

Intolerable Soviet attacks on scientists

Excerpts from a statement issued on March 28 by the Fusion Energy Foundation:

For two years the American scientific community has been subjected to an outrageous and escalating series of propaganda attacks, aimed at social and legal ostracism, against German-American scientists, including the very best of the scientists of NASA. The particular targets of this campaign of "old Nazi" calumnies, have been the aerospace engineers and scientists of greatest stature in America's space effort, as in the case of Walter Rudolph. The coordinating centers for this campaign, directed clearly to weaken the Strategic Defense Initiative and NASA, are the notorious Justice Department Office of Special Investigations (OSI), and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

Now a newspaper directly linked to the Anti-Defamation League has made the wild charge that the late Dr. Krafft Ehrlicke, inventor of the Atlas-Centaur rocket, was an old Nazi, citing as its only evidence that Ehrlicke was in recent years a contributor to *Fusion*, the magazine which has most popularized fusion energy technologies, space technologies, and the anti-missile beam weapon defense technologies.

The sources for this attack are directly East German and Soviet, and it is clearly the KGB and the Stasi (East German state secret intelligence service) which are picking out the targets. The prime source of "information" for the attacks of the OSI and the ADL is the "Nazi Hunter" Charles R. Allen, Jr. Allen's attacks against Dr. Ehrlicke, a brilliant rocket scientist and space pioneer of NASA, allege the "Nazi background of Dr. Ehrlicke and his wife." Newspapers linked to the OSI claim that "death spared them an impending revelation of their past" by Allen.

No such "revelation" of Dr. Ehrlicke will appear from Allen, whose bosses were in fact spared the task of hoking up some fabrication at their "archives" in Potsdam in East Germany, where such creations as the recent "Hitler diaries" hoax are made. Charles R. Allen, Jr. is a proven professional collaborator of the East German Stasi and the Soviet KGB, a man described by KGB journalist Oleg Polyanskii as his "closest Western contact." Polyanskii is a former New York bureau chief of the KGB and a specialist employed by TASS to accuse Western scientists of being Nazis. Allen is also the primary U.S. collaborator of the "European anti-Nazi" network known as the VVN, which is a controlled creation of the East German Stasi.

To raise this crazy charge after the death of Krafft Ehrlicke, one of the most creative and optimistic of the great space engineers and rocket pioneers of the 20th century and a man completely dedicated to human progress and dignity, betrays the brutal cynicism and complete disregard for the truth of the Soviet and East German military intelligence services. It betrays a Soviet KGB campaign, simultaneous in the United States and West Germany, of disinformation attacks against all potential collaborators of President Reagan's call to "make nuclear missiles impotent and obsolete"—the Strategic Defense Initiative.

Allen's calumny claims that Ehrlicke's "ideology has changed little. . . . He has been a contributor to Fusion magazine of Lyndon LaRouche. . . ." The Fusion Energy Foundation and LaRouche have been violent targets of KGB and Stasi hostility since President Reagan's March 23, 1983 speech; TASS, *Izvestia*, *New Times*, and East Germany's *Neues Deutschland* have all accused LaRouche of inventing Reagan's new doctrine.

OSI: national security threat

The fact that a nominal agency of the U.S. government's Justice Department, the Office of Special Investigations, is acting as a channel for Soviet KGB and East German Stasi charges against German-American scientists, is a severe threat to the national security of the United States. It is also a threat to the scientific potential, the hope of technological progress, of Western civilization as a whole, and of the non-aligned nations of the developing sector. More than 500 German-American scientists in the U.S.A. alone are the targets of this agency and its "journalistic outlets," including reporters at the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, *New York Times*, and *Washington Post*. The Fusion Energy Foundation and LaRouche are its special targets; Ehrlicke was hounded before his death by "Nazi-hunter" associates of Charles Allen, Jr. who demanded "tell us if Walter Rudolph was also a member of the Fusion Energy Foundation."

Yet the OSI has refused to hear criticism of the pro-East German Petra Kelly, whose co-leaders in the West German Green Party have given open speeches calling for the revival of "brother Hitler." The East German-funded Green Party is, in fact, involved as a source for the OSI against German-American scientists, particularly those considered potentially "collaborators of LaRouche."

We call on the scientific and engineering membership organizations of the United States to condemn immediately and publicly, the activities of the Office of Special Investigations and its associated "journalistic" outlets as an extreme threat to the freedom of scientific work and association, and a national security threat to the United States and the West with admitted and primary dependence on Soviet and East German sources of information for its "investigations." The OSI itself and its origins should be thoroughly investigated by Congress and dismantled.