

Public forum

Treaty violations ³⁴⁶⁴

In order to justify his desire to prohibit further nuclear arms research by our country, Mr. Larry Smith recently wrote to the Public Forum and referred to a Standing Consultative Commission of U.S. Soviet Affairs claim that the USSR has not violated any nuclear arms treaty with the U.S.

This misinformation may be repeated and, thereby, perpetuated unless rectified by factual information.

The following example illustrates that the USSR not only has violated the nuclear arms testing treaty but that it also is willing to force its scientific community to prostitute itself by covering up those violations.

Some 15 years ago, on a May 1967 evening, hundreds of thousands of Russians — from peasants to airplane pilots — were entranced as they watched a fireball streak over the Volga River. However, their fascination turned into national hysteria when the fireball kept returning week after week for more than six months.

The fear of the populace was magnified because the government had ignored the UFO phenomenon for decades. To counteract this, the government established a semiofficial investigating committee composed mainly of astronomers to investigate the unexplained

Some members of Capitol Hill who oppose U.S. development of improved and/or exotic arms claim that those measures are not necessary because our satellite "eye-in-the-sky" system is capable of detecting Soviet treaty violations and a first strike effort.

Could they and the Mr. Smiths of this country be wrong?

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A few years later the committee report was issued by astronomer Levi Gindlis through the prestigious Soviet Academy of Sciences. It stated that the UFOs were real, and unlike anything known to mankind. This deliberately conceived lie was repeated in the U.S. news media.

In order to convince the Russians who had witnessed the fireball that the assessment of the scientists were accurate and factual, Mr. Gindlis cited the exact hours and dates of their occurrences. This information previously had not been available to the free world.

When UFO enthusiasts began extolling the "new" report in the spring of 1982 Mr. James Oberg reviewed all of the published data. He discovered that 90 percent of those UFOs appeared shortly after the USSR had announced the launching of a scientific satellite. Russian satellites, like ours, are designed to, and are capable of, remaining in orbit for years.

However, Mr. Oberg determined that these particular "satellites" were peculiar because they plummeted to earth after only one orbit. It is unreasonable to conclude that all of them were failures. Instead, they were Soviet warheads which had been launched during a testing program that violated the Salt I Treaty. (Omni, 5(2):145, Nov. 1982).

I cannot help but wonder if scientist Gindlis has been rewarded for his "scientific" achievement by being transferred to Siberia or to a typical Russian mental institution