

National News

Soviets back out of U.S. beams conference

The delegation of Soviet scientists scheduled to attend a U.S. conference on beam technologies in San Francisco, "Beams '83," sent a telegram Sept. 12 to conference organizers saying that the delegation would not attend.

"U.S.S.R. delegation cannot attend the conference. Hope possibility to discuss our problems in future," telegrammed L. Rudakov, a leading scientist in the Soviet laser fusion program.

The conference—viewed as a follow-up to the recent meeting of Soviet, U.S., and European scientists' meeting in Erice, Italy, which agreed to set up an international commission to study the feasibility of beam weapons—is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, the Office of Naval Research, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Conference organizers stressed that the State Department had provided visas for the Soviet delegates; so there was no U.S. barrier to their attendance.

Building Trades mobilize for Clinch River Breeder

The Building and Construction Trades Department of the AFL-CIO has expanded its campaign for funding of the Clinch River Breeder Reactor program by taking out a full-page ad in the *Washington Post*. The ad called on Congress to approve the program if it is not willing to waste 30 years and \$5 billion of investment.

The ad, which appeared Sept. 14, called for Congress to approve \$1.5 billion of federal funds—the level of congressional funding proposed under a new plan which also seeks to increase private funding for the project to \$1 billion. Hearings will be held in mid-September.

The Building Trades argued that the

United States will fall behind Japan, France, and the Soviet Union in nuclear breeder technology if the Clinch River program is not funded to the proposed level.

In its fight for Clinch River, the Building Trades Department has initiated a Committee on Jobs, Environment, and Technology, which includes the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the National Conference of Black Mayors, as well as individual unions.

Tsipis tells Velikhov: You blundered at Erice

MIT professor Kosta Tsipis, the physicist involved in the Pugwash Conference "back channel" discussions with the Soviets, met with Soviet laser specialist Velikhov after the August Erice seminar of U.S., Soviet, and Western European scientists in Italy and told him "what a blunder he had made in signing the agreement" to form an international beam defense study commission.

Tsipis argues that beam weapon defense systems are impossible to develop.

In reporting his own remarks to the Soviet scientist to *EIR* Sept. 12, Tsipis said, "Until we spoke with him, he didn't understand what a blunder he had made." He lamented that the agreement is "an enormous victory for Teller and Reagan."

Tsipis believes the study commission will come into being but maintains that it will reach conclusions consistent with his views against beam defense.

Mr. Jackson goes to Europe

Announced presidential aspirant Jesse Jackson, accompanied by Congressional Black Caucus leader Ron Dellums (D-Calif.), embarked Sept. 12 on a week-long European tour taking him to British slums, Dutch royalty, and Green Party leaders.

Jackson, a proponent of Andropov's nuclear freeze, had also planned to go to Mos-

cow, but canceled that leg of his trip after the Soviets murdered the KAL 7 passengers. He still plans to go to Warsaw.

Jackson's London itinerary Sept. 12 included a meeting with the U.S. ambassador to Britain and a tour of the Brixton slums, the site of rioting last year. Further stops include:

Sept. 13—the Netherlands, where Jackson is to meet Queen Beatrix, speak before the Commission on Foreign Policy in The Hague, and make a foreign policy presentation to the Free University in Europe's drug capital, Amsterdam.

Sept. 14—Frankfurt. Jackson is to tour American military bases in West Germany, in part to expand his black voter registration drive to black GIs.

Sept. 16—West Berlin. Jackson is to meet with Green Party representatives, the organizers of West Germany's "Hot Autumn" anti-U.S. demonstrations. He will also take a walking tour of Turkish ghettos in West Berlin with Turkish immigrant leaders.

Jackson's tour, which was reportedly arranged by a rock music agent, was given advanced billing in *Der Spiegel*, the West German pro-Green weekly whose publisher Rudolf Augstein is a convicted drug smuggler. *Der Spiegel*, in its two-page spread on Jackson, calls him a "black messiah." Under a picture of Jackson at the podium in epauletted shirt is a quote from the minister-turned-would-be-President: "Jesus was a demagogue, too."

Nicaragua may become 'second Cuba'—Ikle

Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Fred Ikle told the Baltimore Foreign Affairs Council Sept. 12 that a failure to extend financing to the Nicaraguan anti-Sandinista rebels could allow Nicaragua to become a "second Cuba" and that in cutting off funding, "The House, in effect, voted to establish a sanctuary for the Sandinistas."

With rhetoric reminiscent of the Johnson administration on Vietnam, Ikle said, "As long as Congress keeps crippling the President's military assistance program, we will have a policy always short of suc-

cess. . . . The President's policy for Central America has not been given a chance to work. Congress has denied the President the means to succeed."

Said Ikle, "We must prevent consolidation of a Sandinista regime in Nicaragua that would become an arsenal for insurgency. If we cannot prevent that, we have to anticipate the partition of Central America. Such a development would then force us to man a new military front line of the East-West conflict, right here on our continent."

The *New York Times*, which obtained an advance copy of the speech, reported that the speech had been approved the week before by White House aides, over the objection of the State Department.

The issue of funding for the Nicaraguan rebels has been used by Harriman Democrats to score points against President Reagan and to fuel the "left" side of the "right vs. left" scenario being played out in Central America. With Henry Kissinger's increasing influence on Central American policy, there is reason to believe that the "Malaysian monkey trap," which Lyndon LaRouche has persistently warned the President of, is being reset for Reagan.

Both the extremely harsh tone of the speech and the use of Ikle, the scion of a major Swiss banking family, to voice it, suggest a move afoot to divert Reagan's attention from the broader U.S.-Soviet strategic crisis. The trap of U.S. military escalation in Central America would further alienate the Contadora countries (the Ibero-American nations working to develop a peaceful solution to the Central American conflict), and provide a new *raison d'être* for the "peace movement" back home.

'Reagan needs standby authority on economy'

Rep. Carl Perkins (D-Ky.) entered the following statement in a recent issue of Congressional Record, in which he underscored the important connection between the nation's military preparedness and its economic health.

"Faced with this situation [Soviet provocations, war in the Middle East, war in

Central America], it is imperative that this Congress look to the defenses of this country and its interests around the world. If that means more funds and more expenditures, we will just have to dig down and come up with the money.

"And while we are about it, we might as well give the President some standby authority to deal with the economic crisis upon us, as well as with the military and diplomatic crises.

"People in my district are in serious economic straits, notwithstanding all of the ballyhoo that recovery is underway. They tell us that the interest rates are declining—but somehow the people who charge the high interest and the people who have to pay the rates have not gotten the word yet. People are still going bankrupt.

"I think we ought to give the President some standby authority to control the interest rates that are crippling our ability to meet the military threat from abroad."

Catholic Vets denounce Soviets and Freeze

The Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, at their national convention in Philadelphia in August—before the KAL shooting—denounced Soviet aggression, opposed a nuclear freeze and, "took exception" to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops pastoral letter endorsing the freeze.

In the resolution on the freeze, the Catholic Veterans stated they "oppose an immediate nuclear weapons freeze with the Soviet Union and support President Reagan's Strategic Arms Reduction proposals." The resolution noted that the Soviet Union "has continued to promote violence and aggression around the world" and that the "Soviet military threat to the world continues to grow."

The veterans' resolution on the bishops' letter also denounced the "prejudged statements of Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco to the effect that a 'soldier could disobey an order even in wartime' and 'not carry out such an order, even if it was issued by the President of the United States.'"

Briefly

● **SEN. PETE WILSON**, in contrast to the eight pro-freeze Democrats who voted against the U.S. defense appropriation, said the Senate bill was not enough. The California Republican has made a sharp about-face on defense issues and recently called for developing beam weapons.

● **HOUSE SPEAKER TIP O'NEILL** (D-Mass.), who has led numerous partisan battles against the Reagan administration, announced Sept. 12 a "united front" between the Congress and the White House on the U.S. military presence in Lebanon. "We want to work together [with the White House] for the betterment of the world. . . . If the Syrians think the parties are divided, I think they'll find they are wrong."

● **SEVERAL HUNDRED** people demonstrated on the East steps of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Sept. 15, urging the nation to "Build Beams Now." Organizers of the rally, sponsored by the National Democratic Policy Committee, displayed 50,000 signatures on petitions gathered across the country in support of a crash program for the development of defensive beam weapons. The rally preceded a presentation by NDPC Advisory Board Chairman Lyndon LaRouche in Washington on programs to develop the Indian and Pacific Ocean Basins. The 45-minute rally concluded with chants of "American Citizens Have a Dream: Feed the World and Build the Beam."

● **THE BALTIMORE** Campaign of National Democratic Policy Committee-backed candidates scored a victory Sept. 13 against the "liberal-KGB" networks in the city's municipal Democratic primary elections. Those networks' star candidate, Councilman Mary Pat Clarke, was defeated by a wide margin in her bid for City Council President. All NDPC candidates, including council president candidate Debra Freeman, were defrauded and credited with less than 2 percent of the vote. When she ran for Congress in 1982, Freeman was credited with about 20 percent and told that her actual vote was double that.