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British defense expert hits anti-beam lobby

Air Vice-Marshal Stewart Menaul, a leading British strategic analyst, denounced the opponents of a U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative in a letter to the London *Times* published June 21.

Menaul's letter is part of a brisk debate in the British press on the U.S. ballistic missile defense program, which erupted after the U.S. Army conducted a successful missile intercept for the first time on June 11. A *Times* editorial endorsing the U.S. program was received with a storm of criticism, including from defense analyst Lawrence Freedman.

Menaul wrote: "Your excellent leader [editorial] of June 13 is attacked by Prof. Lawrence Freedman who, not for the first time, displays a lack of knowledge of developments in modern high-technology systems that has totally confused his appreciation of the changes that are taking place in concepts of military doctrine and strategy for the 1990s.

"He claims that there is a lack of enthusiasm for the Strategic Defence Initiative. This is not my experience, talking to informed scientists, as opposed to those who want arms control at any price—the Russian price.

"Ballistic missile defence (BMD) is now within the state of the art in the form of a layered defence system, using conventional kinetic energy, laser and particle beam weapons. If Americans do not continue with their strategic defence initiative, the Russians will most assuredly press ahead with theirs. . . . The United States SDI programme offers the prospect of assured survival in place of the utterly irrational strategy of Mutual Assured Destruction, dreamed up by McNamara, but never accepted by the Soviet Union."

Referring to the ABM treaty, Menaul stated: "The United States had already decided to consign her Safeguard system to the storeroom, while the Russians continued to deploy a relatively effective system called

Galosh around Moscow. In the years since 1972, they have improved and expanded the system in contravention of the 1972 ABM treaty.

"Defensive weapons systems which do not kill people or destroy property are to be preferred to the never-ending spiral of offensive systems which do both. Professor Freedman does not seem to realize that a future war would be totally different from the last one, using totally different weapons in four environments instead of three, and different strategy and tactics."

Greenie Jungk: 'Belief in progress shattered'

Robert Jungk, introduced to the World Futures Society conference in Washington, D.C. on June 13 as the "father of the European peace movement," stated that the Greenies' main accomplishment is that "the whole notion of scientific and technological progress has been deeply shattered in Europe" by their actions. "We are bringing into being a new paradigm," he said.

According to Jungk, who is based in Salzburg, Austria, "The whole movement was started in large part by the churches in Holland. Their wonderful work has resulted in the Parliament decision to postpone the stationing of cruise missiles in Holland. This will now happen in one country after another."

Jungk founded the "Mankind 2000" movement in the late 1960s and has cooperated for the past decades with leading neo-Nazis and environmentalists in building the European Green movement.

Jungk's speech followed one by Charlene Spretnak, who has just published a book on Petra Kelly and the German Green Party, *Green Politics*. Spretnak attacked "the patriarchal system deriving from the Indo-EurAsian conquests of Europe" as the root cause of "militarism and war." She said, "This has taken us away from our embeddedness in nature, away from the bountiful mother. . . . We are possessed by archetypal images of the Father slaying the Son,

like when the Great Father sacrificed Jesus."

She concluded by citing fascist philosopher Nietzsche to justify her contention that "we have to move into a post-patriarchal and economical-ecological consciousness if we are to have peace."

Will Italy repeat the mistakes of the 1920s?

A leading Italian daily, *Il Tempo*, warned June 20 in a front-page editorial that because of the pro-Soviet policy of Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti, "Europe and Italy are being decoupled from the United States. Italy is being pushed, step by step, towards the other empire, the Soviet Empire."

The editorial pointed out that every major Italian party tried to underplay the recent commemoration of Italy's liberation from Nazi fascism—by American troops.

"Nobody wanted to remember the role played by the American Army, and the many American lives sacrificed to give back to Italy a democratic regime." The Italian neo-fascist party, the MSI, and the Communist Party are "in an open process of rapprochement" based on shared hatred of the United States, the article said. "Italians have always been fascinated by brute force. The Italians were fascinated by the force of Hitler, whom they did not like. Today, the immense military deployment of the Soviets provokes a similar intimidating fascination. It would be tragic if, during the same century, Italians made the same mistake twice."

PAN opposes Mexican Labor Party registration

The neo-Nazi National Action Party (PAN) held a press conference on June 18 to announce the PAN's intention to oppose the Federal Electoral Commission's registration of the Mexican Labor Party (PLM), charging that the PLM is a "grouplet" and a "sect of Lyndon H. LaRouche."

The controversy over the PLM registra-

tion reached new heights with a column in the Mexico City daily *El Sol* the same day. The paper argued that the government plans to register the PLM in order to halt the growth of the PAN, a task for which the PLM is well suited, said the paper, because it is "a right-wing party of the North American sort, or maybe rather of the monied Sonora or Sinaloa sort." Sonora and Sinaloa are the two northern states of Mexico, PAN strongholds.

The PLM, which has campaigned for Mexico industrialization and the "Operation Juarez" debtors cartel now in formation in Ibero-America, has successfully prevented the PAN from scoring electoral victories in a number of northern-state areas, and exposed PAN involvement in both terrorism and drug-running.

Chernenko hails West's economic troubles

In an interview to the Soviet paper *Pravda*, Konstantin Chernenko indicated the Soviets' interest in using the current economic crisis to destabilize the West and decouple the United States from its allies. Unemployment and inflation are problems characteristic of the "capitalist system," the Soviet leader stated. The U.S. prescription is to "let the rich become richer, and the poor poorer." This gives rise to "intra-imperialist contradictions," as the United States unloads its economic problems on its allies.

Chernenko also cited "bitter exploitation" of the developing countries by the capitalist countries, "above all the U.S.A.," which has led to "deepening the gap between rich and poor countries. Here the arms race unleashed by Washington and her NATO allies has a most immediate effect."

Denouncing the West's "political two facedness" for offering the Soviets' negotiations, while aiming new U.S. missiles at her, Chernenko declared that before the U.S.S.R. would return to any negotiations, the United States would have to drop its "ultimatum conditions for negotiations." What "ultimatum" he was referring to was not made clear.

While the United States was accused of practicing "state terrorism" against Grenada, Lebanon, and Nicaragua, special venom was reserved for the U.S. beam-weapon defense program. "The whole world recognizes the acute urgency" of halting what he called "the militarization of space." The American rulers are striving to place "the most fantastic types of armament into space and to achieve military supremacy this way."

Moscow hosts National Council of Churches

The Moscow Patriarchate and priests of the Russian Orthodox Church have just hosted a delegation of 266 American church leaders, whose trip was sponsored by the National Council of Churches, host to a Russian Church delegation to the United States last month.

During the Russians' visit here, they successfully demanded that their American counterparts devote full energy to killing the U.S. beam-weapons program.

During two weeks in the U.S.S.R., the U.S. delegation saw 14 cities and received thousands of words of coverage in the Soviet press, which quoted the visitors as supporting world peace and praising Soviet freedom of religion. The delegation visited Russian Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Pentecostal, and Baptist services. One representative said that he had been under a misconception that the Russian Orthodox Church was "moribund."

The group also met with Georgii Arbatov, head of Moscow's U.S.A.-Canada Institute and the coordinator of the worldwide peace movement for the Soviet intelligence services. Russian Orthodox Metropolitan Antony of Leningrad told the U.S. group that the Russians and Americans are "in the same boat" and should not let the boat "capsize in the abyss of military catastrophe."

The nuclear-freeze movement was launched at a conference addressed by Moscow Patriarch Pimen in September 1982. Since then, U.S. and European churches have been Moscow's foremost collaborators in the effort to build-down Western defenses.

Briefly

● **A FRENCH** delegation at Geneva talks, led by former defense minister François de la Gorce, has proposed a "multilateral dialogue to obtain a controlled limitation of the new anti-ballistic technologies." But U.S. delegate Alan Romberg derided an "agreement which would leave the U.S.S.R. owning the only anti-satellite system in the world."

● **HELMUT KOHL**, the West German Chancellor, is in Hungary "to attempt to maintain East-West contact despite the strained relations between the two superpowers." "The present silence in relations between the major powers makes the visit particularly significant," said a Bonn official.

● **OLIVETTI** president Carlo De Benedetti, quoted in the Italian Communists' *Unita*, declared himself "very satisfied" with the results of the June 17 European Parliament elections. The vote in Italy gave the Communists a 33.4% plurality. De Benedetti, a close friend of Henry Kissinger, believes that Communist influence in an Italian government will permit deeper "post-industrial" austerity.

● **GEORGETOWN'S** Center for Strategic and International Studies is "predicting" a U.S. military invasion of Ibero-America. A CSIS study suggests that "instability" in Peru and Ecuador, "civil conflicts" in Colombia, and "resistance to democracy" in Venezuela, will prompt gradual U.S. troop withdrawal from Europe and redeployment "out of NATO" into South America.

● **THE EAP** electoral slate in West Germany, scored impressive European-parliament vote totals in industrial areas, exceeding even those recorded by its French co-thinkers. The slate was headed by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, who had appeared on TV to warn of the danger of Soviet domination. In North Germany, EAP candidate Böhnke, a trade-union official in the food industry, won 3% of the vote.