

SAC maneuvers blackmail Europe

According to a report in the *International Herald Tribune* of April 11, the U.S. Strategic Air Command (SAC) has announced that it plans to conduct "the largest simulated nuclear air maneuvers in its 33-year history" and that these maneuvers will be conducted later this year "without any prior notice." Two aspects of the maneuvers deserve special underlining: first, these maneuvers are explicitly gauged as training for a U.S. nuclear first strike against the Soviet Union; and second, for the first time, the United States' Western European NATO partners are being shut out of the proceedings.

The signals are unmistakable. The Carter Administration has opted for an early nuclear confrontation with the USSR—a confrontation slated to take place *before* the full impact of the "emergency" Schachtian austerity measures and militarization of the U.S. economy being imposed in the wake of the Harrisburg nuclear sabotage incident. To wait two or three years, from the standpoint of Anglo-American war planners, would mean facing the Warsaw Pact in the condition of a shattered, deindustrialized economy.

Moreover, the SAC maneuvers function to make concrete the threat delivered to the Federal Republic of Germany, one month ago at the Washington meeting of the International Monetary Fund. BRD Finance Minister Matthoefler was warned that any moves on the part of Western Europe to challenge the hegemony of the IMF by issuing credit through its new European Monetary System, would be considered a strategic security breach of the NATO alliance. The Europeans buckled under to the blackmail from Washing-

ton, postponed the crucial European Monetary Fund feature of their new system, began endorsing energy austerity for advanced and developing sector alike—and a series of long-simmering Third World hot spots flared.

The blackmail against Western Europe can be reduced to relatively simple terms. Cyrus Vance has pronounced the IMF's genocidal dictates of pick-and-shovel "technology" for the developing sector as official U.S. policy. And it is Cyrus Vance's State Department—notably the sections run by Deputy Secretary Warren Christopher—that has been busying itself telling Western European banking, government and political circles to keep away from Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., the distinguished American economist who originally framed the "triangular trade" and "high-technology industrial development" notions that formed the keystone of the EMS as a war-avoidance policy initiative by

France and West Germany. In effect, the U.S. government is telling the Europeans that the "LaRouche question" is a strategic war issue.

Indeed it is. Without the Europeans standing up now to the blackmail of the London-Washington-Peking-Jerusalem war axis and intervening in American politics on behalf of the *LaRouchian* EMS, there is little chance of preventing a thermonuclear World War III that NATO would lose.

As we go to press, the first major official endorsement for LaRouche's 1980 candidacy is reported from WGPR-TV President Dr. William V. Banks in Detroit. Dr. Banks's endorsement should encourage certain Western European leaders, who know that LaRouche is correct to make that knowledge public with the confidence that a substantial and growing portion of the sane U.S. population would respond appropriately.

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The U.S. Strategic Air Command announced a "major nuclear exercise" to take place "without prior notice" under the code name "**Global Shield '79**." "The exercise, designed to test SAC's ability to respond to a nuclear attack, calls for the launching of at least one unarmed Minuteman missile that will be sent about 5,000 miles down the Pacific from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California," reported the *International Herald Tribune* on April 12. "Unlike most major U.S. maneuvers, no for-

eign observers will be invited to view the exercise," the paper reported. "In addition, the Soviet Union is not being notified despite plans for SAC bombers to fly in its direction.

The maneuvers correspond with a major **reorganization of the U.S. military** reportedly aimed at ousting traditional flag officers and replacing them with Rand Corporation "whiz kids."

On April 12, the U.S. Air Force issued a release identifying the planned maneuvers as an "exercise