

ram from South Korea, an integral feature of the lunatic nuclear encirclement deployments around the USSR, using China as one staging ground in the destabilized Asian sector.

In the aftermath of the kidnapping of Bulgarian journalist Vladimir Kostov in France two weeks ago, of-

ficially protested as "foul play" by the Bulgarian government, attacks on East European officials have increased. A Soviet United Nations mission official was mugged in New York July 14, prompting an angry Soviet charge that the beating was a "provocative act (which) was evidently premeditated."

Establish A Counterpole To Carter

The following statement was released on July 13 by Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr., U.S. Labor Party Chairman and Presidential candidate.

It is urgent that a group of leading U.S. citizens act immediately to set up some figure, either myself or some Whig figure using my policy proposals, as a government-in-the-wings opposition to the Carter Administration. The problem of the moment inside the United States and among the USA's allies is that the Executive Branch of the U.S. government is cut off from the organic political processes of the nation to the point that the U.S. government in effect does not function. It is this lack of a functioning national political leadership which is prompting various leading factions inside the United States and among USA allies to exhibit a pattern of running hither-and-yon, one moment in one direction, the next moment in another.

What is driving the United States and its allies into a panic is not the monetary crisis or the breakdown in U.S.-Soviet relations as such, but the lunacy of the Carter Administration. Carter, whose eyes reportedly glaze over whenever any criticism of his policies is stated, is plunging ahead with already-discredited, lunatic policies without any real regard for elementary realities of world developments or the legislative and related political process inside the United States itself. In the main, outside a tiny cabal around Carter, his government is made up of forces which oppose one another and commonly despise Carter. The Carter Administration squats upon this process of factional thrusts and counterthrusts among the factions which formally comprise it. It is not the crises which are producing the present chaotic and dangerous situation, but the fact that the United States lacks a government which is competently responsive to realities. There is a lack of a leadership which is responsive to give-and-take within world realities and within the internal political processes in the United States itself. The world is plunging into crisis and the lunatic in the White House blunders onward, oblivious to reality, with that hideous, glazed-over expression in his eyes.

For example, one group associated with the Carter Administration is for adapting to the reality of

the Third World debt situation and a flexible policy on Middle East questions, southern Africa questions and Soviet relations. Another group has a hardline on bailing out the Manhattan banks, with no flexibility. These two factions around the Administration are chewing away at one another, while attempting to manipulate and fight off the conservative and other opposition. Instead of an open fight for shaping a national foreign and domestic policy, we have the worst situation in government since the decay of Byzantium which Michael Paleologue attempted to clean up.

Obviously, only the Congress can straighten out this mess. However, the sane forces within the Congress need a rallying-point, something apart from various combinations of senators and representatives. We need to start the 1980 Presidential campaign now, with the thought that the choosing of the next President might have to be made very, very soon. This must be done to create a counterpole of national political leadership, with aid of which Congress can mobilize itself around alternative policies to contain and channel the Carter Administration into a semblance of sanity.

I ask leading citizens to either publicly give a conditional endorsement to my Presidential candidacy, or to put up quickly another candidate who will push the kernel of the policies my associates and I have advanced. The short-term function of this tactic should be seen as creating a fixed point of reference around which Congressional and other relevant forces can group themselves to do the needed job.

I remind those who prefer to hesitate on this, that I warned the nation on a Nov. 1, 1976 television broadcast of the implications of a Carter inauguration. That warning is now fully borne out. We must assume that delaying corrective action into August might leave very few U.S. citizens alive to make necessary corrections in U.S. policy. It is not certain that we shall have war by August, but the possibility is so grave that no intelligent person would fail to act immediately and quickly to break the insane will of the Carter Administration. If you don't act now, you don't give a damn about the United States and its people... or, even your own and your family's lives.