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# Neutrality does not mean Finlandization

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Moscow is angry: Switzerland, writes the daily of the Soviet Armed Forces *Krasnaya Zvezda*, and in particular its military, is being "Americanized at an accelerated pace." The July 16 diatribe issued by the Soviet General Staff followed a much-publicized visit of Switzerland's defense minister Jean-Pascal Delamuraz to Washington, where the minister, to the horror of domestic left-wing critics, showed great interest in the Strategic Defense Initiative and possible Swiss cooperation. "Switzerland, a potential ally of NATO," raged *Krasnaya Zvezda*, is "considered by the Pentagon as a potential ally in case of a military conflict in Europe and a kind of strategic link in the 'gap' between NATO partners West Germany and Italy."

The reported theme of the major, fall 1984 general staff exercises conducted by the Swiss Army had equally little to please Moscow: Journalistic sources in Switzerland and France put out a scenario with World War III starting in November 1985 with extreme instability in Greece following Papanreou's electoral victory, Soviet and Bulgarian military exploitation of the confusion there, and an outbreak of war in the Balkans. The alleged scenario (no confirmation has been obtained from official Swiss sources) then called for a partial invasion and occupation of Switzerland by the Warsaw Pact, and resulting military collaboration between NATO and the Swiss. Whether the reported details of the wargames were actually those proposed by the Swiss Army or not, the conclusion certainly represents the mood in the military and much of the country.

It is no accident that the leading Swiss newspaper, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, has maintained the best record of factual and objective coverage of the SDI of any major European media. Interest in SDI participation is high in the Swiss military and the high-technology areas of industry. Swiss technological excellence in optics and high-precision tools and instruments makes an obvious partner in both the SDI and a European defense initiative.

A ruckus broke out last spring when General Roger Mabilard, chief of the Army Instructors Corps, told a gathering of instructors that "for all those who carry the burden of responsibility, the journalist is in the best of cases at least a potential enemy," a sharp reference to rampant pacifism in the Swiss media, and described the corps he leads as something of a national elite. The leaking of the address set off a

national debate with undertones touching the very nature of Swiss neutrality: While the Swiss Constitution prescribes neutrality with respect to other nations, can there be any neutrality between Western civilization of which Switzerland is part, and the barbaric Russian Empire?

What neutrality may mean under world circumstances today was a focus of debate at the recent *EIR* press conference in Geneva, where *EIR*'s "Global Showdown" report was presented to diplomats, military, and media representatives. The *Tribune de Genève*, one of the two major dailies there, gave positive coverage to the report, and it is being reviewed at the highest levels of the parliamentary and military structures.

Inevitably, a conflict of interest will have to be solved in Switzerland: The Swiss-based food cartel giants such as André, Continental, etc., are playing the Soviet game internationally; the Soviets find ready partners in various banks of Basel, Zurich, and Geneva; the recycling of drug money has also found in Swiss banks one of its most central nodes; the Bank for International Settlements and its twin-sister the Swiss National Bank are playing a crucial role in the destruction of the Western economies, and those of the Third World; hospitality and facilities for international action are also granted to such international Nazi-Communists as Lausanne's François Genoud and his friend Ahmed Ben Bella, who have a bevy of Swiss Islamic converts to help them. Such eminent Swiss figures as Jacques Freymond, former head of the Geneva Graduate Institute for International Studies and a leading member of the Club of Rome, and Denis de Rougemont, the godfather of environmentalism, are still wreaking havoc with the Western world from their Swiss base.

The paradigm is that of World War II: Swiss financiers and ideologues played a significant role in supporting Adolf Hitler from 1923 onward, and ended up making their country the high-tech workshop of the Axis during the war. A Berlin-based group of SS Intelligence chief Walter Schellenberg and Reichsbank officials considered Switzerland as "our financial pivot," and actively discouraged any intention to invade Switzerland, profitably using Swiss National Bank and BIS facilities to raise funds for the Reich (as the Swiss National Bank's former archivist admitted in a recent article in the bank's own magazine, after *EIR* and other researchers published damning evidence). On the other hand, Hitler was deterred by the war preparedness shown by the Swiss Army and its head, General Henri Guisan, whose 1939 appointment had been a signal that the pro-Nazi currents would not swing the country. Hitler knew that partisan warfare in the East and the Balkans would have paled in comparison to mountain warfare. Still, Switzerland in effect functioned as a satrapy of the Reich for the duration of the war.

The backers of the invidious "neutralist" media, the Socialist-Communist and ultra-liberal politicians who work closely with the West German Social Democrats, are the same ones who try to run down the Swiss militia system.