

situation is already beginning to shift. I'm a lot more happy about Germany, however."

Edward P. Thompson's background exemplifies the synthetic "left" in Europe and its deployment by British intelligence to create new Luddite movements. Like Kim Philby, the British triple agent who is now a Soviet KGB general, Thompson was recruited into the Communist Party while he was a student at Cambridge University. His older brother Frank had been recruited a year earlier, in 1939, at Oxford, together with Robert Conquest, Philip Toynbee, Denis Healey and Iris Murdoch; for years Edward was close to this group as well. At the outbreak of World War II, Frank became a

liaison officer under Fitzroy Maclean, the Philby associate who ran Britain's Balkans operations. Edward is said to have fought in Italy, maintaining contact with Communist networks, as he still does among the "Bukharinists," i.e., anti-industrializers, in Eastern Europe.

After the war, Thompson stayed in Yugoslavia until 1947, then returned to Cambridge for his degree in history. His party membership ended in 1956, when he helped found *The Reasoner*, forerunner of today's *New Left Review*. While still in the party, he worked with the Russell Foundation, with Socialist International cofounder Fenner Brockway, and with the war resisters' movement.

Royal peers oversee peace agitation

The "peacenik" proclivities of various British lords, as embodied in the late Bertrand Russell, are not simply a manifestation of English eccentricity. The Queen's inner circle, which traditionally runs British intelligence as a private operation, has oversight for the "disarmament movement" as part of those intelligence duties. Thus, last Dec. 23, Lord Trefgarne, the Lord-in-Waiting to the Queen's Household and Minister of State, told the House of Lords that the Thatcher government "welcomes the activity of the World Disarmament Campaign in arousing public interest in disarmament." (The stance of the Tory Party itself was apparently irrelevant.)

In turn, the World Disarmament Campaign (WDC) is cochaired by two venerable titled British Fabians, Lord Fenner Brockway and Lord Philip Noel-Baker. The WDC directly oversees the Jesuit-run Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) in Britain and E. P. Thompson's European Nuclear Disarmament (END).

Brockway, a mere life peer who came from a family of Calcutta missionaries, was a leader of the British Independent Labour Party and a 1926-31 executive of the Socialist International, which he helped to found. During that period he edited *The New Leader* and established close ties to German socialists which persist. In the 1930s and 1940s he also maintained ties to the Comintern's anti-Stalin wings, and as chairman for the Movement for Colonial Freedom received Comintern aid in fostering the Jacobin wing of "national liberation" movements in Africa and Asia.

As president of the British Campaign for Peace in Vietnam, Brockway was a coordinator for the resisters' movement. Among the many dozens of operatives he trained is Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the left-wing Labour Party chief who acts as chief British delegate to the Socialist International.

Brockway (who is now 92) announced in a letter to *The Times* of London on Jan. 2, "This year will bring to a climax the confrontation in the world between the forces making for renewed cold war and rearmament and those making for détente and disarmament. We must make 1981-82 the Year of Disarmament." To this end, he notes an "international committee" has been formed under the chairmanship of Sean McBride of Amnesty International "to coordinate all the activities of the campaign on a worldwide scale." Already, "mass resistance is paralleled in much of the world." Disarmament is now "pragmatic politics," he concludes.

McBride's membership in the Pan-European Union is one of the most important nodal points in the control apparatus. It demonstrates the link between the "peace" movement and the overtly environmentalist, feudal, and racist Union, which works to revert the continent to a "Europe of the Regions" free of industrial technology. In the 1920s through the 1940s, the Union openly interlinked with, and was indeed largely responsible for creating, German, Italian, and Central European fascism.

Lord Noel-Baker, Brockway's cochairman, is a veteran League of Nations/United Nations operative, bestowed with the Nobel Prize, who has also reached his nineties. It was Lord Noel-Baker who originally proposed to Olof Palme that Palme begin to form a supranational "disarmament commission" as a special operation at a time of rising East-West tensions. Today the body exists in the form of the Palme Commission.