

# The Soviets play their 'green card' to destabilize the West

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Several months before becoming head of the KGB at the Soviet Central Committee Plenum on Sept. 30, Vladimir Kryuchkov informed a meeting of Soviet policymakers that a priority of the Kremlin's foreign policy had been, and would increasingly be, to cultivate "green" movements in West Germany and other nations of the West.

Kryuchkov made his comments at the end of July 1988, at an internal Soviet Foreign Ministry conference, in his capacity as head of KGB foreign intelligence. The speech was first published in the October edition of *Mezhdunarodnaya Zhizn*, the Russian-language version of the magazine *International Affairs*, the official publication of the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

Said Kryuchkov: "The practical steps we have launched to break the ice in Western Europe . . . have borne fruit. We have successfully changed people's minds. . . . The policy conducted by Gorbachov has been a big success. . . . We will orient to the Greens and the peace movements to put these people in the forefront, so as to influence the brains of the politicians. . . . We can accomplish this by sympathizing with the ideas of the Greens and peace movement." Referring to West Germany, he said: "We must try to find minorities in West German society with whom we can speak, so that they can then influence broader layers of society. . . . We have developed new conceptions and new methods to use these forces."

While Comrade Kryuchkov's comments placed a special emphasis on subverting West Germany, his comments were not meant only for the Federal Republic. His marching orders are certainly being applied with increasing intensity on a global scale, on both sides of the Atlantic. The Soviets are cultivating "green" movements, some of them with known connections to satanist organizations, to erode the cultural, moral, and political will of the West to defend Judeo-Christian values.

On Nov. 8, the same day as the American elections, the

Soviet-patronized International Foundation for the Survival and Development of Humanity begins a two-week invasion of the United States, starting with Washington, D.C., and continuing on to New York, Boston, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. This could turn into a high-publicity event, to some extent shaping the U.S. public mood after the elections, because the delegation is supposed to include famous "dissident" physicist Andrei Sakharov, who is being let out of the country for the occasion.

Physicist Yevgeni Velikhov, vice-chairman of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, is another foundation influential, and high-level representatives of the Soviet Culture Fund, the Russian Orthodox Church, and other Soviet institutions are on its board. Since its inception in late December 1987, the Soviets have used the foundation to spread environmentalist and disarmament propaganda.

The foundation also numbers on its board several non-Russian personalities, including Munich-area kook scientist Hans-Peter Doerr of the newly formed Global Challenges Network; KGB-linked billionaire Armand Hammer; former U.S. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara; and the head of the ecological fanatic Greenpeace group, Canada's David McTaggart.

## The case of Greenpeace

Greenpeace itself is a most interesting case of a Soviet-cultivated operation, as described by Kryuchkov. In August-September of this year, it established an official bureau in Moscow. In 1985, Greenpeace had drawn international attention, as a protagonist in the *Rainbow Warrior* affair, in which French secret service agents were accused of blowing up the Greenpeace *Rainbow Warrior* ship in New Zealand waters. This affair was used effectively to destabilize traditional elements in the French intelligence services, to the benefit of the East. But this was an East-West "joint stock" operation. Greenpeace's lawyer against France in that case

was Lloyd Cutler, former White House legal adviser in the Carter administration, and now a chief backer of Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis.

Also noteworthy, is that on Aug. 28, the *Sunday Telegraph* of London reported that Greenpeace's policies are characterized as "wholly pagan," by several of Britain's organized pagan groups, including the Pagan Federation and the Odinic Rite, the latter a "pagan foundation [that] has achieved charitable status." According to the *Sunday Telegraph*, paganism is rife among ecological groups, and "ecological New Age" beliefs are drawing many people to organized paganism.

Prior to the Nov. 8 opening of the International Foundation activities in the United States, the whole leadership of the West German national branch of Greenpeace was visiting Moscow.

Before that trip, the East and West elites who are behind the "green" movements have had high-level strategy sessions. From Oct. 25-28, the Club of Rome International held its 20th-anniversary commemoration in Paris, with the Soviet delegation led by Yevgeni Primakov, head of the IMEMO think tank in Moscow. (See *EIR*, Oct. 21, 1988, "When you see a starving African, think of the Club of Rome.")

During the last days of October, the Varna, Bulgaria-based Eco-Forum for Peace, also known as The Club of Varna, an important East-West ecological group, held a "traveling conference" through various of the states along the Danube River, to highlight "ecological issues" of common East-West concern. The president of the Eco-Forum at the time of its founding in the mid-1980s, was Ivan Frolov, today a member of the small inner advisory cabinet to Mikhail Gorbachov.

### **Aquarians, Dukakisoids**

At the beginning of October, ecology groups from all over Europe had been in the U.S.S.R., sponsored by the Environmental Affairs Council of the Soviet Union, a section of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party.

In mid-October, a 10-person Soviet delegation had traveled to northern Scotland, to attend a conference of the Findhorn Foundation, a commune founded in 1962, which describes itself as central to what has become known as the "Aquarian Conspiracy," and as a "center for green ideas." It maintains what commune members refer to as a computerized network of groups involved in "global consciousness and planetary transformation."

The theme of conference was, "The Individual and the Collective: Politics as if the Whole Earth Mattered." The two key issues discussed were "the politics needed to support Green issues," and "East-West rapprochement and disarmament."

Up to the minute that the conference began, the anticipated keynote speaker was Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennadi Gerassimov, who had to cancel at the last

moment, because of the visit of Italian Prime Minister Ciriacò De Mita to Moscow on the same day.

A key Soviet participant was filmmaker Joseph Goldin. Goldin's pet project, announced at the meeting, is something called the "Mir Caravan" (*Mir* means both "peace" and "world" in Russian). In the spring of 1989, this group will sponsor a "friendly cultural invasion of Western Europe," by trucks that formerly carried missile-launchers for Soviet SS-20s and SS-12s, and now will carry giant television screens beaming "peace" films! Findhorn Foundation conference participants report that "Mir Caravan" has established an office in Paris, and has "received the blessing of the French

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Goldin described meetings such as the one at Findhorn, as part of a "worldwide *perestroika* of consciousness." Another Soviet representative, from the Moscow Center for Social Invention, talked of seeking a "post-industrial socialism," with the help of the "green spiritual movement." He noted, "Gorbachov wrote about spiritual values in his book *Perestroika*. He meant the soul, which is as important as the body."

The words were music to the ears of the Western kooks in attendance.

One U.S. attendant at Findhorn, Duncan Parry of Earth Stewards Network, said that Goldin is "the visionary; we provide the logistics." Goldin's activities "destroy stereotypes," Parry went on. "A victory for George Bush next month will make no difference, because this thing has its own momentum."

If this sounded like a plug for Governor Dukakis, that was not accidental. Another U.S. participant was Harvard Medical School's Dr. John Mack, the leading figure in the Medical School's Center for Psychological Studies in the Nuclear Age, on whose board sits Joseph Nye, Michael Dukakis's leading foreign policy adviser. This center specializes in brainwashing Americans to relinquish "the enemy image" of the Soviets. According to an account in the Oct. 17 *London Guardian*, Dr. Mack told the Findhorn participants that he was looking for "non-argumentative ways to conflict resolution," for "new myths that unite us, a new concept of human

identity.”

Joseph Goldin has had long-standing ties to the pro-drug Esalen Institute of California, which was founded by LSD hallucinator Aldous Huxley and others in the early 1960s. In the 1970s and 1980s, Esalen chairman Michael Murphy and his colleague James Hickman have built “citizens’ diplomacy” channels to the Russians, under the overall rubric, “Soviet-American Exchange.” One Findhorn source said: “The actual institutional entity that made the difference in bringing about a new East-West perspective was the Esalen Institute. . . . Esalen began to get such a good reception in Moscow in the early 1980s, that it would at times have better contacts in the U.S.S.R. than the American Embassy!” One chief cultivator of contacts with Esalen from the Soviet side, was the aforementioned Frolov, now Gorbachov’s adviser.

As of Nov. 1, Goldin had arrived in Esalen, for a new round of discussions there.

Findhorn conference participants point to other organizations that are important in the new phases of East-West “green” exchanges. One is the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, the group financially patronized by Armand Hammer.

Another, working more behind-the-scenes, is a group involved in esoteric practices and theosophy, called the Lucis Trust. Based in New York, London, and Geneva, the Lucis Trust was known at the time of its creation in the 1920s as the Lucifer Trust, but the name’s connotation of “Satan” brought about too much controversy. The Lucis Trust uses United Nations channels to build global influence, and, in the words of a Findhorn member, “has encouraged the formation of thousands of groups around the world.” Its spiritual founder, Alice Bailey, was a well-known American Theosophist earlier in this century. One of its better known U.S. collaborators is Robert McNamara.

### Royal family ‘guppies’

Infrastructural and philosophical help for the Soviet-backed “green” movements also comes from the highest levels of the House of Windsor in Great Britain.

On Oct. 30, the London *Sunday Express Magazine* ran a cover story entitled, “Prince Philip: The Original Guppie,” with a photo on the cover of the prince with a green button with black letters reading, “Green Rules O.K.” (“Guppie” stands for “green yuppie.”) The article noted that “Prince Philip was the first member of the Royal family to make a major contribution to green issues and his involvement has been crucial. Twenty-seven years ago he became the first U.K. President of the World Wildlife Fund, now the World Wide Fund for Nature.”

But he is not the only royal “guppie.” Seven years ago, he handed over the U.K. presidency of the World Wide Fund for Nature to Princess Alexandra. Queen Elizabeth II herself patronizes, among other “green” institutions, the Flora and Fauna Preservation Society and the Wildfowl Trust, while

Prince Charles is President of the Wildfowl Trust and patronizes a curious cult called “Men of the Trees.”

With such sponsorship, “green” politics has taken off in Britain. Jonathan Porritt, a leader of Friends of the Earth, told the *Express*, “The ’80s have witnessed the spectacular greening of British politics.” Says one other “green” influential: “The ’60s are over, lovey. People in the ’80s admire gloss and aristocratic style. It’s no longer considered snobby to bring together people who have power and influence with those professionals who know about the environment.”

One group that is expanding fast in Britain, the article notes, is none other than the Soviet-linked Greenpeace.

## Thatcher backs nuclear power, upsets ‘greens’

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and some of her Cabinet ministers have created an uproar among Britain’s “greens,” by insisting that the only solution to the “greenhouse effect” and other environmental problems, is an increase in nuclear power generation.

Appearing on BBC-TV’s gram Oct. 30, British Environment Secretary Nicholas Ridley said: “There is absolutely no doubt that if we want to arrest the greenhouse effect, we should concentrate, like the French are, on a massive increase in nuclear generating capacity. Nuclear power stations give out no sulphur or carbon dioxide, so they are the cleanest form of power generation. It is the only serious way of reducing our carbon emissions.” Ridley said that conservationists could “not have it both ways,” since if they opposed nuclear power, then coal-burning power stations would only worsen the problems from carbon dioxide and sulphur oxide. Wind or wave power, which the environmentalists favor, could not provide enough energy to sustain industrialized nations. But nuclear power stations replacing conventional power stations, would help Britain get rid of “conventional pollution.”

At a recent Tory Party conference, Mrs. Thatcher herself insisted on a much heavier nuclear power program for Britain, as a solution to the “green” problems facing the country. She repeated this in a front-page Oct. 26 interview with the *Times* of London, in which she said, “Had we gone the way of France, and got 60% of our electricity from nuclear power, we should not have environmental problems.”

Groups like Friends of the Earth have issued statements attacking Thatcher and Ridley.