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Reagan kept preparation of his initiative "on a closely held basis," as one official described it, withholding the draft of his defensive weapons proposal from many of his advisers until shortly before delivering his address, and shutting out many of the administration's "strategic experts" from discussions on the project after reportedly deciding to go ahead with it at a meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in early February. Even White House media chiefs David Gergen and Larry Speakes were denied copies of his address until a few hours before the President went on national television.

By shifting the entire context of the arms control debate with his decision to develop defensive systems, Reagan also threw the Harrimanite nuclear freeze movement for a loop. Having failed the week before the President's speech to pass their nuclear freeze resolution in the House, the freeze supporters have since watched helplessly as Reagan has built his own peace policy.

The Euromissile issue

One week after his rejection of MAD, Reagan announced that the United States would cut back its deployment of Pershing II and land-based cruise missiles in Europe if the Soviets made an equivalent reduction in warheads deployed on their SS-20 long-range missiles.

The President began by citing his defensive systems proposal, as the context for ultimately eliminating nuclear weapons entirely, thus putting his Euromissile proposal within the framework of transforming MAD into Mutually Assured Survival. The President's usual array of arms control critics had no choice but to praise the proposal, while a spokesman for the environmentalist Union of Concerned Scientists said he hoped it "is not just another attempt to weaken popular support for the upcoming freeze vote in the House."

Freezers undone?

The Harrimanites in Congress recognize that they have lost their momentum. A spokesman for the Arms Control and Foreign Policy Caucus lamented shortly before Reagan's Euromissile announcement, "Now we are dealing with a changed environment. Our main argument was that Reagan wasn't serious about arms control. Well, this week he will propose an interim solution on the Euromissile and next week he will offer a new proposal on the MX which will talk about 'building down' nuclear weapons. And, more importantly, we have this call last week to do away with nuclear weapons eventually." Any vote on the nuclear freeze resolution will not come up before the week of April 19, and while the caucus spokesman thought they still have the votes to pass it, he added, "I am a little worried. We should never have let it get off the floor without a vote. Now Reagan has regrouped and taken the initiative away from us. Governor Harriman was quite angry with the Democratic leadership for not letting the freeze come up for a vote."

Unholy alliance keeps up Reagangate game

by Scott Thompson

President Reagan's March 23 beam weapons policy speech stopped a steamroller drive to sweep him out of office through a series of "Watergate"-type scandals. Now, a "strange bed-fellow" alliance has been made: it joins Soviet agents of influence with the Moshe Arens-Ariel Sharon faction in Israel, George Shultz's State Department, the Manatt wing of the Democratic Party, and the nuclear freeze movement.

The goal of this alliance is to attempt to dump Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who is one of President Reagan's strongest allies in the new high technology effort to gain mutually assured survival.

In the week before the President's speech ending the MAD doctrine, Weinberger had already come under heavy attack—an attack carried out in the guise of opposition to the administration's Mideast policy, for which the Defense Secretary has taken the point position.

Steve Rosen, director of research and information of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), charged Weinberger "with conducting a vendetta against Israel." At the same time, Prof. Howard Adelson, who heads the American branch of Begin's Herut Party, said: "Our trigger-happy Secretary of Defense is undoubtedly the greatest obstacle to peace in the Middle East. Until he is removed from office the possibility for peace in the region is virtually nil. . . ."

This was the response to two points the defense secretary had made on Mideast policy: first, the United States has provided Israel with billions of dollars in military weapons for defensive purposes, not offensive war to regain a biblical Eretz Yisroel; and, second, if the United States is prepared to risk thermonuclear holocaust to guarantee Israel's survival, then Israel is obligated to share defense-related intelligence.

A great deal more is going on under the surface in this debate. Sources report that Steve Rosen and others in the Moshe Ahrens-Sharon faction are insiders on a plot by Secretary of State George Shultz to oust Weinberger and to sabotage President Reagan's effort at a Mideast peace settlement. This plot has been under way since Moshe Ahren's appointment as Israeli defense minister last month. Its cornerstone involves a covert effort to keep King Hussein of Jordan from taking part in negotiations for the creation of a

Jordanian-Palestinian protectorate that, if successful, would block the entire Reagan peace plan.

This same combination of forces has also opposed the President's beam weapon policy. Well-informed sources report it is the U.S. State Department that has secretly mobilized many of the European spokesmen who have denounced the beam weapon policy on the basis that it is either a provocation against the Soviets or a sign that the United States is no longer willing to defend its European allies. Intelligence sources report that the Moshe Ahrens-Sharon faction also opposes the beam weapon policy, which they believe will obsolete certain new offensive weapons systems upon which they have staked a tremendous expansion of Israeli power in the Mideast and Africa.

The Reed and Rowny affairs

Thomas Reed was a member of the same NSC-Defense Department faction led by Weinberger, NSC Director William Clark, and the Joint Chiefs that fought for attainment of the President's high technology weapons program (see *EIR*, April 5). It has been learned that Reed was first made a target by the actions of Richard Rosenblatt, a member of the Democratic National Committee, in consultation with attorney Louis Nizer, a leader of the Manatt wing of the Democratic Party with known links to such Hollywood "Mafia" figures as Sidney Korshak, Paul Ziffren, and Moe Dalitz.

When the Reagan administration first took office, Walter Sheridan, former head of the Kennedy Justice Department's "Get Hoffa Squad" and Dan Moldea of the Institute for Policy Studies, together with a network of Justice Department "moles" from earlier administrations, ran an unsuccessful "trial-by-press" campaign to link many new Cabinet officials to organized crime. The Reed Affair shows that the same people who have targetted the Reagan administration for scandal are the real frontmen for organized crime.

Under the direction of former Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox, *Common Cause's* lobbying magazine by the same name did a muckraking piece which alleged that the Securities and Exchange Commission had given "preferential treatment" to Reed in a case involving "insider trading" on stock options. Senate investigators, who have studied the same SEC file, state categorically there is not a shred of evidence to substantiate this claim. In fact, though he was never found guilty of "insider trading," Reed paid the equivalent of a \$400,000 fine out of his own pocket, because the money he made from an AMAX stock deal had instantly been given to eight needy friends.

Archibald Cox is the former Watergate special prosecutor to whom Rosenblatt and Louis Nizer blew the Reed Affair into a scandal on the front page of the *Washington Post*, that forced Reed's resignation from the NSC and tainted NSC Director William Clark and his Security chief Richard Morris. Like Walter Sheridan, Cox is a long-standing hired thug of the Kennedy family. Known as the "unofficial dean of the

brain trust" during John Kennedy's 1960 presidential campaign, Cox was appointed solicitor general of the infamous Kennedy Justice Department that broke every law in its efforts to nail Teamster official Jimmy Hoffa, among others. He was known to hold regular strategy sessions with Ted Kennedy over dinner, which, of course, were also attended by reporters from the *Washington Post*. Now at *Common Cause*, Cox has become one of chief appeasers behind the freeze movement, as evidenced by the fact that the theme of the Jan./Feb. issue of "*Common Cause*" magazine that attacked Thomas Reed was a strident effort by the *Common Cause* Nuclear Arms Network to mobilize against the Reagan administration's defense program.

Louis Nizer, whom Rosenblatt hired as his attorney, had just finished an unsuccessful defense of La Costa Resort from charges that it was tied to such kingpins of organized crime as Kennedy family friend Moe Dalitz and master money launderer Meyer Lansky. Nizer's principal partners in the law firm of Phillips, Nizer, Benjamin, Krim themselves have close ties to the same organized crime figures whose names surfaced in connection with La Costa. Arthur Krim and Robert Benjamin were the founders of United Artists (UA), which was recently purchased by Kirk Kerkorian's MGM of Las Vegas casino notoriety. It was also UA which sold the real estate upon which West Coast mobster Moe Dalitz—a close friend of Krim & Co.—built Caesar's Palace. Since the sale of UA, Krim and Benjamin run Orion Productions, a keystone of the Hollywood Mafia network.

Krim is also a board member of Occidental Petroleum, a firm run by Soviet agent-of-influence Armand Hammer, who himself had early business ties to such mobsters as Lewis Rosenstiel. Another board member of Occidental Petroleum is Sen. Albert Gore, one of the leaders of the nuclear freeze movement in Congress. Nizer, Krim, and Benjamin are leading influences in the liberal wing of the Democratic Party and in their faction of the Zionist lobby.

General Edward Rowny, who came under heavy attack for writing a memorandum on planned personnel changes in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, was set up when the document was almost instantly leaked to Eugene Rostow, the departing chief of ACDA. Rowny, who was the National Security Council liaison to ACDA, was also part of the NSC-DOD faction supporting the President's beam weapons proposal. These sources point toward the Moshe Arens-Sharon group as responsible. Rostow himself is a board member of the Jewish Institute for National Security, run by former ACDA employee Joseph Churba, which has sought to promote Edward Luttwak as head of ACDA. Another JINSA board member is Michael Ledeen, Haig and Kissinger's liaison to the Propaganda-2 Masonic Lodge in Italy. Sources report that this group wants to tie down the administration in a series of scandals that will postpone any Middle East settlement until after Christmas, when it is expected that Reagan would try to make a deal to gain re-election.