

# Heritage Foundation, ADL caught protecting Soviet war drive

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The publication of *EIR's Global Showdown* special report on July 24, documenting in depth the plans of the Soviets for world domination by 1988, caused a new level of consternation within the circles of the KGB's rightwing collaborators within the United States. Predictably, they responded with a campaign of whispers and slanders against Lyndon LaRouche, tagging him with the epithet, "KGB."

The source of this new campaign is an alliance between the British-controlled Heritage Foundation and the dope-lobby front known as the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Its chosen conduit is the leadership of the American Legion, one of the oldest, and presumably the most patriotic, groups in the United States.

On the surface, the situation could not be more absurd. In instance after instance, American Legion posts which have requested slide shows from *EIR* outlining the Global Showdown situation, have been forced to literally "pull the plug" on those shows because of orders from American Legion headquarters. How can the Legion justify moving to cut off its membership from the only international magazine which is putting out the truth of the Soviet war drive, and campaigning for a crash U.S. military buildup, with the front edge of the Strategic Defense Initiative? What could possibly be their disagreements with the documentation provided by *EIR* of the Soviet war drive, and the program laid out by *EIR* of how the United States can successfully counter it?

Ask the Legion, however, and they will tell you that they are simply relying on the word of another "patriotic" organization, the Heritage Foundation. What they are covering up is the fact that the Heritage Foundation and its "experts" have a clear history of doing their best to sabotage President Reagan's program for the SDI, and his commitment to Europe!

## The American Legion letter

While the disruption of *Global Showdown* presentations at American Legion meetings began in early August, the flow of anti-*EIR* propaganda and directives from American Legion headquarters dates from not later than the time of the President's June trip to Germany's Bitburg cemetery.

The uproar created around Bitburg, the reader will recall,

was a creation of the Soviet Union and its allies in the ADL, crafted to the end of attempting to drive a wedge between the United States and West Germany. The most outrageous lies and slanders were circulated in hopes of getting President Reagan to cancel his trip, and of provoking the Germans into a hostile reaction to the vicious lies that all Germans were Nazis.

According to sources close to the American Legion, a meeting was held at that time between the Legion, the ADL, and the Jewish War Veterans. Under the general topic of planning attacks on the President for his trip to Bitburg, apparently the need to attack LaRouche's organizations, which were campaigning heavily for the Bitburg visit, was also put on the agenda. From Nathan Perlmutter, ADL representative, came the idea for the American Legion to release a confidential memo, which would tell Legion members not to pay attention to LaRouche.

At that time, the Legion disgraced its heritage by coming out against the President's trip, the entire purpose of which was to strengthen the Western alliance. In effect, it acted directly at the behest of the ADL, on behalf of the Soviets.

According to our sources, the May meeting also served to reconstitute an official liaison committee between the ADL, the Jewish War Veterans, and the Legion. The official American Legion representative on that committee is Robert W. Spanogle. Thus, it is not surprising that it was Spanogle, also the Legion National Adjutant, who later, we believe in July, put his name to a letter telling Legion chapters to avoid contact with LaRouche.

The Spanogle letter was a clear effort to intimidate and suppress debate, based on wild slanders. Quoting the the Heritage Foundation, which claims that the LaRouche "network" is "anti-Semitic," a "cult," and has "bizarre and viciously anti-Semitic conspiracy theories," the letter directs local adjutants to "please take the necessary steps to discreetly alert your membership about the Schiller Institute and the LaRouche network. It is clearly in the interest of the American Legion to avoid any contact with any of these groups."

And why would Mr. Spanogle rely on such slanderous characterizations, rather than cite the Heritage Foundation's alternative to LaRouche's defense policy? Because, in fact,

the Heritage Foundation cannot win a debate on defense policy with LaRouche. For, although professing adherence to the President's defense policy, the foundation's policies are provably not only inadequate to the threat posed by Soviet strategy, but play directly into the hands of their policy for world domination.

Thus, the necessity to suppress *Global Showdown*, the only comprehensive report on the depth and extent of the Soviet drive for world domination.

### Heritage Foundation treason

From the time of President Reagan's announcement of the Strategic Defense Initiative on March 23, 1983, the Heritage Foundation has attempted to use the broad scope of the President's policy in such a way as to insert the core of their own policy, "High Frontier." As the Heritage Foundation's newsletter, *The Background*, put it on Dec. 8, 1983, "The [President's] message was clearly directed at goals rather than means." The means, they said, must be elaborated according to High Frontier.

But High Frontier, and its chief spokesman, Lt.-Gen. (ret.) Danny Graham, is a concept totally different than strategic defense against ICBMs based on new physical principles, such as laser and electron beams. Instead, it calls for putting a bunch of junk up into space, in hopes of interfering with the flight pattern of ICBMs. When critics of the SDI claim that the Soviets could easily develop countermeasures against space-based defense, they are talking about the slapdash system of High Frontier.

But that is not the only way in which the Heritage Foundation has worked to sabotage the SDI project of the President. Equally significant, they have put the SDI into a laundry list of desirable military objectives in such a way as to undercut the primary, essential, role which the SDI will play in determining whether or not the Soviets can go ahead with their war plan by 1988. To put it bluntly, if the United States does *not* go on a crash program for the SDI, with the attendant benefits to the economy, there will be *nothing* to deter the Soviets from carrying out their plans.

But the Heritage Foundation, whose major thrust is to cut government-budget items right and left, does not call for a crash program for the SDI. In fact, when it comes to outlining concrete initiatives for 1985 and fiscal year 1986, the Heritage Foundation's "Mandate for Leadership II" only includes the following mention of the SDI: As point number two, it says, "structure the Strategic Defense Initiative to provide for the defense of MX."

Even worse, this definitive Heritage Foundation book makes an elaborate argument in order to convince its readers that the United States has been wasting its energy on the "long-term possibilities of nationwide defense against ballistic missile attack, at the expense of near-term options for protection of key military assets such as land-based ballistic missiles." In other words, when it comes to concrete policy making, instead of pious sentiments, the Heritage Founda-

tion *opposes* President Reagan's goal of a full defense of the U.S. population from nuclear war. It only wants to defend weapons.

We quote: "The fundamental objective of a BMD program should not be 'leak proof' defense of the continental U.S. (which no system could guarantee), but deterrence of Soviet attack against the U.S. or its allies by complicating Soviet military planning and minimizing the prospects for successful execution of Soviet nuclear strategy."

No wonder that the Heritage Foundation opposes the approach of Lyndon LaRouche and *EIR*, which insists that a full defensive system for populations is absolutely essential. LaRouche's approach makes it mandatory that the Soviets to come to their senses, or face total defeat; the Heritage Foundation's approach maintains U.S. strategic doctrine within the Kissingerian "crisis management" approach.

The Heritage Foundation is taking the same line as Zbigniew Brzezinski and arms negotiator Max Kampelman, who, in their *New York Times Magazine* article last winter, called for restricting the application of the SDI to missile site defense, thus increasing the chances that the Soviets would be willing to accept, and negotiate, on this issue. If the Heritage Foundation approach was not developed by the KGB, it could have been.

### The Legion's choice

Spanogle's letter has not succeeded in barring Legion members from access to LaRouche's strategic analysis and alternative—not by a long shot. All around the country, courageous Legion local leaders are acting on their consciences.

Worse yet for the ADL and the Heritage Foundation is the fact that national leader of the Legion, Milton Croom, has written a letter to the entire membership declaring support for LaRouche's approach, and exposing the fact that the Heritage Foundation has not only undercut the SDI fight, but also failed to work to prevent the confirmation of arch-liberal and KGB collaborator Richard Burt to the sensitive post of ambassador to Bonn. The letter was distributed to at least one in five of the Legionnaires who attended the recent New Orleans national conference.

Heritage must also have been somewhat chagrined at Secretary of Defense Weinberger's speech at that conference. There is no love lost between Heritage and the secretary of defense, who has time and again rejected the local "anti-communist" adventures which Heritage proposes in places like Central America, as diverting from U.S. central strategic interests. And, at this conference, Weinberger did it again. Rather than talk about Afghanistan or Nicaragua, he concentrated on the Soviet strategic buildup, both in offense and strategic defense, and made it clear that he would fight to the end to preserve the Strategic Defense Initiative as the crucial answer to the Soviets.

We think the ADL and Heritage Foundation may be a bit overexposed.