

Editorial

Closing door on Soviets no answer

Nyah, nyah, nyah! You can't play with us. Nyah, nyah, nyah!

The Soviet Union essentially nyahed the United States when it said *nyet* to the 1984 summer Olympics.

Nyah, or *nyet*, translates into many alleged reasons for the Soviet boycott. The Soviets claim lack of security at Los Angeles are keeping their teams at home. The rights of their athletes have been ignored. But, according to Time magazine, the Soviets refused earlier this year a briefing of the security precautions that Los Angeles law officials will take for all athletes. Time also said that the Soviets did not consider the Los Angeles precautions complete, since they did not include bans against protestors near the games.

Many U.S. publications have suggested a revenge motive lies beneath the boycott. The 1984 boycott may be in retaliation for the U.S. boycott of the 1980 Olympics. Nyah, nyah.

However, retaliation may go deeper than that: Time quoted one Soviet official (unofficially identified and quoted, of course) as saying the boycott jabbed the United States, or the Reagan administration in particular, for its hardline nuclear arms policy. The Soviets cut off nuclear arms talks when NATO countries began deploying Pershing 2 missiles in Europe.

The Soviets cut off their chances of Olympic competition.

Nyah, nyah, if you don't do what we want, we'll stop playing with you.

But the Soviet won't stop playing, really. They will just do it in a hack-handed, sly-devil way.

Take the Olympics. The United States won't provide "enough security," so the Soviets will have their own games. Rumors of these games began circulating the very night of the boycott announcement. Nyah, nyah.

Take nuclear arms. The Reagan administration, bent upon catching up with the Soviet stockpile of nuclear weapons, is on the brink of developing the MX missile system in Western Nebraska and Wyoming. The United States and other NATO countries have begun deployment of the Pershing 2 missiles in Western Europe.

In Monday's Lincoln Star, Soviet Defense Minister Dimitri Ustinov said his country has increased the number of nuclear-armed submarines off American shores because of the Pershing 2 deployment. Accord-

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ing to Ustinov, the Soviets "will accordingly increase the number of SS 20 missiles in the European part of the U.S.S.R." if the number of U.S. missiles in Europe increases.

Nyah, nyah, nyah.

The national treasurer of the Young Americans for Freedom, Terrell R. Cannon of Lincoln, said in Sunday's Journal-Star the United States should stop "pleading" with the Soviets to compete in the games. He is wrong.

Pro-Reaganists say U.S. no-nukes supporters should stop pleading with the Soviets to freeze or decrease nuclear arms production. They are wrong. Closing the door will not help, either in the Olympics or the nuclear arms race with the East-West tensions it brings.

The game Reagan is playing now closes the door between East and West. Ustinov said the Reagan administration's offer to resume talks are "mere

words" that don't mean anything.

It's time to change from Reagan's hardline tactics. This time the Soviets said, "Nyah, nyah, we won't play in the Olympics." Sooner or later they may say, "Nyah, nyah, we're going to blow you away."

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Farrakhan the real threat to Jackson

One of the more interesting developments in politics this year has been the emergence of Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan.

Farrakhan, you may recall, has, among other achievements, publically threatened the life of the Washington Post reporter who first revealed Jesse

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Jackson's "Hymietown" remarks to the public. He also has praised Adolph Hitler and criticized Michael Jackson as being a bad role model for black teenagers.

He can't seem to stop. Last week, on the CBS Morning News, he did it again. Farrakhan commented on a recent statement he had made warning of retribution for any attack on Jackson.

"I wanted America to understand that Jesse Jackson is not an ordinary leader doing the ordinary thing," Farrakhan said. "The spirit of God, the hand of God, is moving him and if this man is assassinated, not only will there be black reaction in the streets, but God himself will react and that is what I wanted to warn America and those radical Jewish elements against."

Far from protecting Jackson's life, that statement only adds to the danger that he faces. It almost invites a response and there are plenty of nuts out there who would just love to make a name for themselves by killing Jackson.

If that should happen — and American history shows us that it's always a possibility — there's no doubt that this country will suffer. But not at the hands of God. Rather, we will suffer the shame of destroying yet another promising leader.

Farrakhan should recognize that oppression in America, although based on race, isn't limited to race. Our society suffers from economic injustice as well as racial injustice.

Blacks and Jews both have felt the sting of discrimination and they should be natural allies. And, during the civil rights struggles of the 1960s, they were. Jews marched beside Martin Luther King in Birmingham and Selma, Ala.

Farrakhan also brings religion into an arena it doesn't belong in.

Any sensible person can tell that God is the most apolitical individual ever to draw breath. You need only look at the world in your lifetime to tell that.

And this leads to still another problem: Is Louis Farrakhan's god the same god that Jerry Falwell prays to? It's doubtful that they would agree it's the same god.

Perhaps the two could have their respective gods stage a debate on CNN.

Jackson's failure to condemn his supporter's rhetoric casts a blemish on what is otherwise a sparkling campaign.

Jackson has performed a valuable service by giving hope and self respect to millions of people. He has given them a voice in determining what is going to be done with their lives.

Jackson should repudiate Farrakhan's comments now, before the storm threatens to eclipse the important message that Jackson is trying to carry to the American people.

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