being bandied about not only against them, but against other highly reputable chemists such as John Bockris, who reported experimental results which corroborated their claims. The official Anglo-American science mafia had been mobilized to kill cold fusion. Japan was the exception to this situation.

Like the editors of *Science* and *Nature* magazines, and the rest of the so-called science press, *Scientific American* has systematically tried to spread the myth that cold fusion is dead. But like Tom Sawyer, the "drowned" corpse survived the funeral.

Top Japanese nuclear physicist Akito Takahashi has designed a cold fusion cell which allows him to generate over 250 watts per cubic centimeter of power in excess of that needed to run the experiment. At the same time he has measured the presence of neutrons

and tritium, and he proposes an exciting new theory to explain why the heat which his cell produces is greatly in excess of the nuclear products which he measures.

Surely the English-language readers of *Scientific American* would be interested in hearing such good news. We can hardly be accused of being unfair if we suggest that the editors are politically biased. The report on the cold fusion results appears in the local news section of the Japanese-language *Scientific American*—but no one could argue that such a breakthrough is only important to Japanese readers, merely because it occurred in Japan. In fact, the Takahashi results have been widely reported—favorably—in such Italian leading journals as *Il Sole 24 Ore*, *La Repubblica*, and *La Stampa*.

It is of interest to note, that in the same March issue of *Scientific American*, there is a four-page article by the Harvard economist Jeffrey Sachs, in which he brags about how he has wreaked havoc on the Polish economy. As his own figures published in this article demonstrate, under his guidance, an economy which was seriously ailing under communist misrule has been virtually destroyed—and now, the Russians are being put through the same "shock therapy."

The editors make no bones of the fact that they endorse Sachs's incompetent and evil policy. Under the headline, "Building a Market Economy in Poland," the subhead rhapsodizes: "How is a previously centralized economy to be transformed? Poland's experience thus far offers lessons for other eastern European nations and a challenge for the West."

Jeffrey Sachs is a henchman for a policy hatched at the highest levels of the Anglo-American establishment, which intends to substitute the colonial looting policies of the erstwhile British empire, for republican economics. The Polish people and the Russians are in danger of becoming slaves to this dictatorship run from Britain and the United States, but the U.S. population is in almost as bad shape: The same policies are applied domestically to destroy a once-great industrial economy. That is the secret behind *Scientific American's* refusal to tell the American people the truth about cold fusion.