

## National News

### First signs of in-depth U.S. warfighting plan

The latest Defense Guidance of the Department of Defense calls for preparing for extended, in-depth warfighting capabilities, referred to as "planning for World War IV," according to a Jan. 11 *Philadelphia Inquirer* article by Frank Greve. This represents a significant change in U.S. defense planning, which has previously been more characterized by approaching thermonuclear war as "unthinkable."

The article points out that the guidance calls for preparing and protecting reserves of nuclear weapons and delivery systems. These would include submarines, "bombers and land-based ballistic missiles likewise held in secret reserve." Also included are plans for ensuring that a "war-waging National Command Authority—with a line of succession that runs from the president to the vice president, then to the secretary of defense and his civilian deputies—is able to communicate with and command the nation's surviving military resources.

"New communications systems, 'hardened' to endure nuclear attacks, will receive \$18 billion under the plan and will enjoy 'top priority' in Pentagon funding."

### Garwin takes another spin around Red Square

One of the Soviet Union's favorite American defense scientists has teamed up with the Soviets' favorite West German mass-media outlet for another propaganda-attack on the U.S. President's beam-weapons policy.

*Der Spiegel* magazine, known to be preparing a major slander of Lyndon and Helga LaRouche, published a seven-page interview in early January with Richard Garwin, for whom the Soviets had so many good words for at the Erice East-West scientists' conference last summer.

*Spiegel* is the magazine of hashish con-

sumer Rudolf Augstein, a close Free Democratic Party associate of FDP chairman and West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the top German link to both Khomeini's terrorists and the beam-weapons opponents in NATO.

The interview is a good study in the logic of appeasement: Although, says Garwin, only an inadequate and very expensive anti-missile defense system could be built, if an effective system were possible it would be a cause for war: "It can threaten total disarmament of the enemy, and the enemy of course is forced to strike back; that means, that in a time without conflicts there would suddenly be war—preventive war."

### Lehman wants officers punished for Beirut

Jet-setter and U.S. Navy Secretary John Lehman, in opposition to the policy of President Reagan and his own staff officers, recommended that military officers be reprimanded for command failures associated with last year's bombing of the U.S. Marine compound in Beirut that killed 239 Marines.

Lehman submitted his recommendations, which were leaked in substance to the *New York Times*, as part of a Pentagon review of the bombing which has included the Long Commission investigation.

President Reagan stated after the release of the Long Commission report that no officers would be blamed directly for the bombing. While not ruling out reprimands, the White House had reportedly desired that the issue be resolved through improved security measures and otherwise allowed to quiet down. Lehman, also reportedly an opponent of the President's program for beam-weapon defense against strategic missiles, is suspected of leaking his recommendations to the *Times* to embarrass Weinberger and the President.

Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Watkins has repeatedly clashed with Lehman on policy matters. The *Times'* purpose in reporting the current clash is to politically embarrass Watkins, a strong supporter of the beam-weapons program, and allied officers.

### Bundy calls for future backdowns to Soviets

"Eastern Establishment" chief McGeorge Bundy makes a rather subtle argument on Moscow's behalf, in an op-ed in the Jan. 6 *New York Times*. Disguised as a warning against Kissingerian threats of a U.S. invasion of Nicaragua, Bundy answers the demands of Lyndon LaRouche, Idaho Senator Steve Symms, and others that the secret protocols arrived at by Kennedy and Khrushchev during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis be revealed.

Bundy argues that the assurances given by Kennedy to Khrushchev were proper and necessary. Though he claims falsely that no written agreements exist, and pretends that the crux of Kennedy's concession was simply to pledge not to launch an invasion of Cuba he did not seek in any case—not the mammoth concession of a pullout of U.S. missiles from Turkey, Italy, and elsewhere in Europe, following the crisis—Bundy's message is clear when he accurately denies that the "understanding" between Kennedy and Khrushchev was "a great American victory," and proceeds to call for the same sort of response in future crises.

### New York Times attacks Kramer-Armstrong bill

That creature which can do great harm to men but which itself has little brain, has been known at least since Biblical times as the viper. Flora Lewis, one of the *New York Times'* most senior vipers, was released on Jan. 6 against Rep. Ken Kramer's "People Protection Act," a bill she describes as offered "in support of President Reagan's call to develop a space-based defense against missiles as the magic formula to end the nuclear menace." The legislation is co-sponsored by Kramer's fellow Colorado Republican, Sen. William Armstrong.

"A little-noticed bill before Congress holds the seeds of a military commitment that could be as momentous for the fate of

the United States and the world as creation of the vast nuclear arsenals," writes Lewis.

"Air Force Space Command . . . seeks a panoply of arms in space. It believes war in space is inevitable, that fighting in space will be the 'decisive form of military power,' and that the U.S. will win if it hurries. This argument is not about defense but offense. . . ."

"But to begin with, there are the gravest scientific doubts that 20 years and astronomical sums could achieve such a defense system. If it could, no reputable scientist, even among those who want to try, claims it would be really complete. . . . It would be 10 times easier and many more times cheaper to foil the defense system. Meanwhile, there would surely be another spurt in the missile race to overwhelm the possibility of defenses.

"Nor is there the slightest sign that the goal of 'mutually assured protection' means what it says. . . . It is cruel to create the illusion that this way lies deliverance from nuclear terror. And it is harmful to the cohesion of American society, for already some people are beginning to charge disloyalty and even treason against scientists expressing honest, reasoned opposition to Mr. Reagan's mesmerizing promise of pie-in-the-sky."

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## Long Commission Attacks President

The Harrimanite Democrats that ran the Carter administration are behind the recent Long Commission report on Lebanon which attacks President Reagan's policy as "indefensible."

According to Washington correspondent Niles Latham in the Jan. 8 New York Post, five of the commission members "saw their careers peak during the Carter administration and then diminish after 1981."

● Commission chairman Adm. Robert Long was the likely chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff had Carter won re-election; he retired after being passed over by President Reagan. Long is also a longtime friend of House Speaker Tip O'Neill, who is a vociferous supporter of its recommendation.

● Commissioner Robert J. Murray is

reported to be personally close to Carter and held several posts during the Carter presidency, including Undersecretary of the Navy and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Senior White House officials are reportedly furious over the blatant anti-Reagan political character of the Commission's report. "It is one thing to deal with security arrangements, intelligence reporting and rules of engagement. But it is entirely another thing for an independent military commission to give political recommendations like that," Latham quotes an unnamed senior Mideast expert as saying.

Meanwhile, Jimmy Carter himself has backed up the Commission's findings and called for an immediate withdrawal of U.S. forces. In an interview with the Beirut English language weekly *Monday Morning*, Carter, who supervised the U.S. loss of Iran to Khomeini and the Soviets, says the Marines must go, because as the Commission found, they had lost their neutral role as peacekeeping forces. Carter further urged Reagan not to underestimate the importance of Syria to a Middle East settlement and to hold direct talks with Syrian President Assad.

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## Soviets blast 'secret' U.S.-Norway defense ties

Documents have been leaked by the Norwegian Defense Ministry revealing a 1973 U.S.-Norwegian "secret agreement" which discloses that "in times of crisis" the United States combat, reconnaissance, and transport aircraft can use seven airfields in Norway, according to *Izvestiya* Jan. 7.

The leaking of the documents will feed the ongoing Soviet campaign to "Finlandize" Scandinavia. *Izvestiya* cited the "uproar" in Norway caused by the publication of the secret documents by the Defense Ministry, claiming that this is "one of the biggest political scandals in the postwar years." The Swedish daily *Svenska Dagbladet* said that the publication of these documents "has activated anti-NATO and anti-missile sentiments in Norway."

The Soviet Union, according to *Izvestiya*, knows of 238 U.S.-Norwegian "secret," never-published agreements.

## Briefly

● **RICHARD PERLE** is heading up a special Defense Department task force which will file by March 1 its draft report to Congress on strengthening conventional forces in Europe. This operation is an outgrowth of the Carrington-McGeorge Bundy Club of Rome "European Security Study (ESECS)," whose "conventional deterrence" nonsense infects the NATO command. Perle and his fellow Kissingerians expect the report, like the ESECS study itself, to help draw the military policy debate away from strategic nuclear forces and strategic beam weapons defense.

● **A STUDY** by the Brookings Institution and MIT, under the name "Ballistic Missile Defense," was released Jan. 11. It concludes, "It is highly unlikely—indeed, the prospect is so remote that it is of no practical interest—that BMD will alter the mutual hostage relationship of the U.S. and the Soviet Union, in which each is vulnerable to mortal damage by the other."

● **THE VATICAN** and the United States have established full diplomatic relations for the first time since 1867.

Liam A. Wilson, a close friend of President Reagan, was nominated as ambassador. The *New York Times* suspects a plot between Reagan and the Vatican to counter the influence of the pro-nuclear-freeze American bishops, but there are also elements within the Vatican favoring "a new Yalta" with the Soviets.

● **JUST TO PROVE** to you how clever Henry A. Kissinger can be when he tries, did you ever realize that he doesn't actually look like Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain? But, he is extremely tasteless. . . . he could walk throughout a starving mob of hungry cannibals without being scratched by a knife or fork. Bloodhounds set to track Henry Kissinger fall into a dead faint after sniffing his footsteps. All in all, you'd have to call him a queer duck—if he were a duck.