

## Editorial

### *Schmidt, McNamara, and hot autumn*

In late October, former German Social Democratic chancellor Helmut Schmidt keynoted a West Berlin event commemorating the United Nations' award of the Dag Hammarskjöld prize to Robert McNamara. Schmidt, the man who initially proposed the stationing of the "Euromissiles," now argues that all nuclear weapons are of "political" rather than military value, since "they would never be used." Schmidt and McNamara both call for a conventional military buildup instead.

The giveaway in Schmidt's presentation was that he also launched into a tirade against President Reagan's policy announced March 23 for developing a defensive beam weapons system to make the nuclear arsenals obsolete. Schmidt and the currently dominant faction in his Social Democratic Party have thus openly joined forces with the Andropov leadership in the Kremlin, and the Western peace movement funded and controlled by Andropov, precisely when the Soviets have embarked on a global terrorist rampage.

Robert Strange McNamara earned his extra middle name of "Body Count" when, as U.S. Defense Secretary during the Vietnam War, he became notorious for his smug announcements of the Vietcong death tally. Now Mr. Body Count has become a man of "peace." He gives interviews to European magazines advocating, in effect, the decoupling of Europe from the United States, which is the explicit demand of the "peace movement" now moving into its most violent phase.

Let there be no illusion that the flop of the Oct. 22-23 weekend's demonstrations in Europe—meant to culminate a week's disarmament activities—spelled the end of the European "hot autumn." Although the crowds that convened in Germany, Italy, Britain, and elsewhere to protest the planned stationing of new U.S.-built Euromissiles fell far short of the numbers the "peacenik" leaders had predicted, the terrorist wing in heavily-targeted West Germany has already seized the forefront and plans to launch what its leaders termed Chilean-style guerrilla activity.

The pro-terrorist mouthpiece, *Tageszeitung*, carried interviews in its Oct. 22 edition declaring the coming "decentralization" of the disarmament movement

and the "spontaneous resistance" to follow. As those words were printed, the training center of German military counterintelligence (MAD) in Bad Ems was hit by arson. Nor is Germany the sole target; the Martin Marietta Corp. in Orlando, Florida (a defense contractor) has been blockaded. A German disarmament leader, called in to address the protestors, appealed to "the American people to join the resistance against the death industry."

The U.S. Euromissiles are scheduled to begin arriving in Britain on Nov. 1 and in West Germany later in the month. In preparation for the planned emplacement, Moscow issued a series of threats and announcements of countermeasures. The Soviet Defense Ministry reported Oct. 24 that it is beginning construction of launch platforms for the new tactical SS-21 missiles in East Germany and Czechoslovakia, ostensibly in retaliation for the Euromissiles.

Yuri Andropov himself sent a message to the West via TASS that "the Geneva talks will become obsolete at the same moment the American missiles are stationed," and added that the Soviet Union would then be forced to station new missiles as well. In fact, these missiles have been under development for the past 10 years. Only in the mythology of Soviet public relations is their deployment a retaliation.

What McNamara and Schmidt have in common with Andropov is that they all embrace the Malthusian premises of the Pugwash Conference set up by Lord Bertrand Russell, the godfather of the "peace movement," who wrote that famines, wars and plagues were distasteful but "necessary" means of reducing the population. In the 1940s Russell advocated a preemptive nuclear strike against the Soviet Union to guarantee the world rule of an Anglo-Saxon empire. In the 1950s, after the Soviets developed the atomic bomb, the Pugwash networks agreed to split the world between two empires, the Western and the Eastern.

McNamara's embrace of the nuclear-freeze movement emanating from Moscow is no Damascus-road conversion of a former warmonger. Helmut Schmidt and his SPD should stop pretending; they are endorsing the body-count concept, raised to global holocaust.