

but on June 29, *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* published a version under Lebed's byline. The text exhibited, *Nezavisimaya* observed, "indications of economic dirigism (the legislative limitation of profitability, tightened control over foreign trade, intensified fiscal pressure on a number of sectors, and the role of 'rent for resources'), [behind which] it is impossible not to recognize the pen of Sergei Glazyev."

Most striking, the new "security concept" warned against too-close cooperation with the IMF, which might decide "one fine day" to cut Russia off and freeze its accounts abroad. Unlike most "anti-crisis" programs circulated in Russia, this one acknowledged the *international* financial crisis: "This is particularly dangerous, under circumstances in which the world financial system, based on the dollar as the world reserve currency, is becoming more and more unstable." The document urged that Russia seek "strategic partners" in Eurasia, so as to consolidate enough power to act independently of other power centers: "Russia should study carefully the various options for cooperation with the countries of the Pacific Ocean region, including China. The result of such an alliance could be a unique, self-sufficient system, with enormous potential for development and cooperation, and a huge internal market, capable of conducting an independent and effective foreign policy, respecting any other geopolitical systems."

The document called to slow and modify privatization, and for export and price controls, among other measures, to end the ability of foreign interests to plunder Russia.

Then, at a July 2 press conference, Lebed blasted the Cher-

nomyrdin-linked energy and raw materials sector, and said he would use his position to prioritize rebuilding the military-industrial complex. "The main threat to national security remains an absence of economic strategy and a rational system of government regulation of the economy," Lebed said. "I want to talk about the negative role played by raw materials capital. Excesses are obvious here. Having received freedom, money, power, international recognition and overwhelming influence in practically all regions, the government, the Presidential structures, and the former parliament, raw materials capital has become so independent from the state that it has begun to conduct its own budget, credit, monetary and regional policy." Lebed also announced a tightening of visa rules for foreigners, a policy already applied to investment banker Boris Jordan of CS First Boston, a "privatization" pioneer who raked in big bucks during the 1992-93 wave of reforms, but now has been awaiting a visa since May.

Such a concept of national security collides with Chernomyrdin's blandishments in Lyons, according to which Yeltsin's reelection would remove "the last obstacle in the way of investment flows into Russia." Chubais remarked acidly, "As it was said in Soviet times, there are some shortcomings regarding the balance and profundity of [Lebed's] statements. . . . [His] demand for broader powers is a serious mistake for a state leader who is just starting out."

There is still no minister of defense in Russia at present, among the many other matters concerning who holds the reins of power that remain unsettled.

GOP 'secret team' in Yeltsin campaign

Speaking July 2, Gen. Aleksandr Lebed struck a new theme, "psychological security": "Today we are facing absolutely new threats . . . brought about by psycho-semantic behavior-modelling technologies. These technologies have been lately used not only by secret services, but also by leading advertising agencies which have been developing and introducing increasingly effective methods of influencing the minds of people. These technologies are used to introduce ideas which are absolutely unacceptable to Russia. . . . This is a very serious aspect of national security."

What are Russian patriots, including many who voted for Lebed in the first round, to make of the post-election revelation that three former aides to Bush Republican Gov. Pete Wilson of California, worked secretly on the scene in Moscow, to get Lebed's boss, Boris Yeltsin, reelected? At

a Washington press conference on July 9, George Gorton and Joseph Shumate told how they prevailed on Yeltsin's daughter, to implement "Western-style campaigning." This evidently included plastering food shops throughout Russia, with posters saying that a vote for Zyuganov was a vote for famine. Gorton said that one theme "we came up with that was persuasive . . . evolved around the concern that many Russians had about civil unrest and even civil war that might ensue if the Communists took over."

The slick advertisers were mum, as to how much they were paid for their "consulting" and by whom.

The third member of the trio, Dick Dresner, marks it as a double-whammy international scandal. New York-based pollster Dresner is a close chum of "Dirty Dick" Morris, cousin of the dead McCarthyite and purveyor of sleaze Roy Cohn, and an inside operative in setting up Bill Clinton for one fall after another (see p. 79). Dresner told *EIR*, "I talk to Dick Morris a lot because he's a friend and a former partner, but I'm not prepared to make any comment on anything we might have discussed with regard to this particular campaign." Was Cohn's boy manipulating both superpowers at once?