

Graham's *Post* caught 'aiding the enemy'

by Lydia Cherry

Katharine Graham's *Washington Post* showed the world where its loyalties lie shortly before Christmas, when a flagrant breach of national security prompted Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger to score the *Post* for "giving aid and comfort to the enemy": the U.S. Constitution's definition of treason.

Refusing to honor Defense Department requests to hold back the story, the Dec. 18 *Post* gave front-page coverage to information about the upcoming "sigint" satellite flight, the first in which the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) had specifically invoked secrecy about its payload. The *Post* printed details of how the military intelligence satellite is to be released and from where it is to be directed in geosynchronous orbit.

Imagine an employee of the Pentagon, or any U.S. government agency, obtaining this information, scheduling a secret meeting with Soviet agents, and passing such information along. That is, in essence, what Katharine Graham's newspaper did—for the whole world!

The night before the *Post* broke the story, Brig. Gen. Richard F. Abel, Air Force director of public affairs, had warned that the Pentagon would treat shuttle missions "as we do the deployment of air, land, and sea forces. We are working to deny our adversaries any information which might reveal the identity of the mission or its payloads," he said. Abel had added that "speculation" by news media would result in a Pentagon investigation into the source, because "this information would have no value to anyone except the Soviets or other potential adversaries."

The following day, in an interview with the Cable News Network, Weinberger hit the *Post* broadside, noting that the major television media and Associated Press had honored the Defense Department requests and that it was "the height of journalistic irresponsibility to violate requests that are made" by the government to withhold sensitive national-security-related stories. "The *Washington Post* felt they simply had to run the story . . . they ran it with the usual inaccuracy."

When asked whether what the *Post* had done was a danger to national security, Weinberger said it was. "There are certain things that we have to do, that we should do, and when they are published they can only give aid and comfort to the

enemy."

The *Post* didn't find Weinberger's charges newsworthy, but responded the next day by devoting a front-page article to Goebbels-style misrepresentation of the Dec. 19 speech Weinberger delivered before the Foreign Press Club in Washington (see text, p. 56). The *Post* headlined its article with a statement that Weinberger never made: that President Reagan has agreed to the Soviet demand that the Strategic Defense Initiative be a bargaining chip.

Just ten days before the *Post* exposed its concern for keeping the Kremlin informed on U.S. defense secrets, it ran the latest of its venomous attacks on Lyndon LaRouche, EIR founder and considered by many the "intellectual author" of Ronald Reagan's beam-weapon defense program.

In a prominent article on Dec. 8 titled, "LaRouche Says He is Penniless: NBC Seeks to Collect \$3 Million from Him," the *Post* reported on the federal court denial of a motion to stay the enforcement—while LaRouche appeals the case—of a ludicrous \$3 million judgment against him. In keeping with the *Post*'s consistent line, the article is mainly devoted to prescriptions for removing LaRouche's security protection.

These are not the first instances in which the *Washington Post* has acted as an agent of foreign powers. A study just released by a researcher at the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government contends that the *Washington Post* was responsible for killing the U.S. commitment to develop neutron-bomb weaponry by running a campaign conveying "sensational and eerie impressions" about what the bomb's effects would be. Researcher David Whitman accuses the *Post* of having "fueled the Soviet propaganda campaign" that wrecked U.S. development of the weapon.

This means that, thanks to the *Post*, NATO, massively inferior to the Soviets on the ground, now has no effective deterrent to a European invasion by Soviet forces—precisely what the neutron-bomb, an anti-tank/anti-personnel weapon for battlefield use, would have provided.

Katharine Graham is the offspring of an oligarchical banking family typical of those Anglo-American establishment families which now believe they have a workable deal with Soviet imperialism to preserve their own wealth and power while destroying that of the United States and handing Western Europe and the Middle East over to Russia's sphere of influence ("New Yalta"). Her middle name is Meyer, and she inherited the *Washington Post* from Eugene Meyer, the head of Lazard Frères investment house based in London, who was appointed first president of the World Bank in 1946. Meyer set the policy by which the World Bank has consistently refused to lend for real economic development to Third World nations.

Katharine is currently a member of the Brandt Commission, created by Robert Strange McNamara while he headed the World Bank, which has also sought to push only "appropriate technologies" such as hoes and buckets, thereby causing mass starvation in Third World nations. These nations are potential U.S. allies. Instead, they are being destroyed.