

# 'Target Seattle': How to foil a KGB stunt

by Mark Calney in Seattle

Just before the Nov. 8 elections, the city of Seattle hosted the week-long "peace" symposium, "Target Seattle: Soviet realities." Last year's event, the first Target Seattle, was a national prototype for the Soviet-endorsed nuclear freeze movement which drew 20,000 freeze proponents into Seattle's Kingdome stadium. This year, after the Soviet delegation cancelled its appearance, only 2,000 people were at Target Seattle's opening event because members of the Washington State National Democratic Policy Committee and NDPC-supported candidates for national and local office ran a campaign that made attendance a litmus test for support of appeasement of the Third Rome rulers of the Soviet Union.

This year's event was billed by its sponsors as a "balanced discussion . . . representing a wide spectrum of opinions." It was to include the participation of an official Soviet delegation prepared in consultation with Russia's U.S.A.-Canada Institute.

Target Seattle avoided all discussion of President Reagan's proposed strategic doctrine of beam weapons defense, and instead was committed to discussion of the destruction of U.S. defensive capabilities in the name of the nuclear freeze.

Almost the entire Washington State congressional delegation is on the advisory committee of Target Seattle. The wives of five of these representatives—Democrats Mike Lowry, Norm Dicks, Don Bonker, and Al Swift, and Republican Rod Chandler—are also members of Peacelinks, an organization founded in 1981 by Betty Bumpers, wife of Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.). This "bipartisan" group of Kissinger Republicans and Harrimanite Democrats is at the center of KGB-controlled "peace" operations in the United States. Betty Bumpers was in Seattle last year to help set up the personnel and staff operations for Target Seattle.

The featured speakers at this year's "Soviet Realities" event included both "neo-conservative" Midge Decter from the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations, a Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) advocate, and Richard Barnet of the pro-terrorist Washington, D.C. based Institute for Policy Studies. It was Barnet who coordinated the spring-summer U.S. tour of Soviet KGB agents Gen. Mikhail Milstein of Soviet military intelligence (GRU) and Fyodor Burlatskii, editor of *Literaturnaya Gazetta*.

Other speakers were Murray Feshbach of Georgetown University's Center for Population Research, an expert on the quality of life in the U.S.S.R. and Adm. Noel Gayler (ret.), the former commander of the U.S. Pacific forces who now heads the "Deep Cut" subcommittee of the East-West Initiatives Committee founded by Pepsi Cola executive Donald M. Kendall, who also spoke in Seattle.

Target Seattle was intended to acquaint the U.S. peace movement with the ostensible peaceful goals of the Soviet population and leadership by devoting a full day to workshops on Russia's "blood and soil" literary classics such as Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky, and concluding with "small group discussions in 1,000 living rooms and churches."

After the Sept. 1 Soviet massacre of 269 passengers on KAL flight 007, the 32-member slate of NDPC-supported candidates in Washington State launched a campaign to demand that the city of Seattle cancel Target Seattle. The NDPC distributed 50,000 copies of a flyer exposing the KGB's control of the nuclear freeze movement in the United States, which precipitated phone calls protesting the symposium into the office of Seattle's Mayor Charles Royer, himself a member of Target Seattle's advisory committee. Across the state, NDPC-backed candidates made Target Seattle and the question of U.S. strategic policy a campaign issue. Resolutions to cancel Target Seattle went to the city councils of Seattle and Tri-Cities.

After former governor Dixy Lee Ray called Democratic National Committee chairman Charles Manatt's support for the nuclear freeze "treasonous" at a Tri-Cities press conference in response to a question by an NDPC candidate, the editorial board of Seattle's *Post-Intelligencer*, which is vehemently opposed to U.S. development of a beam-weapons defense system, issued a series of editorials attacking the NDPC and Democratic presidential candidate and NDPC Advisory Committee chairman Lyndon LaRouche.

But the NDPC claimed victory when the Seattle press was forced to announce on Oct. 28, just one day before the event, that the Soviet delegation, including Soviet diplomat and U.S. and Canada expert Valentin Berezhkov, would not attend Target Seattle. No official reason was given. The press reported to the NDPC that the Soviet speakers had actually cancelled three weeks before.

In addition to the minimal attendance at the opening session, only a reported 500 "livingroom" meetings actually took place. When the conference opened Oct. 29, it was the NDPC picket line of the meeting which dominated that day's television coverage of the event.

And, the television reported, when NDPC-backed city council candidate Mark Calney asked at the Target Seattle press conference if anyone on the supposedly "balanced" panel supported the official policy of the United States—beam weapons defense—Admiral Gayler responded by shoving him, and had to be physically restrained. Calney was shown walking off with a sheriff to press charges against Gayler.