

Inside Canada by Pierre Beaudry

The beam fight is going strong

Trudeau's call for denuclearization—probably written in Moscow—is not the only strategic policy in town.

Those who have been watching Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau globetrotting in behalf of a program of denuclearization, might get the wrong idea about what is going on in Canada. A recent visit by *EIR* to Ottawa revealed that Trudeau by no means has his country sewn up behind his freezzenik views and that he is in danger of losing his platform for pushing them altogether.

Trudeau released his "new initiative" for disarmament at the conference of the British Commonwealth in late November. It was what might have been expected from this Maoist member of the Club of Rome. He called for the superpowers to attempt new negotiations by merging the INF and START talks, and added the plea that the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty be strengthened.

But the word in Canada is that Trudeau was not the author of his Pugwash-style proposal for denuclearization. The real author was Count George Ignatieff, chancellor of the University of Toronto, and founding member of the Pugwash conferences. Count Ignatieff is a former prospect for governor general and a close friend of the incoming head of NATO, Lord Peter Carrington.

Even more interesting is the count's family relations. Most important is his close friendship with his cousin, Commodore Valetin Ignatieff, who is not a Canadian citizen, however, but rather the current deputy defense attaché at the Soviet Embassy in Canada. The family lineage has in fact dominated Russian/Soviet military intelligence for at least two

centuries.

In this case, it appears that blood—Russian blood—runs a lot thicker than citizenship. The Ignatiev family was extremely prominent under the czar and among the prime movers of the anti-Semitic pogroms. George's grandfather, Gen. Nicholas Pavelvitch Ignatieff, was a key manipulator of the Balkan wars of the 1870s and a creator of the Okhrana.

Now they seem to be well integrated into a plan to carry out the same kind of racist pogrom throughout the rest of the world, a project the Ignatieffs jointly cherish with Canada's top one-world Malthusian activist, Maurice Strong, and their Canadian Organization for Development Through Education.

So it appears likely that Prime Minister Trudeau is actually peddling goods made in Moscow!

But Trudeau by no means has the full support of his government behind him. There are increasingly large sections of the Canadian political elite who are not turning toward Moscow, but toward Washington.

On Nov. 23 the U.S. administration arranged a briefing for Canadian Defense Minister Jean-Jacques Blais and chief of the defense staff Gen. Charles Edouard Theriault on the U.S. defensive beam weapon program. The briefing, given by Richard Cooper, assistant to Undersecretary for Defense Research and Engineering Richard DeLauer, made it clear that the United States had an irreversible commitment to the beam program. Equally importantly, the U.S. emissaries conveyed the offer to the Canadians to

join the United States in implementing the multibillion beam defense program.

Positive response to such an offer is of course the strongest in Conservative Party circles, but not restricted to them. Canadian Liberal member of Parliament Thomas Henri Lefebvre, rapporteur for the North Assembly, told *EIR* a few months ago that a team of Canadian experts had convincingly demonstrated the feasibility and the desirability of beam weapons. The "Draft General Report on Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) and East-West Technology Transfer," submitted by Lefebvre to the Assembly's Scientific and Technical Committee, was endorsed by the committee on Oct. 2.

The report concluded that "whatever the arguments for and against BMD, this much is clear: The Soviet Union's BMD effort is substantial and probably much larger than its American counterpart. Consequently, the possibility of the Soviet Union deploying BMD systems outside the scope of the ABM Treaty cannot be overlooked. If the Soviet Union were to proceed with such deployment and the United States could not follow suit, that would be an alarming development. However undesirable some feel an American BMD system would be—or indeed Soviet and American BMDs—the presence of a solely Soviet system would still be less desirable. Thus, while Soviet BMD research continues, there is every reason for American research to continue also."

The Nov. 26 Toronto *Globe and Mail*, whose publisher, Roy Megarry, is a member of the Club of Rome, was even forced to admit that "President Reagan will announce within two to three weeks a massive spending program to develop an arsenal of exotic space weapons."