

CERN: profile of a scientific nest of spies

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Information in the possession of *EIR* indicates that the Neyrin, Switzerland-based Centre European de Recherche Nucléaire (CERN), where research into high energy physics is carried out, is currently functioning as an important center for operations of the Soviet KGB in Western Europe. The objective of these KGB operations is 1) high-level espionage and scientific sabotage, particularly aiming to impede the development of anti-missile "beam weapons" by the United States and its European allies; 2) the manipulation of the activities of the "peace movement" in Western Europe to create actual conditions of civil war; and 3) the activation of terrorist elements against civilian and military targets.

No one is saying that every scientist at the CERN laboratory is involved in such operations. On the contrary, one presumes that the majority of the lab's personnel are in the dark about the nature of the KGB's operations there. However, there is abundant evidence that the CERN *as an institution* is KGB-contaminated.

Among the operations conducted by the KGB at the CERN is the "European Network of Scientists for Nuclear Disarmament" (ENS), which was founded at the July 1982 meeting of the European Nuclear Disarmament group, and is based at CERN. While most of the members of ENS work at CERN, the group publishes a disclaimer to say that its activity is not officially connected to CERN, and does not represent CERN's views.

ENS is presently directed by Toine Van Proeyen of Geneva. Its expressed purposes are coordinating actions by scientists towards the establishment of a nuclear-free world, coordinating actions against weapons of mass destruction, and providing scientific advice and information to other groups working toward the same ends. Under this cover, ENS is the leading scientific agency providing information and advice to terrorist networks and to the Soviets. Among the groups that work with ENS are the European Physical Society, the U.S.-based Union of Concerned Scientists, and the National Academy of Science in Washington, D.C.

But ENS is only a recent case of a process that has been going on for several decades—systematic recruitment to the KGB-controlled "Pugwash movement" of scientists who work at the CERN.

Former CERN director Victor Weisskopf is a founding member of the World Federalist-run Pugwash Conference set up by Bertrand Russell in 1957 as a "back channel" for negotiations on defense-related matters with the Soviet Union. These channels have served for over two decades as the forum

for U.S.-Soviet agreements, consistently to the detriment of the United States. Lord Russell, as is well known, founded the "Ban the Bomb" movement, run in the United States by the Communist Party U.S.A. It is less well known that in 1947 Russell called for a preemptive nuclear war against the Soviet Union. Russell's "anti-bomb" movement spun off the Society Against Nuclear Energy and a series of other groups leading to the creation of the pro-terrorist New Left, which in turn spawned the international environmentalist and peace movement.

This summer, a group of Pugwash veterans, including Bernard Feld, George Rathjens, and Weisskopf of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Pugwash international secretary Morton Kaplan of Geneva, Hannes Alfvén of Sweden, and Lewis Sohn of the World Law Association, has held meetings all over the United States and Europe with Soviet political and intelligence officials. These meetings are seeking to force President Reagan to abandon the doctrine of Mutually Assured Survival he announced March 23, and to accept Soviet demands to abandon placement of the Pershing missiles, which is planned to begin in October if arms negotiations between the superpowers fail.

The cited initiatives will culminate in an Aug. 26-31 Pugwash Conference in Venice, timed to coincide with the Soviet-run international "hot autumn" of violent actions against the Pershing deployment.

The case of Victor Weisskopf

The most recent indication of collaboration between this network and environmentalist terrorists was the participation of Victor Weisskopf, now a MIT physicist, in the July 2-3 Mainz, West Germany conference, "Responsibility for Peace," where he and Swedish scientist Hannes Alfvén were featured speakers. In the same days, in the same city, *in the same building*, at a second conference, terrorist groups openly laid plans for violent disruptions of NATO supply lines and attacks on U.S. military targets. Shocked eyewitnesses told *EIR* of a continuous traffic of participants between Weisskopf's conference and the pro-terrorist event!

Weisskopf took the lead among U.S. scientists in opposing President Reagan's strategic doctrine in April, precisely when 240 Soviet scientists denounced that doctrine in a Soviet government-organized statement.

The Weisskopf-directed MIT grouping earlier came under scrutiny because of Italian Red Brigades terrorist Franco Piperno. In August 1981, Piperno, accused of being a mas-

termind of the 1978 Aldo Moro kidnap-murder, tried to enter the United States from Canada, but was stopped by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Piperno was on his way to MIT, where he had secured a teaching post in the nuclear physics department.

The case of Abdus Salaam

During 1961-66, when Weisskopf was CERN's director, CERN became intimately connected, through exchange of personnel, with the Soviet large accelerator center at Dubna, and with the Trieste Center for Theoretical Physics, which was set up by a joint council of U.S. and Soviet scientists including Weisskopf. The Trieste Center—one of the coordinating centers of opposition to Reagan's new defense doctrine—is run by Pakistani physicist Abdus Salaam. Salaam's Russellite "peace" credentials are established by the fact that he is the reputed godfather of the "Islamic Bomb."

Salaam, a leading theoretical collaborator of CERN, is a member of the zero-growth Club of Rome and is personally committed to indoctrinating Third World scientists with anti-technology and anti-Western ideologies such as "Islamic Science." Salaam is a member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, which he joined on May 13, 1981. That was the day of the first attempt against the Pope's life—a hit in which, as subsequent investigation has demonstrated, then KGB chief Yuri Andropov was deeply implicated. A coincidence?

The case of Professor Zichichi

Another member of the Pontifical Academy and one of the most noted scientists at CERN is Antonino Zichichi, who seems to have cultivated particular influence in Vatican circles. Zichichi directs the Centro Ettore Majorana in Erice, Sicily.

Some months back, police in Paris arrested Bruno Breguet, a Swiss national with a long history of terrorism, and Magdalena Kaupp, a West German linked to the Baader-Meinhof gang. The two were in possession of more than 11 pounds of explosives and plans to blow up the Hôtel de Ville in Paris. Unaccountably, at the time of Breguet's arrest, officials found in his pocket the address of Zichichi's Centro Ettore Majorana.

Zichichi, 53 years old, Sicilian by birth and Genevan by adoption, is president of Italy's National Institute of Nuclear Physics, and is promoted by the Italian media as a great "popularizer" of science. He is famous for an interview in the Italian weekly *Oggi* last February where he was asked to describe the expected uses of the research on the stability of the proton which will be done in the huge laboratory he is having built near the Gran Sasso, the highest peak in the Appennines (Abruzzo). Zichichi replied: "From the results we hope to get, nothing will be useful. Science as such is simply the study of the fundamental laws of nature, not the discovery of the atomic bomb. The great discoveries of humanity are all linked to discoveries obtained without the slightest intention of reaching practical objectives."

The somewhat flabbergasted interviewer then asked if the

new research center would be used for any other purposes. He answered that experiments would also be done on genetic mutations: "I am sure that genetic mutations are useful because living beings are bombarded by cosmic radiation. For this reason in the absence of radiation, as will be possible under the Gran Sasso, it will be possible to reproduce beings with the minimum number of possible genetic variations." We will thus be able to produce human beings that will be all alike, said Zichichi, and requested funds from the Italian state.

The making of an espionage center

CERN was founded in 1952 as the center of a series of operations intended to create an "European culture" to oppose the technological progress transmitted by the idea of an "American Century." The *dramatis personae* involved in founding CERN were the same ones who turned up in Russell's *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* and the Pugwash Conferences. In the background lurks the Swiss "Universal Fascism" group gathered around the "*recontres internationales de Geneve*" in which Denis de Rougemont, Emmanuel d'Astier (KGB), Louis Leprince Ringuet (Pontifical Academy of Sciences), Robert Jungk, and others participated. In a 1966 book on CERN, Robert Jungk called the center a "scientists' international," the beginning of a world government by a "planetary elite." From the outset, CERN was linked to UNESCO and similar "one-worldist" operations, like the World Academy of Arts and Sciences of Bertrand Russell, Robert Oppenheimer, Albert Hoffman (the inventor of the hallucinogen LSD), Julian Huxley, Leo Szilard, Linus Pauling, and Frederick Seitz.

Methodologically revealing is the tie between CERN, the growth of reductionist particle physics, and the launching of molecular biology, the basis for new forms of eugenics—the Nazis called it "race science." After the war Szilard founded, together with Weisskopf and others, the European Molecular Biology Laboratory of Heidelberg. In a conference on molecular biology in 1962, funded by the same Ciba Foundation that finances the organizing committee of the Pugwash Conferences, a member of Weisskopf's lab, Francis Crick, proposed that governments should introduce substances into food to reduce fertility and should issue certificates for antidotes to those considered qualified to reproduce!

The founding of CERN itself did not fail to raise a scandal. In a preparatory meeting in 1951 to seek financial and political backing, the presence of Amaldi, already well known for his extremist political sympathies, disturbed more than one representative of the Western countries. Only when Amaldi left was the meeting able to proceed. Nonetheless, after CERN was founded Amaldi became the first director general. Robert Jungk commented thus on the birth of CERN: "Here begins, in daily practice, a first cell of the same '*Pan-Europa*' which the unjustly misunderstood Count Coudenhove-Kalergi proposed at the end of the First World War."

For those who don't know, Jungk is speaking about a fanatical supporter of the Third Reich.