

Bundy's crowd calls for giving up SDI

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From now through November, the U.S. population will be inundated with a flood of propagandists purporting to prove that the Reagan administration's proposal to establish a high-technology defense against nuclear warfare—the so-called Star Wars program—is politically dangerous, technically incompetent, and entirely too costly to be considered a viable option.

The purpose of this mobilization—which is being carried out at the direct instigation of the Soviet Politburo—is to force Reagan to abandon his Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI): If it succeeds, it will hand the Soviet Union a decisive strategic advantage over the United States.

The anti-beam weapon deployment was kicked off by none other than McGeorge Bundy, the self-styled doge of the Eastern Establishment, who told a University of Maryland conference on Sept. 6 that the “Star Wars initiative is walking under false colors. . . . There is no way of preventing the existence and the fact of nuclear deterrence.” Bundy lied that the claim that “these systems can . . . make nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete” is a “falsehood,” and called Defense Secretary Weinberger “stupid” and “intellectually dishonest” for insisting that a “‘completely reliable’ system is attainable.”

Four days earlier, Walter Mondale, one of Bundy's political stooges, had formally opened his presidential campaign by denouncing Reagan for wanting to “extend the arms race to the heavens.” Mondale advisers, including former Kissinger aide Barry Carter, have already disclosed that Fritz's campaign will be heavily weighted with attacks on the SDI.

Coalition to save the Kremlin

A key component of the treacherous anti-beam weapons effort is being carried out by the National Coalition to Save the ABM Treaty, a recently-formed group whose members include such pro-Soviet zealots as Robert McNamara, Paul Warnke, and SALT negotiator Gerard Smith, who in congressional testimony last spring called for a mass-based fascist movement in Europe against beam weapons.

Coalition spokesman Betsy Puritz has revealed that the group is about to launch a major “four-tier offensive” to stop the SDI—by campaigning nationwide to prevent Henry Kis-

singer's 1972 ABM Treaty from being abrogated. “I'm sure if the American people knew what the implications of the SDI were, they'd oppose it,” said Puritz. “After all, if they knew that it was only going to protect ICBMs and not people, and that it couldn't protect against many kinds of weapons, and how much it costs, and how dangerous and destabilizing it is, then they wouldn't support it, despite the fact that it sounds so wonderful.”

Puritz said that the coalition will be concentrating on the following areas: 1) A legislative offensive, which includes extensive lobbying on Capitol Hill for specific pieces of legislation; briefings for members of Congress and staff on the “political, technical, and economic disadvantages of the SDI program”; and possible congressional hearings on “the great importance” of retaining the ABM Treaty. 2) A media campaign, including regular brainwashing sessions for the Washington press corps by such coalition luminaries as Gerard Smith, and the placing of op eds and news features in the press. Puritz indicated the Sept. 3 column by *New York Times* scribbler Flora Lewis, which blasted those in the administration who are “intensifying their campaign [for beam weapons] to the point of challenging all arms-control agreements, and especially [the ABM Treaty],” as exemplary. 3) A mass “educational effort,” newspaper advertisements, leaflets, fact sheets, etc., and 4) A legal campaign, which will explore the possibility of suing the Reagan administration to prevent it from abrogating the ABM Treaty.

Puritz disclosed that Kissinger had been invited to join the coalition, but declined “only because he didn't want to become publicly identified” with the effort.

Another group which has frequently been caught playing footsies with Moscow, the Federation of American Scientists (FAS), has also joined the fray. According to its Washington lobbyist, John Pike, FAS intends to “concentrate on trying to keep SDI funding levels in 1985 down to their 1984 levels” as a prelude to killing it altogether. Their chief congressional collaborators include Rep. Joseph Addabbo (D-N.Y.), a Mondale defense adviser and chairman of the House Defense appropriations subcommittee, and Sens. William Proxmire (D-Wisc.) and Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.).

NBC-TV, meanwhile, launched another major brainwashing operation on Sept. 8 on the SDI and related issues with a widely-publicized series on “the new cold war.” The first show will focus on “The Real Star Wars—Defense in Space,” and was partially produced in collaboration with Carol Rosin of the Institute for Security and Cooperation in Outer Space, a Washington-based think-tank which *EIR* recently exposed as a conduit for direct KGB anti-beam weapon deployments, including anti-ASAT and anti-SDI legislation written in cooperation with the Soviet embassy, on Capitol Hill (see *EIR*, June 5). The series will literally originate straight from Moscow, where 25 NBC producers, technicians, and newsmen have been deployed for the next two weeks.