

Soviets rattle missiles at U.S., Germany

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In two extraordinary warnings, which Washington, D.C. has “officially” chosen to pooh-pooh, the Soviet Union has threatened “countermeasures” against the deployment of the U.S. Euromissiles and Strategic Defense Initiative which amount to the demand to surrender.

On May 20, Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov told TASS that the use of U.S. nuclear weapons deployed in Western Europe would lead to “an immediate and inevitable retaliatory strike” against the source of the attack, and “all the territories from which orders are issued concerning their utilization.” He then declared that 1) the Soviets have increased the number of missiles on their own territory; that 2) the “tactical missiles” deployed in East Germany and Czechoslovakia “are now operational”; and that 3) the Soviets have increased the number of submarines with nuclear missiles off the coast of the United States which can reach targets on U.S. territory “within less than 10 minutes.”

Since the United States has currently deployed a total of no more than 18 Pershing missiles in West Germany, it is hardly credible that such a startling warning would be occasioned by the Pershings. The true source of the Soviets’ concern is reflected in the letter issued by Soviet Party Chief Konstantin Chernenko to two U.S. scientists on the same day. Chernenko blasted the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative and warned that “faced with a threat from outer space, the Soviet Union will be compelled to take measures for insuring its security.”

Writing in the military daily *Red Star* on May 9, Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, the Soviet chief of staff, became the first high Soviet official to publicly acknowledge the inevitability of the beam-weapon systems. “The stormy development of science and technology in the postwar years has created the real precondition for the appearance in the immediate future of even more destructive, previously unknown types of weapons based on new physical principles. . . . Their creation is a reality in the immediate future, and to ignore this even now would be a serious mistake [emphasis added].”

Thus, while the Soviets rant and rave about the Euromissiles, their actual concern is to stop the directed-energy-beam program of the United States, the only program which could halt their own total strategic superiority.

It is for this reason that they have deployed a virtual army of Soviet scientists and Russian Orthodox priests to the United

States to hobnob with the Democratic Party and Pugwash scientists, in the hopes of killing the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative. Simultaneously, they have increased to a new fever pitch their effort to deliver the coup de grace to the NATO alliance—to decouple West Germany from NATO.

Harsh treatment of Genscher

It was their hypocritical campaign against “space militarization” which the Soviet leadership chose to concentrate on with West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher on his pilgrimage to Moscow May 20. At the joint press conference held by Genscher and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at the conclusion of two days of talks, Gromyko attacked the “adventurist U.S. program for militarization of space,” and Genscher hurried to state that “it would be very important for us Germans if the two superpowers negotiated on the limitation of these new weapons systems.”

Since Genscher went to Moscow in total agreement with the Soviets’ opposition to the U.S. beam program, he might have hoped to find the Soviets pleased and generous. Instead, they turned him into a punching bag. Upon his arrival in Moscow Genscher was treated to a 75-minute tirade by Gromyko against “the complicity of Germany which cleared the road for the U.S. stationing of new nuclear missiles [in Europe].”

Even more outstanding in its confrontationist tone was the media barrage accompanying Genscher’s visit, which painted the outrageous picture of West Germany as a state on the verge of a new Hitlerian takeover—a barrage appropriate to a government preparing an invasion, rather than an agreement.

Two articles appeared in the government daily *Izvestia* on May 17 and May 18 devoted to the theme of German “revanchism,” the term used to signal devotees of the expanded Third Reich. The first article, entitled “Browns Raising Their Heads,” was accompanied by a cartoon depicting “revanchists” with swastika symbols and the German Eagle on a signboard saying: “The borders of 1937.” The second article was titled “Revanchists Raising Their Heads.”

On the eve of Genscher’s arrival, Soviet television reported the outlandish story that Nazi uniforms were being sold in Germany. The widely circulated paper *Rural Life* featured attacks on Germany, as did the weekly *Literaturnaya Gazeta*.

The fraud of the Soviet charges is exposed by two facts. The leading Nazis in West Germany are in fact members of the environmentalist “peace movement”—working hand in glove with the Soviet KGB. Second, the charge of “Nazi” has been consistently applied by the Soviets to those who challenge their drive for world domination, including President Reagan and Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., the intellectual author of the U.S. beam-defense program. The Soviets apply the same term to collaborators of this program throughout Germany.