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## From the Editor-in-Chief

Last week, our Special Report examined the credibility of Carter's "doctrine" of confrontation with the Soviet Union in light of the reality of the U.S. defense posture matched up against that of the Soviets. The basic principle of that report was the inescapable link between military capability and economic capability. We are pleased to see that *Business Week* in its Feb. 4 issue also caught on to the secret in their own somewhat limited look at why the U.S. economy cannot sustain Carter's defense buildup.

This week our Special Report continues with the second part of our study, this time moving from the previous overview of existing military capability to an in-depth examination of the comparative economic and research and development capabilities of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. Under the direction of Uwe Parpart, who directed the entire project, we begin with the results of our "Riemannian" econometric analysis of the effects of a military buildup on the U.S. economy. (The computer model was developed under the direction of our Contributing Editor, Lyndon LaRouche.) Economics Editor David Goldman reviews the results, which show why dreams of a military-based economic boom are in fact a nightmare. Dr. John Schoonover then takes a look at the "sorry state" of our military-industrial complex.

Perhaps the most devastating aspect of this situation—the collapse of U.S. defense research and development compared to the rapid advance of the Soviets—is the subject of an article by physicist Dr. Steven Bardwell. Finally we round out the package with a discussion of Soviet military capabilities and current doctrine by Susan Welsh. We intend to complete this report with a third part next week which will examine U.S. and Soviet military doctrine in detail.



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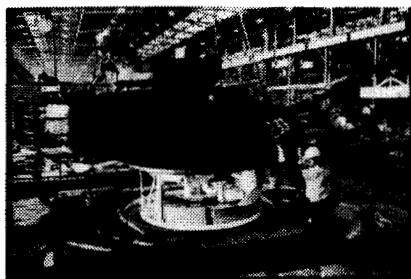


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