Vance and McNamara send message to Soviets

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Cyrus Vance, the former secretary of state who ordered the production of the Carter administration's Global 2000 blueprint for genocidal population reduction, and Robert Strange McNamara, the former defense secretary who ran the no-win meatgrinder war in Vietnam, held a press conference in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 28 to propose $135 billion in defense budget cuts over five years, lying that such cuts could be made without threatening U.S. national security.

Vance, McNamara, and company have no concern for U.S. national security, nor are they concerned with "balancing the budget," but they plan to use the budget-cutting hysteria to create momentum in Congress in favor of defense cuts.

Vance identified the real target of his attack on defense spending when he interrupted McNamara at the press conference to warn that the United States must never deploy an antiballistic missile defense system, which he claimed would threaten the "delicate balance of world peace."

On March 1, a spokesman for the National Democratic Policy Committee, whose advisory committee is chaired by *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche, announced a stepped-up national mobilization to secure passage of legislation mandating a crash program to develop beam weapons. "The Vance-McNamara proposals are a plan for the strategic disarmament of the United States," said the NDPC spokesman. "They are the flip side of the nuclear freeze proposal now before Congress, a proposal supported by both Vance and McNamara."

The Vance-McNamara proposal was contained in letters dispatched Feb. 28 to the respective chairmen of the Senate and House budget committees. The plan amounts to a gutting of any kind of weapons system that smacks of high technology, with particular emphasis placed on eliminating programs for the development of U.S. strategic nuclear forces. Among those items they would slash are the B-1 bomber, the plane which is to replace the outdated B-52 bomber; the entire MX missile program, which would replace already obsolete U.S. ICBMs; the purchase of new fighter aircraft, to defend the U.S. from manned bomber attack; and the purchase of three new nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, to expand U.S. naval capabilities.

Such cuts would force a further collapse of the U.S. defense industrial base and scientific research capacities. Vance and McNamara, both rabid ideologues of the "post-industrial" world order, would like nothing better.

Vance and McNamara admitted that such cuts would place U.S. defense spending at levels far below even those of the last year of the Carter administration. Vance used the "economic crisis" to justify these cuts, stating that U.S. defense spending was the major economic threat to the nation.

Such arguments are tailored to Capitol Hill, but there is a larger aspect. McNamara and Vance are governed by the delusion that nuclear war is impossible under the insane doctrine of Mutually Assured Destruction because the destruction of both sides is "assured" by the size of their nuclear arsenals. The United States, in their view, must now devote its greatly reduced resources preparing to police wars in the developing sector, as recommended by former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Maxwell Taylor. Conventional wars are planned there to eliminate "excess" billions of population as specified in the *Global 2000* documents, developed by Vance's State Department and supported by former World Bank president McNamara.

Sources in the defense intelligence community identify the Vance-McNamara proposal as a signal to the Soviet leadership regarding the military posture of a "peace government" led by the Harrimanite wing of the Democratic Party of Eastern Establishment "liberals," which is directed by Averell Harriman and Democratic national chairman Charles Manatt and would take power in the 1984 presidential elections.

One source stated that Vance and McNamara believe that they must "send Andropov" a message soon by forcing Congress to cut the Reagan defense budget and blocking any push for beam weapons development. This, said the source, would prove that the Harrimanites are the people who wield power in the United States and hence the people with which Soviet leader Andropov should "cut a deal." Passage of the freeze resolution by Congress would have a similar effect.

The freeze question

The Harrimanites are thus in mobilization to ram the nuclear freeze resolution, House Joint Resolution 2, through the House by the middle of this month. As things stand now, the House Foreign Affairs Committee is expected to send the resolution to the floor the week of March 15. Last year, the freeze lost in the House by only two votes. The Harrimanites are counting on the new Democratic members of Congress to turn the tide in their direction. They are busing a horde of freeze backers into Washington to lobby before the vote.

Should the freeze pass, its backers will use it to push for a stampede cut in strategic weapons programs à la the Vance-McNamara proposal. Most important, they will try to stampede Congress against beam weapons development, using proposals sponsored by Sen. Larry Pressler (R-S.D.) to ban "space weapons."