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The follies of Shultz's verification hoax

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Around Washington, D.C. today, wishful dreamers are spreading the folly, that the limited U.S. inspection of selected Soviet missile-sites will represent a significant advantage for our intelligence services. What those U.S. teams will be doing, is scrutinizing very closely the weapons which the new Soviet order of battle is rendering obsolete; the U.S. teams will not only not have access to the new Soviet weapons-production; given current U.S. strategic perceptions, they would not even know the nature of the devices for which they ought to be looking. Meanwhile, Soviet military intelligence will be crawling all over the United States, as if they had aleady occupied our nation.

It is officially rumored that Moscow will soon make a spectacular announcement of withdrawal of about four Soviet divisions from Afghanistan, and perhaps another four from East Germany and Czechoslovakia. We may be virtually certain that George Bush and other Mr. Micawbers will be ecstatic over these announcements. These are moves which Moscow has been planning to make, as part of retooling its forces for the new plan of attack upon Western Europe; this way, they dupe the new Neville Chamberlains in Washington into believing these actions are some sort of Soviet peace gesture!

Let us examine briefly, some bare outlines of the new Soviet order of battle which Marshal N. Ogarkov and the Voroshilov military academy's general war-planning staff have in store as a surprise for the peace-loving gentlemen around our nation's capital. Let us see clearly, that the deal which Secretary Shultz has arranged for President Reagan to sign, is remarkable as one of the most disgusting examples of that customary folly which occurs when diplomats take over strategic military matters.

Without identifying any among the many confidential expert sources who have assisted me in piecing the following picture together, I summarize the picture as I have it.

The new Soviet order of battle for the takeover of Western Europe requires no firing of Soviet nuclear missiles, on condition that the United States does not commit the imperialist aggression of attempting to interfere with the peaceful Soviet military occupation of Moscow's intended colonies. The personnel roster the Soviets are deploying for this war begin with two already being positioned inside Western European nations. The roster, is summarily, as follows:

1) Soviet paramilitary combat, assassination, sabotage, and riot forces recruited from among the "peace-loving antinuclear" forces among the citizens of Western Europe. The anti-nuclear and associated terrorists and paramilitary combat forces linked to organizations such as the West German Green Party have been Soviet-controlled and directed capabilities from the beginning.

These forces begin to go into action prior to the first day of overt Soviet military invasion. Riots modeled upon those of 1968, but much larger, more violent, more deadly, are deployed, to destabilize the countries. In the course of this rioting, paramilitary combat and widespread sabotage are conducted by these Soviet-directed forces. Some selected political assassinations of "right-wing" and "militaristic" figures will be conducted by these "peaceful anti-nuclear" terrorist forces. This will escalate to the point that the defense mobilization of Western European military forces is significantly crippled by the effects of these actions. All of these actions will be conducted according to a prepared military plan, a plan constructed under the direction of Warsaw Pact military officers from East Germany and Czechoslovakia primarily, but special teams from Poland and Bulgaria will also be used, especially in areas where concentrations of immigrants from Eastern Europe are located.

2) Under the cover of the escalating civil-war activities of Soviet-directed, "peace-loving anti-nuclear" forces recruited from residents of Western European nations, Soviet

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pre-infiltrated spetsnaz (special forces) teams of the Soviet military intelligence (GRU) go into action. These spetsnaz are infiltrated in various ways, as members of Soviet and other East bloc sports teams, cultural troupes such as ballet companies, as military officers working as truck drivers on the hundreds of trucks regularly shuttling back and forth from the Iron Curtain countries, and as specialists long emplaced as GRU residents under such working covers as university figures, students, employees of military and related laboratories, and so forth.

These form the specialist teams who conduct assassinations, sabotage, and so forth before D-Day, and conduct strategic military operations, such as placing and detonating compact nuclear bombs, in a first-strike mode, against approximately 250 selected Soviet first-strike targets in Western Europe.

These spetsnaz do not work in contact with the Soviets' recruits from among "peace-loving anti-nuclear" forces of the nations under attack. However the actions of the domestic assets serve as diversion and other cover for spetsnaz deployments.

About 250 Soviet "first-strike" military and logistical targets in Western Europe will be destroyed or virtually destroyed by these spetsnaz, without requiring a single East bloc missile's firing.

- 3) The third echelon is composed of the main bodies of the spetsnaz troops, the spearhead of the invading forces. Their functions include: a) Neutralization of Western defense capabilities; b) High-speed movements of killer teams, Soviet "Rambo"-style, slaughtering military and police forces, and killing off targeted classes of civilian officials and related figures as they go.
- 4) Soviet airborne troops, including approximately four divisions of such forces flown into West Germany from their bases in the Hungary Secretary Shultz is willing to exempt from U.S. inspection. These troops take territory.
- 5) Soviet corps-strength units with armored columns. These take over territory from the spetsnaz and airborne forces, and complete mopping-up operations and occupation.

The key high-technology elements of the arsenal featured in this Soviet war plan are dominated by: a) compact, "hand carry" nuclear bombs for use against hard targets, b) chemical and biological weapons of a selected, delimited repertoire, and c) new types of "radio frequency" weapons serving chiefly both as strategic and tactical assault weapons used to much the same net effect as strategic and tactical nuclear weapons, or tactical use of chemical-biologicals.

Secretary Shultz and his Chamberlain deal's sundry Washington bush-league and other enthusiasts have induced Moscow to negotiate away a war-capability which Moscow does not intend to use in any case, leaving untouched the capability Moscow does intend to have readied for actual war, and almost giving away the United States as well as Western European defense "store" as the price for such Soviet "peace-loving concessions."

Letting U.S. intelligence travel on a Moscow-prearranged sightseeing tour of Soviet military "Disneyland" sites, is an almost worthless piece of futility, in any case. The exercise is based on assumptions of conditions which may appear to exist today, but which will soon not exist at all. The Soviet military will amuse itself by maintaining a number of Soviet military sorts of strategic "Potemkin Villages" to keep the U.S. spy-teams diverted and amused.

Moscow never gives anything away, unless it is forced to do so. With a U.S. President as weakened and disoriented as this one has been over the recent two years, Moscow will exploit the President's political weakness and weakness of perception to the limit; whatever they give away, under these circumstances, we know is more or less worthless to them a year or so down the road, and what they gain in return, is an almost irreversible catastrophe in the defense posture of the Atlantic Alliance.

Thus, the proverb goes, whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad. Washington today, for the most part, is stark, raving mad.

The verification procedure

Secretary of State George Shultz and Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze reached an agreement on Nov. 24, on measures to verify compliance with the INF treaty. These will include the following, according to press accounts:

Several dozen Soviet inspectors will be permitted to reside in the United States for 13 years at about 30 U.S. missile-production plants, including the General Dynamics Tomahawk missile launcher facility in San Diego and the Hercules Pershing rocket missile plant at Magna, Utah. In exchange, U.S. inspectors will be given access to the exit and perimeter of 12 sites, including at Votkinsk. Thirty to 40 inspectors on each side would be on location 24 hours a day. According to a White House source quoted by the Washington Post, some of the installations on the Soviet side "may have to be inspected only once."

Both sides have agreed to "uncover" the sites where intermediate and short-range missiles had been located, to spy satellites of the other side. Twenty short-notice, on-site inspections per year would also be permitted to both sides in the three years after treaty ratification, with 15 inspections per year allowed over the following five years, and 10 per year in the next five years.

A verification commission will be established to hear complaints.