

USSR: Alert To NATO Provocations

With a global confrontationist mood rising rapidly as a result of American and British provocations in Africa, and especially the victory of the fascist Likud Party in Israel, Soviet military leaders called for an alert watch for reckless moves anywhere in the world. Warsaw Pact Chief of Staff Marshal V. Kulikov wrote the article excerpted below in the May 14 issue of the military daily *Red Star*, which also featured General Ivanovskii, commanding the Group of Soviet forces in Germany, on the preparedness of military commanders. Ivanovskii stressed that officers must be able to deal with all "surprise" situations and to lead tactics in radioactive and chemically contaminated areas.

The following is excerpted from an article by Marshal V. Kulikov in the May 14 issue of Red Star, written on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Warsaw Treaty Organization.

...The enemies of detente are trying again to aggravate the international situation and cause dif-

ficulties among states. ...In this, the determining tone is set by American imperialism, which heads the main aggressive bloc, NATO.

...At the recent talks in Moscow on strategic arms limitation, the American side exhibited a one-sided approach directed towards gaining advantages for the U.S. at the expense of the security of the Soviet Union and the socialist community. These tendencies have also appeared at the Vienna talks on Central European armed forces and weapons reductions.... The policy of further extending the arms race was affirmed at the recently concluded London session of the NATO council at the summit level.... The North Atlantic bloc is continuing to increase its military power. Directed since its first days mainly against the socialist community and other peaceful states of Europe, this class imperialist aggressive alliance has been and remains the instrument of fanning tensions, the inspirer of counterrevolution and the organizer of military conflicts and provocations in practically all regions of the world.

London IISS Confab Tips Imminent General War

The following statement was released May 18, 1977 by U.S. Labor Party National Chairman Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.:

In an interesting display of a Rockefeller stomping with his right foot on his suffering left, today's official leaks from a closed-door meeting of the London International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) report that the meeting resolved to launch an international campaign to denounce recent *Aviation Week* reports of recent Soviet military technology breakthroughs. With that campaign, Rockefeller has discredited his own massive effort to convince the Soviets that NATO was about to launch a major arms campaign to catch up with the Soviet technological lead.

What he has also done is to confirm Soviet suspicions that David Rockefeller's Carter Administration is going for an early thermonuclear showdown.

First, the Soviets know — as everyone else does — that the standard procedure for getting a major increase in defense spending through the U.S. Congress is a massive publicity campaign reporting something like an alleged missile gap. Therefore, when Secretary of Defense Brown launches an international campaign to deny the existence of an actually existing technological gap, the Soviets know that Cyrus Vance's attempts to intimidate Andrei Gromyko with a threatened NATO arms buildup is a hoax.

Second, that being the case, Vance's newest efforts at Geneva are recognized by the Soviets as simply an effort to manipulate Gromyko into doing at Geneva what Gromyko publicly denounced when Vance attempted to peddle the same package in Moscow.

Third, that being the case, it is made clear to the Soviets that Carter is not working to gain a long-term strategic advantage, but a short-term advantage. This signals that the Carter Administration is headed for an early thermonuclear showdown.

NATO Arms Buildup

It is not excluded that the Carter Administration might make gestures toward increasing tank and other arms expenditures. Such gestures are even probable, as purely psychological measures toward building up a "Cold War" atmosphere. However, simply increasing orders for delivery of on-line old and prototype weapons systems would have no practical significance for the near-term and no qualitative strategic significance for the longer term.

The crucial area of military build-up is just that domain of ultra-advanced Soviet technology which the Carter Administration's spokesmen are hysterically denying to exist. To move to overtake the Soviets in these high-technology areas would require not only a junking but a reversal of the Carter Administration's so-called "energy program."