

The bee in Mr. Burlatskii's bonnet

by Rachel Douglas

It was with the innocent-sounding title of correspondent for *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, the weekly of the U.S.S.R. Union of Writers, that Fyodor Burlatskii came to Minnesota this spring, along with Russian Orthodox Bishops, Azerbaijani poets, and itinerant opinion-peddlers from several Moscow think tanks, to further a movement against the President of the United States. Behind the reporter's notepad of his disguise, Burlatskii has been an associate of Yuri Andropov for over two decades, a senior international affairs consultant to the Soviet Central Committee, was the first Russian journalist to endorse limiting anti-ballistic missile defenses in the 1960s and was the first to declare, in 1970, that politics in general is nothing but "systems analysis."

How Burlatskii got here, what he did and whom he conspired with is related in the recent *EIR* Special Report, "Will Moscow Become the Third and Final Rome?"

What is to be reported on this occasion, is a flurry of activity from *Literaturnaya Gazeta* (Literary Gazette) itself, Burlatskii's some-time employer and mouthpiece. That newspaper's correspondents have closely watched the activities of *EIR* and its founder Lyndon LaRouche for years without public comment. But since release of the explosive intelligence keynoted by LaRouche's "Yuri Andropov: 'New Czar of Holy Russia'?", the entity quaintly known as *Literaturka* has blown some fuses in public.

Its circuits were already frazzled from absorbing the news of America's new strategic defense doctrine, outlined by LaRouche in February 1982, vigorously promoted by Dr. Edward Teller later that year, and declared for the nation by President Reagan on March 23, 1983. *Literaturka* blacked out the substance of Dr. Teller's remarks on strategic defense and on using technology to solve "the common tasks of mankind," and threw mud instead. In a January diatribe, it called the physicist a "cannibal."

Then came Vitalii Kobysch, a *Literaturka* regular who doubles as Sector Chief in the Central Committee's International Information Department. A self-professed environmentalist and frequent collocutor of oligarchical circles he meets under the aegis of such organizations as the Scottish-Soviet Friendship Society, Kobysch was at the Minneapolis conference with Burlatskii. On June 16, he complained in print that those proceedings had been wrecked by "extremely

aggressive" people opposed to the purposes of the Soviet delegation. Kobysch meant the strong presence of political supporters of LaRouche and of Reagan's beam weapons program, who exposed the participants' plot against Reagan.

Twice after that, *Literaturnaya Gazeta* has gone after LaRouche-linked publications, on precisely those issues where they broke new ground in investigating the connivance, for common and conflicting goals, of Eastern networks, including Russian Orthodox and Soviet Islamic ones, with Western perpetrators of a new dark age, including old Nazis. The issues: Iran and the "Bulgarian Connection."

On June 22, writing about which "spiritual" values are and which are not "progressive," the paper featured the 1980 book *Hostage to Khomeini*, published by Benjamin Franklin House. The book was put out "in connection with the presidential election campaign," *Literaturka* said, not revealing that the associated candidate was LaRouche. The article stressed the book's exposé of Carter administration and British Intelligence complicity in overthrowing the Shah, attacked its charges about a Soviet role in Iran, and defended Ayatollah Khomeini against its description of him as "profound moral evil."

The author of *Literaturka*'s review of spirituality in Iran was another senior Central Committee staffer, Rostislav Ulyanovskii, long-time International Department Deputy Chief with responsibility for Third World affairs—and operations. His line on June 22 was that the role of the Shi'ite clergy in bringing down the Shah "deserves a positive evaluation," as preferable to the "unspiritual ideals" of American "bourgeois ethics," but that Khomeini has since sold out the positive values. There is a foreshadowing in this of Soviet contingency plans to shape Iran by means of ethnic and "spiritual" operations, known to be the specialty of Politburo member Geidar Aliyev, when Khomeini is gone.

Iona Andronov's July 6 attack on the LaRouche publications as "an American subversive institution" was more devious. Andronov, *Literaturnaya Gazeta*'s specialist in drugs, terror and guns, picked up and distorted material from *EIR*'s early 1983 seminars on the "Bulgarian Connection" in the plot to assassinate Pope John Paul II, and from an interview with the *EIR* counterintelligence director for Europe, Paul Goldstein. Those seminars exposed both the East and the West sides of the plot, thereby surfacing in preliminary fashion the particulars of the Soviet collusion with old Nazis, which LaRouche subsequently exposed as a revival of "Moscow—The Third Rome" ideology.

Extracting one true fact from Goldstein's summary, the profile of a Turkish ex-Nazi with links to Carter Administration figures, Andronov used it to paint a picture of "a fascist clique in the CIA" behind terrorism, his own desired conclusion. And Andronov spun a wildly racist tale that Goldstein differs with "his New York bosses" because he is Jewish.

The *Literaturka* boys are clever liars. Unanticipated wrinkles in their international strategic outlook evidently have them working overtime.