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'We're no. 2'

The strategists react to the Soviet advance

Strategic thinkers in the United States have responded to the report that the Soviet Union has reached the stage of deploying advanced E-beam antiballistic missile weapons with immediate proposals for military buildup and a reemphasis on scientific research and development. Unfortunately, the only commentary to point out that the key to military strength is a strong civilian economy did not appear in the United States, but in *East Germany* (see box).

'We're behind 'til 1990 no matter what happens'

The following assessment of the U.S. strategic position was granted to EIR by a strategist at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy who requested that his name be withheld.

The first thing we must do is get rid of Jimmy Carter. Carter is an unmitigated disaster. After he's out, we must concentrate on the strategic area, on making our command-and-control invulnerable to the Soviets and on showing the Europeans that we are consistent.

On the military side of things, the problem is easy to identify. Even with Carter out, we will lack sufficient military strength for years. We'll have to add \$50-\$60 billion per year in additional defense spending. The replacement costs alone for existing materiel will start running us \$60 billion, whereas now we only spend \$40 billion. To keep things moving, we'll have to up our spending each year by another \$20 billion. We have to upgrade our personnel, our navy, our conventional forces, our Rapid Deployment force in the Indian Ocean.

There's no underestimating how profound the crisis is



'Does Brzezinski not know?'

The following is the analysis of Carter administration military policy, as embodied by National Security advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, published by Gustav Hertzfeld in the current issue of the foreign affairs monthly of East Germany, Deutsche Aussenpolitik (German Foreign Affairs).

Does Mr. Brzezinski not know that military strength today cannot be measured by the number of infantrymen, or horses for the cavalry, or number of guns, bayonets and pistols a country has? Can a country be militarily strong, if it is not strong economically, scientifically and technologically. . . not strong in those branches of industry which are in the lead of science and technology: nuclear energy, aerospace, shipbuilding, electronics? Does Mr. Brzezinski not know all of this, or does he not want to know it? If he doesn't know, then beware of a President who is advised by such an advisor and even takes decisions on the basis of such advice. Beware of the allies of a power which is acting according to such decisions. Beware of a world whose peace depends only on such advice and such decisions.