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## Major Scandal Hits U.S. Science, As Tellerites Open Witch-hunt Against FEF

Sept. 26 (NSIPS) — The self-styled strategists associated with Dr. Edward Teller in the top U.S. energy and military research laboratories have been heavily implicated in one of the most important scandals to hit the U.S. in the post-war period. Triggered by a stunning set of disclosures of Soviet fusion and weapons-related capabilities made by Soviet physicist Leonid I. Rudakov during a recent U.S. visit, the scandal exposes detailed in the following report the fact that the incompetence of these anti-communist "Dr. Strangeloves" and their Rockefeller faction political backers has put the United States at a severe strategic disadvantage relative to the Soviet Union in terms of both energy and defense.

Teller's role in the scientific community is aptly illustrated by his career in the 1950s, when he and his close associate Stepan Possonyi acted as the two key coordinators of the McCarthyite witch-hunt against J. Robert Oppenheimer, an operation whose success has had a devastatingly destructive impact on U.S. science ever since.

Now, while Teller vainly scrambles to cover up the significance of the Rudakov revelations, he and Possonyi have been ordered into action to destroy the Fusion Energy Foundation and prevent any possibility of independent discussion of and support for expanded fusion research — the better to conceal the glaring fact of their own scientific failure.

## U.S. Science Scandal Exposes Tellerites' Incompetence

Sept. 22 (NSIPS) — Dr. Edward Teller and his associates are currently involved in a clumsy attempt to suppress the revelations made by Soviet physicist Leonid I. Rudakov on Soviet electron beam fusion research. The reason: Rudakov's unilateral disclosures gave incontrovertible evidence of the gross mismanagement of U.S. energy research and strategic weapons systems development by Teller and top Energy Research and Development Administration and other government officials.

The only public disclosure of the surface features of this major scientific scandal to have made it into print prior to this exclusive report appeared in the September issue of the prestigious joint Soviet-American journal, *Laser Focus*. According to that journal, Rudakov's disclosures represent "the first major innovation in design to be reported since the wide disclosures in 1972" by U.S. fusion scientists. Teller's associates in ERDA are now compounding the scandal by ordering U.S. fusion scientists to lie about what Rudakov said, and Teller himself is known to be personally circulating the incredible story that "Rudakov has been punished and sent to a Siberian labor camp for his disclosures."

Here are the facts: In the first two weeks of July, Dr. Rudakov, on a U.S. tour, attended the Gordon Plasma Physics Conference and then visited three major fusion laboratories: Livermore, Sandia, and the Naval Research Lab. It was at Livermore that Rudakov dropped his bombshell. In response to a snide comment attacking Rudakov's work by Teller protege Dr. John Nuckolls, Rudakov proceeded to fill a blackboard with a detailed analysis of how the Soviets have mastered the conversion of electron-beam energy into forms suitable for efficient compression of target pellets of fusible material. (It is reported

that intelligence experts have been poring over the now-classified blackboard in a manner reminiscent of the deciphering of the Rosetta Stone.)

Rudakov's presentation was so shocking in its implications that the ERDA laser Fusion Division immediately put out telegrams to all major laboratories instructing them to "play" dumb and deny that Rudakov had said anything. Next, ERDA sent out telegrams instructing officials to admit that Rudakov had made some disclosures, but to cover up the significant material. However, as word spread and pressure built up in the U.S. fusion community for full disclosure and taking up of Rudakov's offer of full research collaboration, ERDA was forced to authorize the *Laser Focus* article.

Rudakov's timely lecture had revealed that the Soviet Union is way ahead in both controlled fusion and fusion weapons development, and that they had gotten there by putting at the center of their research program precisely the non-linear interactions which the Tellerites claimed were merely incidental features to be smoothed over in the strictly classified weapons program. (As reported in *New Solidarity* on Aug. 3, Nuckolls had announced at the Amsterdam Quantum Electronics Conference on June 16 that the U.S. laser fusion effort would have to be scuttled since "anomalous" effects in laser-plasma interactions precluded the use of all but those approaches classified top secret under hydrogen bomb weapons designs.)

Rudakov's disclosures pinpoint the most general issue raised by the breaking scandal: the principal area of incompetence of monomaniacal Teller-security circles, their blindness to the crucial role of non-linear processes, is precisely what frustrates achievement of their avowed objectives and leads them to thrash about seeking the KGB "cause" of their frustration.