

Reversing the decline in U.S. science policy

The following statement, titled "Stop sabotage of White House commitment to energy-beam ballistic missile defense technologies," was issued by the Fusion Energy Foundation in New York on Feb. 9. The FEF is now carrying out a nationwide campaign to "convince and educate the American public on the tremendous potentials of directed-energy beam technologies, and reawaken the American 'technological optimism' killed by decades of fear of Mutually Assured Destruction [MAD]."

Fusion Energy Foundation Board of Directors member Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. wrote nine months ago, "The national security, indeed existence, of the United States depends on the decision to be made in 1983 on the development of weapons capable of destroying nuclear-armed ballistic missiles in flight—a directed energy beam weapon."

On the budget chopping block today, with President Reagan under intense pressure from supranational monetary agencies and their backers, and from the "Andropov-Harriman" networks push to force a disarmament policy on the White House, are not only defensive beam weapons, but also all of the nation's advanced science programs.

The next few weeks will determine a course, either toward a high-technology beam-weapons development approach to war-avoidance, advocated by LaRouche, the Fusion Energy Foundation, and by the campaign of Dr. Edward Teller; or with the Harriman-McNamara conventional war buildup approach, put forward by the Soviets in their support for the "nuclear freeze" movement.

Organizing support for the same conventional buildup and abandonment of the nuclear technology research and development essential to ABM protection, is the Heritage Foundation, which is conduiting the "stop beam-weapons" campaign of British Intelligence and KGB assets directly into the administration with assistance of Presidential Science Advisor Dr. George Keyworth. The recent Heritage Foundation "Agenda '83" defense-policy document calls for emphasis on a conventional arms buildup and omits any mention of even the "High Frontier" ABM program Heritage previously promoted.

Defense Daily for Jan. 27 cites LaRouche on this threat: "At a news conference recently, LaRouche claimed that the pro-defense Heritage Foundation is trying to kill all budget

items relevant to the development of space-based defensive weapons."

The budget sabotage

Here are the immediate results of compromise with supranational pressure and administration "submarines" on crucial science-defense issues:

- The Department of Defense budget for beam weapons has stopped growing. Programs devoted to directed energy beam development have received nominal increases only equal to current inflation rates. These budgets are currently estimated to be one-fifth of Soviet expenditures on beam weapons.

- The requests by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for increased funding for the advanced space-based ABM system, the "x-ray laser," have been killed, according to reliable sources; again the policy mediation of Keyworth and the Heritage Foundation.

- The Department of Energy's policy on fusion development has been restructured onto a "track" which cannot, and is not intended, to develop a commercial prototype fusion reactor by the end of the century, as mandated by the 1980 Magnetic Fusion Energy Engineering Act. The DOE now aims for commercial fusion in the year 2050—fifty years behind schedule. The FY 1984 magnetic fusion budget has been cut in constant dollars.

- In addition, the U.S. laser fusion budget has been cut by 20 percent in absolute dollars.

- The announced budget abandons the Clinch River Breeder Reactor and the next generation of advanced fission reactors to "private enterprise."

These cuts constitute a forced compromise with the nuclear freeze of Robert Strange McNamara, et al., a movement deliberately launched to destabilize the President and former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. As Dr. Edward Teller stated to the National Press Club Oct. 26, "If the freeze prevails, and we don't submit [to the Soviets], then nuclear war will become likely."

The entire crash effort to develop space-based beam weapons and associated space stations and ABM capabilities, proposed by LaRouche and popularized by the Fusion Energy Foundation, would incur *no net cost* to the U.S. economy, as a special study conducted by FEF shows. The implementation of this "science driver" for the economy would immediately spur new investment in frontier technologies throughout U.S. industry, increasing both productivity and skilled employment and creating new wealth far exceeding total government spending on such a program—as was proven case for NASA's Project Apollo. The computer-based economic forecasting tool developed by the FEF and *Executive Intelligence Review* and used for this study of the impact of beam-weapons—the LaRouche-Riemann economic model—has produced the only accurate published economic forecasts for the U.S. economy since 1979.