

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.

The Week in Brief

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

to test the ability of SAC forces" under "emergency war orders to support U.S. policy if deterrence fails."

The ugly realities of the **Camp David** pact have become manifest in Jordan. Throughout the week, the European press, notably France's *Le Monde* and West Germany's *Deutsche Zeitung*, have reported from Amman, Jordan, that advanced preparations have been made for the overthrow of King Hussein and the installation of a phony "Palestinian state" on the East Bank of the Jordan River.

Le Monde reports that the American and British embassies have gone so far as to prepare their respective citizens for evacuation in "case of emergency," which has led many leading Jordanians to suspect a "CIA conspiracy" against the King.

The *Zeitung* links these developments to a long-standing plan of Ariel Sharon, currently Israeli Agriculture Minister, to install "Palestinians" at the helm in Jordan to take the heat off Israel on the West Bank.

Hussein himself told the Lebanese press April 13 that there is "a plot" to depose him and make Jordan into a "Palestinian state." The King blamed the U.S. and Camp David, and demanded that the Soviets be brought into negotiations for a comprehensive regional peace.

"Is the United States Yet a Fascist State?" asks Lyndon H. LaRouche, chairman of the U.S. Labor Party and 1980 presidential candidate in a lengthy statement issued April 8. "No informed historian could raise a competent objection to the proposition that the institution of **PRM-32** on April 1, 1979 poses immediately and directly the question of whether the United States is currently undergoing a 'a legal coup d'etat' of the kind which placed Adolf Hitler into power in 1933."

The process by which leading sections of German industrialists were maneuvered into backing the **Hitlerian solution** is now repeating itself in

the United States, said LaRouche. But "it is worse today."

"Just as most U.S. industrialists and related interests were for nuclear energy development and high-technology exports **up to about the present moment**, so most German industrialists had chosen General von Schleicher and favored a reactivated "Rapallo" policy as a way of getting 1932 Germany out of the world depression....

"A similar process is occurring in America." LaRouche pinpointed **Pittsburgh**—center for U.S. Steel and the Mellon interests—as the leading equivalent of Germany's "smokes-tack barons." These forces, the presidential candidate stated, "are to our knowledge, currently leading the campaign for **Haig** and for fascist policies among industrialists and related strata."

There is still time to reverse the trend, concludes LaRouche.

Chinese Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping told a visiting British delegation that the upcoming Vietnam-Chinese negotiations could "drag on forever." Scheduled for Saturday, April 14, there has been no confirmation whether they will even occur. In fact, according to a TASS report, **Chinese** troops are **regrouping** and building fortifications near and "in the direction of Mong Cai, Lang Son and Lao Cai."

Deng made his prediction to a delegation of the **British-China Committee**, led by Malcolm MacDonald. He told MacDonald, the son of former Prime Minister Ramsey MacDonald and, like James Schlesinger, an accomplished bird watcher, that the Vietnamese are the "Cubans" of Asia and that **China "punished" Vietnam** "on behalf of the whole world."

It's not to be believed, but electrical utility executives gathered in Atlanta this week came away thinking that now Energy Secretary James **Schlesinger "is on our side."**

Schlesinger did handle the belea-

gured executives with care. "The Three Mile incident is a warning," he said. "We must have safety and we must have nuclear power if we are to maintain our standard of living. Therefore, we must have **self-policing**, if it comes to that."

Calling for "structural changes" in the utility industry, the energy czar explained that "We must be sure they do not get pressured into **unnecessarily** investing in nuclear capacity."

Schlesinger put a **red light** on the **fast breeder** and said **nuclear reprocessing** won't be developed either. "These are **not cost-effective** until the price of uranium rises considerably," he claimed

But utility executives weren't reading between the lines. Said one, "He's changed."

Schlesinger is not viewed so sympathetically in Mexico, as El al made clear this week. James Schlesinger, said the semi-official daily, is one of those in the United States "who wish to revive the '**Big Stick**' policy" and who see "oil as a resource that should be at the service of the powerful countries either at low cost or **through force.**"

Who wants higher oil prices? British Petroleum, that's who. BP Chairman **David Steele** "made it clear yesterday that BP would like **Saudi Arabia** to fall in line with other OPEC members by **imposing a surcharge** on all its crude oil production," reported London's Financial Times April 11. According to the Times account, Steele complained that "the present two-tier price system of the market is working to BP's disadvantage because it has **no access to cheap Saudi supplies**, which are largely concentrated in the hands of its major rivals, Exxon, Socal, Mobil and Texaco.... Sir David said these countries had a 'large and destabilizing advantage that will add to the confusion of the market' as long as the Saudis kept their prices below other producers."