

SECRETIVE TRILATERAL SUBCOMMITTEE RUNS SALT TALKS

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 27 (IPS)--David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission is directly controlling "policy planning" for the U.S. delegation to the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) in Geneva.

The General Advisory Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament, the body that drafts most of U.S. policy, contains no less than six Trilateral Commission members and is represented at the talks by Trilateral Executive Committee member Dr. Harold Brown, president of the California Institute of Technology.

The full Committee, appointed by the President, serves as the advising agency to the negotiating team, the President, the Secretaries of State and Defense, and the National Security Council. Representatives of the General Advisory Committee, which is composed of "non-governmental, private citizens," also meet regularly with the "back-up" negotiating committee in Washington, which includes the top officials of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The present chairman of the General Advisory Committee is Dr. Harold Agnew, director of the Los Alamos Laboratory. A spokesman for his office at the Advisory Committee in Washington today refused to answer any questions from IPS reporters. The spokesman, Howard Myers, in response to a question regarding the function of the Committee, would only comment: "I'm not going to tell you anything. And if I knew, I still wouldn't tell you...because the work of the Committee totally depends on continued strict conditions of confidentiality." Dr. Agnew thus far has refused to answer questions from IPS concerning the activities of his Committee.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency informed IPS that the present members, in addition to Dr. Agnew, are:

Gordon Allott, former U.S. Senator from Colorado; Edward Clark, former U.S. Ambassador to Australia; Lane Kirkland, Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO and member of the Trilateral Commission; Dr. Karl Marcy, former staff director of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Joseph Martin, Jr., former U.S. Ambassador to the Geneva talks; John A. McCone, former Director of the CIA; Gerard C. Smith, North American director of the Trilateral Commission; I.W. Abel, president of the United Steelworkers and executive committee member of the Trilateral Commission; former Secretary of State Dean Rusk; Dr. John Wheeler; William C. Foster, former director of ACDA; Dr. Harold Brown, executive committee member, Trilateral Commission; and William Scranton, former Governor of Pennsylvania, overseer of the First Great Oil Hoax, and executive committee member of the Trilateral Commission.

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