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USING NON-MILITARY WEAPONS

Henry Kissinger's policy of "linkage" with the Soviet Union is dead, and the sooner we bury its carcass and plant new flowers over its grave, the better off our nation will be. No safe or enduring foreign policy can be built on an illusion which has been proven false by reality.

Henry's "linkage" theory asserted that economic interdependence between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. would convince the Kremlin bosses that cooperation is more to their self interest than confrontation or aggression. The Kremlin took the fruits of linkage -- U.S. high techonology, credits and trade -- and moved into Afghanistan.

In addition to the essential shoring up of our military strength which is our first priority, our government must learn how to use the powerful non-military weapons which America has available. In the game of international power and influence, they can be immensely valuable.

First, we must stop the Western contribution to the Soviet military-industrial complex through high technology transfers and trade. The respected foreign policy columnist Arnaud de Borchgrave recently quoted a Common Market high commissioner as saying this is "such an explosive subject that it has almost become taboo to talk about it."

But this issue must be faced. The U.S. unilateral high-technology embargo contains many loopholes and inconsistences, and our leadership has been so uncertain that other Western nations apparently feel no need to join any embargo.

A Western technology and trade embargo would deal a crippling blow to Soviet weapons and industrial production and productivity.

A second non-military weapon would be to deny further low-cost credits to the Soviet bloc. This would exacerbate its hard-currency shortage and greatly reduce what the Soviets can buy from the West.

Another highly-taboo subject, especially in New York banking circles, is the estimated $60 billion which the Soviet bloc now owes the West, and the fact that much of

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that incredible debt was created on highly-favorable, low-interest terms which are not available to American business borrowers.

It is frequently argued that we can't afford to tighten up on lending terms to the Soviet bloc because those governments will simply default on their outstanding loans. That is, indeed, a possibility because they provided no collateral, and Western banks cannot force collections.

But what over-extended American business can demand and get a new bank loan by the arm-twisting tactic of saying, "If you don't grant us a new loan, we'll default on the loans you already gave us"? If it's a choice between losing less money now or more money later, the former is preferable.

A third non-military weapon is to expose Soviet espionage, pass stronger anti-espionage laws, expel all the KGB operatives we can find, and limit the number of Soviet bloc personnel with diplomatic passports. The Soviets use their embassies and consulates for political warfare, espionage, and propaganda, and we should expose what they are doing.

At the very least, we should limit the Soviet bloc embassies and consulates to the same number of people as U.S. diplomatic personnel stationed in their countries. This would substantially cut the number of KGB operatives in our own country.

During the past year, Canada, Japan, France, New Zealand and Sweden have all expelled Soviet spies operating under diplomatic cover. A higher rate of expulsions would not only hamper their espionage, but would encourage more defections, a very tender and exploitable Achilles heel of the Soviet bloc.

A fourth non-military weapon is to beef up the pablum currently propagated by the Voice of America, Radio Free Europe, and Radio Liberty, and use those stations to air hard-hitting anti-Communist reports which would exploit weaknesses in the Soviet system such as their treatment of Jews, Christians, Moslems, intellectuals, and dissidents. U.S. radio stations should tell, not conceal, the truth about the Communist system.

A fifth non-military weapon is to use the propaganda forum afforded by the United Nations to support freedom, free enterprise, and Western values. The UN isn't good for anything else; we might as well make motions, introduce resolutions, and sound off with Western ideas, instead of always only reacting to Communist bloc ploys.

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