

Carter Goes Public with Campaign for Showdown with Soviets

Dec. 30 — Just days after Jimmy Carter named former defense secretary and nuclear counterforce strategist James Schlesinger to a top White House advisory post, the Committee on the Present Danger (CPD) boldly took its preparations for a nuclear showdown with the Soviet Union before the public. The CPD, formed by Schlesinger and other Carter advisors, is the architect of Carter's foreign policy.

The object of the current CPD propaganda campaign and the accompanying provocations to the Soviets around the world is to create a climate of psychosis — the Schlesingerian "aura of power" — in which the U.S. population will passively accept World War III.

In a series of public pronouncements and private interviews this week, the CPD crowd announced their determination to provoke a global confrontation. The New York Times advertised in a front-page lead article Dec. 26 that a group of "outsiders" was recently brought into the Central Intelligence Agency to debate the agency's estimate of Soviet strategic capabilities and reach "grim conclusions." The "conclusions," authored by CPDers Paul Nitze, Thomas Wolfe, and William Van Cleeve, among others, echoed the CPD contention that the Soviets "intend" to provoke a crisis. Not surprisingly, the "outsiders" named are Carter's *insiders*, including warhawks who were ousted by President Ford in the 1975 "Halloween Massacre" as a threat to world peace. These

warhawks subsequently regrouped in the CPD to propagandize their war conspiracy.

One of the "outsiders," Thomas Wolfe of the Rand Corporation and a member of the inner circle of National Security Advisor-designate Zbigniew Brzezinski, told an interviewer this week: "We must stop stressing deterrence and prepare the population for war." The big bluff strategy to face down the Soviets was reiterated in a press briefing by former CIA official Ray Cline.

These Carter backers are not waiting for Carter to enter the White House Jan. 20. Since the provocative designation of Schlesinger as special presidential assistant, the Rockefeller financial cabal behind Schlesinger and Carter has coordinated assaults in major hotspots of the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America, targeted Cuba, and drawn a bead on Eastern Europe — the surest way to force the Soviets to launch a nuclear strike.

The most immediate provocation to the USSR is the Carterites' plan to extend NATO's orbit into Latin America, beginning with the inclusion of Brazil in large-scale NATO naval maneuvers which begin in the Caribbean Jan. 17. These maneuvers set the precedent for formation of a South Atlantic Treaty Organization as NATO's junior partner in the South Atlantic, an intolerable strategic threat to the Soviet Union, and its Cuban ally in the Caribbean.

Hawks Issue 'Grim' Estimate Of Soviet Power

Dec. 28 — The following are excerpts from a lead front-page article in today's New York Times by David Binder entitled "New CIA Estimate Finds Soviets Seek Superiority in Arms," and subtitled "Intelligence Evaluation Grim, Somber Assessment Is Attributed to Outside Advisers Brought Into Study for First Time."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 — President-elect Carter will

receive an intelligence estimate of long-range Soviet strategic intentions next month that raises the question whether the Russians are shifting their objectives from rough parity with United States military forces to superiority.

In reporting this, high-ranking officials of the Central Intelligence Agency said their annual so-called national estimate of Soviet strategic objectives over the next 10