

## How the West is being 'psychically disarmed'

by Mark Burdman

One of the least noticed but most damaging aspects of the "New Yalta" complex of relationships between the Reagan-Bush administration and the Soviets, is that the Soviets have taken advantage of the "lowering of the guard" of the West, to launch a psychological and cultural warfare campaign to induce Americans and Western Europeans to drop their belief that the Soviets represent a threat, and that the Soviets are the adversaries of the West.

This so-called "building-down of the enemy image," or "reduction of the threat perception of the Soviet Union," is a daily topic in the European press, fed by Soviet-appeaser institutes like the **Pugwash Conference**, the **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute**, the **Starnberg group** of the Max Planck Institute in West Germany, and a plethora of "peace studies" departments of universities and colleges.

The issue is very simple: If citizens can be *induced* to believe something, even if it is a negation of reality, then they will act on that belief. On the one side, Gorbachov is like a traveling salesman, peddling the image of a "new, benevolent Soviet Union." Simultaneously, a Soviet-linked network of gnostic psychologists and peaceniks in the West, propounds what they themselves call "psychic disarmament"—of a unilateral sort, by the West only.

They have invented a term for those in the West who point to the reality of Soviet war preparations, control of international terrorism, and use of narcotics-trafficking to undermine the West: "collective paranoia."

The "reverse the enemy image" campaign, while it has been integral to the European "peace movement" since the early 1980s, really began to receive high level sanction from the American liberal establishment in the period between the October 1986 Reykjavik superpower summit and the December 1987 signing of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces treaty.

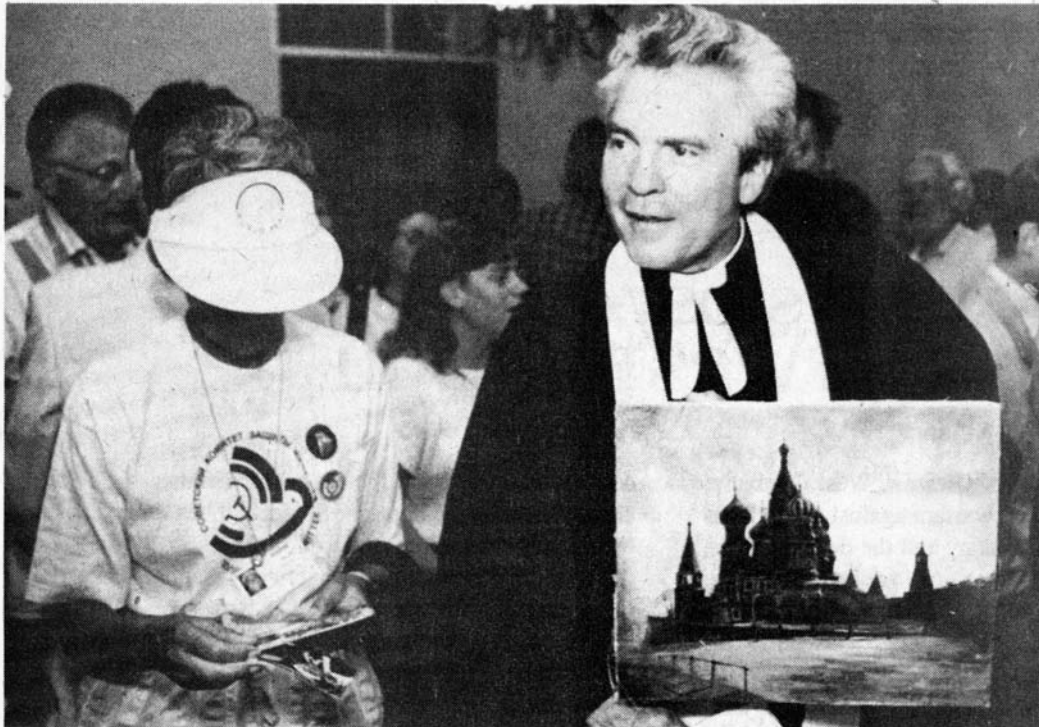
One insidious element in this, was a late-1987 accord between **Charles Z. Wick**, the head of the United States Information Agency (USIA), and Soviet government spokesmen, to set up a U.S.-Soviet commission to investigate and possibly even prosecute, those in the Western media who continued to purvey the "enemy image" of the U.S.S.R.

### Harvard's Center for Psychological Studies in the Nuclear Age

A key think tank providing input for Wick, is an institute affiliated with the Harvard Medical School, called the **Center for Psychological Studies in the Nuclear Age**. On the advisory board of this East-West psychological warfare institution, are such figures as **Joseph Nye** of Harvard, formerly with the Carter administration and now a chief adviser to the Dukakis campaign; ex-Secretary of Defense **Robert McNamara**; Princeton Sovietologist **Stephen F. Cohen**, a leading propagandist for the rehabilitation of Nikolai Bukharin; **David Rockefeller, Jr.** of Rockefeller Family Associates; **Marshall Shulman** of the Averell Harriman Institute of Columbia University; **Dr. Roy Menninger** of the Menninger Foundation of Kansas; and **Galina Andreyeva**, chairman of the department of social psychology of Moscow University.

One document by this Center stressed the necessity to "reframe the image of the 'enemy' to that of 'partner,'" and praised the work, in this direction, of the Pugwash Conference and the **International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW)**.

In this complex, a pivotal figure is **Dr. Horst-Eberhard Richter** of Giessen, West Germany, the only West German member of the advisory board of the Harvard-linked Center, the founder of the West German branch of the IPPNW, and



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*American peace marchers, freshly returned from a trip to the Soviet Union, attend a reception on Capitol Hill, in July 1987. The propagandists of the "New Yalta" are trying to brainwash citizens of the West to give up their "enemy image" of the U.S.S.R.*

an ideological guru of the West German Green movement. To most Americans, Richter's ideas would be so absurd that it would seem that he was telling a string of macabre, sick jokes in his various books and articles. Yet, on the day the INF treaty was being signed, Richter was being treated as a special guest at the American embassy in Bonn, to celebrate the signing.

### **The 'enemy' is Western civilization**

As the accompanying report by Gabriele Liebig shows, Richter's own "enemy image" is Western civilization itself. He claims that there is "collective paranoia" behind those who see the Soviets as a threat, but goes further than that. The very impulses of Western civilization itself are to blame for the "threat perception" of the Soviets. By combatting disease, man creates an "enemy." Similarly for discovering scientific and technological breakthroughs, or for nurturing the institution of the nuclear family. For Dr. Richter, for reasons detailed in what follows, life itself is the "enemy," and the human race must accommodate and subordinate to death and to the Devil, including if the latter is in the shape of the Russian bear.

For Richter and company, the United States, created as a republic expressing the belief in the increasing perfectibility of man, must itself be weakened and destroyed. The sense of moral-historical mission that has permeated American history must be undermined. Americans, they proclaim, must stop believing that the American republic is something "special." Said one collaborator of Richter in Europe who also works with the Harvard Center, "As long as Americans be-

lieve they are number one, and the Russians number two, how can there be this INF accord? You can't have the new agreements and this American belief, simultaneously. This will mean a difficult process of new reaction-formations in the American population, which will have to be managed."

Likewise, Richter and friends at the Center for Psychological Studies in the Nuclear Age propagandize against promoters of the Strategic Defense Initiative for portraying the SDI as necessary for the "restoration of America," and for using the technological breakthroughs associated with SDI development as a means of challenging the notion of "limits." The Challenger and Chernobyl disasters, respectively affecting space exploration and nuclear energy development, must be constantly brought to the attention of Western people, they say, to combat the "dangers of technological hubris."

Without such psychological manipulation, all the obsession in the U.S. establishment about the "decline of America," evidenced in the books of Paul Kennedy, David Calleo, Walter Russell Mead, and others, would come to nought. The breaking of the will to resist is decisive, in the question of whether the Soviet imperialists will rule the world in the coming decades.

Of course, the Horst-Eberhard Richters of this world would call us "paranoid" for making such a contention. But from the evidence adduced by Gabriele Liebig, the picture of the real mental disease poisoning the West emerges very clearly. Her evidence also presents a very cogent argument for why the U.S. Senate and President's recent ratification of the INF treaty must be overturned—on the grounds of collective insanity.