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SOVIET WEAPONS -- MADE IN THE U.S.A.

The personal, prestige, and pocketbook sacrifice made by the American athletes who were forbidden to participate in the Olympics will be their loss forever. Thousands of farmers also suffered permanent financial losses because of the grain embargo.

But the businessmen required to defer shipments to the Soviet Union are already talking in post-embargo terms. They can hardly wait to resume their trade with the Russians, regardless of how much military technology such trade puts in the hands of a potential enemy.

The Soviet Union has acquired military superiority over the United States because (1) the Kremlin made the decision to be number-one, no matter what the cost, (2) for ten years, the Soviets have been spending at least three times more on defense than the United States in the percentage of each country's Gross National Product, and (3) U.S. corporations have made it easy for the Russians by selling them vital technology and components without which modern weapons could not have been built.

Soviet ICBMs targeted on America? U.S. businesses sold the Russians large-scale integrated circuits and tiny precision ball bearings essential to the missiles' guidance system.

Soviet trucks used to invade Afghanistan? U.S. businesses shipped technology, computers and other equipment to the Kama River plant, the largest truck factory in the world, and to the ZiL truck plant near Moscow.

Don't get the idea, however, that U.S. corporations are putting anything over on the Administration which forced the athletes and the farmers to sacrifice their own hard-earned profits in an anti-Communist propaganda ploy. The U.S. Department of Commerce, and especially its Office of Export Administration (OEA), has for years been urging technology and industrial shipments to Russia even though OEA knew they would be used for military purposes.

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The Olympic/grain boycott was supposed to be a rebuke to the Russians for their invasion of Afghanistan. But the trucks which carried the invading Russians were available for that task because OEA had approved the sale of a $6 million computer to the ZiL plant and other American computers to the Kama River plant, all of which helped the Russians to reach their truck-production goal five years ahead of schedule.

After OEA approved shipments to the truck plants knowing that they would be used for military uses, OEA tried to cover up what it had done by firing the official who testified truthfully about it, Lawrence J. Brady.

Trucks are big, conventional military assets which threaten Russia's neighbors. Far more dangerous are the tiny sophisticated devices that are components of the nuclear weapons which threaten the United States.

Two of the most important elements of nuclear weapons are the integrated circuit, which enables weapons to be made smaller and more reliable, and the miniature ball bearing which is so essential to a missile guidance system.

U.S. companies were allowed by OEA to sell both those devices to the Soviet Union, sometimes directly and sometimes through satellite countries. This is why the Soviets have been able to build MIRVs on their ICBMs which have enough accuracy to target and destroy our Minuteman missile force.

With an insignificant investment, the Russians have been able to buy the fruits of billions of dollars of American research and development. Because a handful of greedy U.S. corporations (especially Control Data, IBM, and Sperry), encouraged by pro-Soviet government officials, the U.S. taxpayers will now have to spend tens of billions of dollars to try to build better weapons than the Soviets have built using our technology.

Export control should be removed from the Department of Commerce which has already proved that it cannot be trusted to tell the difference between military and civilian uses. Nothing should be shipped to the Soviet Union which can directly or indirectly be used for military purposes, and all doubts should be resolved in favor of U.S. security.

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