

production of the new B-1 bomber, while continuing research and work on it.

What has evoked such a hullabaloo with military preparations at a time when the barometer of international life is pointing to detente? In the United States there are forces who, like the French aristocrats returning in the train of Louis XVIII to Paris, "have forgotten nothing and learned nothing." They imagine that with one more round of the arms race, the USA will be able, if not to return to the time of the American atomic monopoly, at least to achieve a certain superiority to dictate their conditions, in violation of the principles of equal security and parity. The arms race is being continued to a new level for this purpose. Also characteristic in this regard is the racket raised in the American press about the "invulnerable" mobile missile the "M-X" and the neutron warhead approved by the Senate...

Of course, the ideological foundations of American and Soviet policy have always differed fundamentally, but over the recent years, in the determination of the goals and tasks of U.S. policies, there have been sober views taking into account the realities of the modern world. The ignoring of the historical experience of Soviet-American relations presently observed abroad, and the forgetting of everything positive which was achieved with such difficulty cannot help but evoke anxiety and alarm all countries who recognize the full significance of relations between the USSR and USA for the fate of the general peace.

The task is not only to preserve and strengthen what has been achieved, but also to go further, towards new

agreements and accords. The Soviet Union, as in the past, is ready for this, It is up to the American side...

#### *Underground Tremors*

...Bourgeois researchers are more and more often coming to the conclusion that the financial and economic difficulties of recent years were no ordinary cyclic phenomenon, but the harbinger of a whole epoch of profound economic and social changes.

Banking circles in the West are particularly alarmed by the extraordinary confusion of financial transactions and the colossal balance of payments deficits of individual countries, hundreds of billions of "Eurodollars" in circulation solely by whim of the printing press. This whole system may "blow up" one fine day, say financial experts....The largest private banks of the U.S. are also in a difficult position. The dramatic bankruptcy of one bank or the whole financial system of a country could cause a chain reaction....

The magazine *Newsweek* in a June issue published a quarterly review of the economic situation in the capitalist world....*Newsweek* especially emphasizes that "political instability" creates stagnation in private capital investments, and this in turn worsens the economic conjuncture and causes a growth of dissatisfaction.

One thing brings on another, creating a situation of general crisis, which causes an activation of extreme right elements in some countries, heats up the arms race, hardens foreign policy positions in others, and leads to a general sharpening of imperialist contradictions all along the line....

## Carter Purges Opposition In CIA

In a move analogous to Hitler's 1937 pre-war purge of key figures of the German General Staff, President Carter and Nelson Rockefeller's intelligence chief, Admiral Stansfield Turner last week launched a clean up of the CIA and top personnel throughout the intelligence community. Coming up is a wave of forced resignations coinciding with Turner's call for a Congressional investigation into alleged CIA abuses.

The purge is a pronouncement by the Rockefeller forces that they intend to "officially" suppress all factional opposition within the Administration and government bureaucracies, including Congress. The CIA agents purged, including Deputy Director of the CIA, E. Henry Knoche, involve personnel from the CIA's Clandestine Services section and many analysts who opposed the "official" CIA energy report to the nation, a report actually prepared by White House energy czar James Schlesinger. According to one intelligence source, these individuals were explicitly anti-Carter and were opposed to the Carter war push and plans for deindustrialization. Also slated for ouster are officials of the National Security Agency. Although most of the press accounts state that only two agents have "resigned," other intelligence sources place the number of agents being forced to retire at 60, and say a housecleaning potentially in the hundreds is underway. Turner plans to institute an investigation

into the alleged misconduct and illegal activities of the agents involved.

A major feature of the purge is its removal of "safety valve" channels of communication between the U.S. intelligence community and the USSR intelligence community. Shutting down "hotline" channels on this level, of course, sharply increases the chances of a major U.S.-Soviet confrontation.

Nelson Rockefeller, an experienced hand at conducting such operations, is the guiding force behind the scenes aiding Turner in the moves to clean out the "old boy" network within the intelligence community. One of Nelson Rockefeller's leading intelligence operatives, Lyman Kirkpatrick, a former Inspector General of the CIA, is being proposed by Turner to replace Knoche.

In the case of Knoche, a career intelligence officer with the CIA for over 24 years who had been appointed by President Ford to the Deputy Director post in January 1976, intelligence sources revealed that the ousted official was in a constant struggle with CIA Director Turner over U.S. strategic policy. Turner, despite his denials to the contrary, forced Knoche to resign and is moving to implement a major reorganization plan which will place Turner at the helm of the entire intelligence community, excepting the Defense Intelligence Agency. In eliminating Knoche and other personnel, Turner is banking on a

passive response from public officials and intelligence personnel.

The proto-Whig opposition to Carter in the United States has so far failed to learn the lessons of Hitler's 1937 purge. Hitler and his finance capital backers had begun a systematic watergating operation of their military opposition, Generals Fritsch and Blomberg, at the point when Hitler realized that if Germany did not commit itself to a marcher-lord war policy of conquering other nations for economic looting purposes, the internal German economy would collapse. Fritsch and Blomberg knew that a war would totally destroy Germany and most of Europe.

Carter and his Trilateral-banking backers, are equally desperate to maintain the credibility of the New York banks through a series of "aura of power" scenarios and are willing to take extraordinary political risks designed to force the Soviets, the Europeans and domestic opposition to capitulate. As long as key institutions in the government, the military traditionalist layers in the Pentagon and within the CIA itself, remained effectively opposed to the insane policies being pushed, these scenarios, could be minimally, at least, undermined and opposition allowed time to coalesce around a sane program of massive capital investment to reindustrialize the U.S. Now, however, the pace of confrontation will rapidly accelerate if opposition forces in the military and the intelligence community refuse to come out publicly and attack the Carter policies with the necessary consistency.

In each major national security policy skirmish to date, numerous incidents with General Brown, the Singlaub Affair and the purge of the CIA, Carter and his Trilateral backers have been able to chip away, forcing their opposition into accepting political positions which are increasingly vulnerable to watergating, forced re-

tirement, or reassignment. The Singlaub Affair dramatically demonstrates the case in point!

To enforce its moves to wrest control over the entire intelligence community and political opposition, the Carter Administration is initiating a series of Congressional maneuvers to consolidate its forces within Congress on questions of intelligence and access to intelligence material. With Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill whipping into line the Democrats on the House Rules Committee, the committee passed a resolution to form a House Select Committee on Intelligence which will directly control all access of intelligence coming into the House. Rep. Samuel Stratton, an opponent of the Administration's energy and military policy, protested in vain that this newly formed committee will act as a control point for intelligence coming from the intelligence community. Simultaneously, this committee will be used to cover up the covert operations that the Administration institutes against its political opposition both domestically and internationally.

On the Senate side, the Intelligence committee has not challenged the planned reorganization which would place Admiral Turner at the post of Director of National Intelligence. In fact, Sen. Warren Huddleston (D-Ky) has strongly pushed plans which would place the National Security Agency and the National Reconnaissance Office under the jurisdiction of the Director of National Intelligence. Only the Defense Intelligence Agency would be left alone, at least temporarily.

A report is now circulating that Carter plans to rescind an "executive order" imposed by President Ford which had the Intelligence Oversight Board pass information on to the Senate Intelligence Committee on various abuses by intelligence agencies.