

Free enterprisers join attack on U.S. infrastructure

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The attacks on U.S. national security and energy infrastructure described in this issue of *EIR* are not solely the work of "left-wing" and environmentalist networks. A "fiscal conservative" and "libertarian" fifth column within Reaganite conservative strata has openly allied with the KGB's left-wing apparatus in an assault on "American System" policies of government-fostered economic development.

Over the past two years, a coalition has emerged among the nominally conservative National Taxpayers Union, the Heritage Foundation, various libertarian institutes, and the entire gamut of Naderite environmentalist groups, to attack the Clinch River Breeder Reactor (CRBR), the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS), the Tennessee Tombigbee waterway, the Garrison Diversion water project, and U.S. nuclear technology sales to India and Argentina. A leading spokesman for this alliance is Sen. Gordon Humphrey, a New Hampshire Republican who lets the KGB/British Fabian Society-run Heritage Foundation do what little thinking he purports to express.

This coalition has planned a fall offensive against nuclear energy as they set their sights on killing Clinch River for good and on sabotaging WPPSS financing and the nuclear sales to India. CRBR, which has already suffered serious setbacks under the lobbying of this coalition, must receive congressional approval for a new financing proposal, involving private-sector cost sharing, or run out of money on Sept. 30. The free enterprise/green coalition knows that unless construction is halted now, it will cost more to dismantle Clinch River than to continue to develop it, and see the September vote as the final battle. Votes on Clinch River have become increasingly close over the years, and the addition of free enterprise "conservatives" could tip the balance

against the reactor in this, the final vote.

September decisions will occur on the McClure proposal for WPPS financing (see article, page xxxx) and on efforts to block the U.S. sale of nuclear-related materials to India.

Adam Smith and Bukharin

Ideologically, it was inevitable that the free enterprise fiscal conservatives and their libertarian adjuncts would ally with left-wing anarchists and environmentalists. Both reject the conception of man as a creator engaged in the process of developing the universe, and reject the role of the nation-state in fostering that activity. The hedonistic anarchism of Adam Smith and the classic British economic liberals finds its full expression in the 19th-century anarchist Nikolai Bukharin and his successors in Moscow today.

But the alliance is more than ideological. The KGB has directly penetrated the "free enterprise" and fiscal conservative networks themselves, as the case of the Heritage Foundation shows.

For example, the National Taxpayers Union (NTU) had on its founding advisory board in 1969 MIT's Noam Chomsky, notorious at the time for his open ties to the KGB-infested draft resisters' movement and the radical antiwar effort. Other founders were A. Ernest Fitzgerald, the Pentagon whistle-blower, and Karl Hess III, both associated with the KGB-linked Institute for Policy Studies.

Using the long-standing scientific back channels of the Pugwash Conference/Bertrand Russell networks, the KGB has an asset in Sen. Gordon Humphrey's office as well. Humphrey's staff assistant for nuclear, energy, and water issues is Henry Sokolski, who was trained under Pugwash's Albert Wohlstetter at the University of Chicago. Sokolski, who has been known to claim responsibility for turning the Heritage Foundation against the breeder reactor, was given the mission of developing a "free enterprise" attack against President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" program which he has carried forward to today's assaults of Clinch River and nuclear sales to India. On nonproliferation issues, Sokolski is a fellow traveler of the Pugwash *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* networks who oppose the transfer of peaceful nuclear technology to developing nations.

The national security implications of this KGB/free enterprise nexus became clear in March, when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers produced a study which warned that the nation's waterways and infrastructure could not sustain a two-front war mobilization. Office of Management and Budget Director David Stockman, who has used the "free enterprise" argument to slash government funding for national infrastructure, and his assistant Fred Khadouri (a former Ralph Nader lieutenant) ordered the study suppressed. With KGB penetration of the right wing becoming apparent, the dissemination of such studies would expose the answer to the question of who benefits from "free enterprise."