

Editorial

Soviets on the war-path

When certain public events proceeding in Moscow are put together with the assassination spree being organized by Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi, the world strategic situation becomes crystal clear. The Soviet Union is operating in a *pre-war deployment* in hopes of ensuring that the primary task of the second Reagan administration, the achievement of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), is never carried out.

We refer in particular to the recent Supreme Soviet meeting, where Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov resurfaced in order to put his imprimatur on a 12% increase in the U.S.S.R. defense budget. Ogarkov is the leading spokesman for the massive revival of "Holy Mother Russia" chauvinism in the Soviet Union, which is currently inundating the Soviet population. This line of propaganda can only be compared to that which accompanied the mobilization of the Soviet population into the "Great Patriotic War" in 1941.

In this context, the Libyan assassination deployment takes on a different coloration from simply being the unleashing of the psychopath Qaddafi. Qaddafi's hit-teams are operating like the Soviet spetsnaz teams of assassins which are scheduled, according to intelligence reports of Soviet war plans, to "take-out" heads of state of enemy nations in the immediate hours before the launching of nuclear war.

With the assassination of Indira Gandhi, this wave of assassinations has already begun. Egyptian President Mubarak has released a list of at least seven other heads of state who are on Qaddafi's list. Numerous heads of state in Ibero-America are also under death threats.

How is this possible when the Soviets have finally agreed to come back to the negotiating table? Anyone who doesn't understand that, doesn't understand anything about the Soviet mentality.

The Soviets are currently acting like enraged beasts about to be caged. They realize, better than anyone else, that President Reagan was re-elected with a mandate to proceed with the SDI. They also know that the competent crash implementation of such a program will both resolve the economic problems of the West, and

force Moscow to submit to reasonable terms at the bargaining table.

This is the situation they are pulling out all stops to avoid. "Agreeing" to negotiations is one of their ploys—one which they are using to give maximum leverage to their Eastern Establishment collaborators. Every Soviet agent of influence is rushing into print to demand that the negotiations be made successful—by conceding to the Soviets the elimination of the SDI.

There is another deal which the Soviets have made with their Eastern Establishment partners Averell Harriman and McGeorge Bundy, however. The content of that deal is the destruction—organizational and physical—of leading Democrat and economist Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., and his associates. There is good reason to believe that this deal was one of the preconditions for the upcoming Shultz-Gromyko arms-control talks. LaRouche is being targeted because of his strong advocacy of the SDI, which the Soviets and the Harriman-Bundy forces fervently oppose.

The key operative in consummating this deal is the FBI, under the direction of William Webster. Webster has already been coordinating a massive dirty-tricks operation which has succeeded in removing over \$400,000 from the bank accounts of the LaRouche campaign or accounts of his associates. This dirty-tricks campaign, which makes Watergate pale by comparison, is not just aimed at bankrupting LaRouche, but also—in typical FBI fashion—at stripping his security in preparation for a "hit."

Should the FBI succeed in doing this favor for the Soviets, there is nothing that would stand in the way of the next operation which the Soviets would want accomplished, and which has been widely promoted in the British and U.S. press—the assassination of President Reagan himself.

In a world where Indira Gandhi, the most important Third World head of state, can be killed on orders from the Soviets, we are already dangerously close to such a catastrophe. The time to stop the Soviet pre-war offensive is short indeed.