

# Mexico, BRD warn U.S.

*Nation told to wake up to Carter's insanity*

On Feb. 13 Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo issued a sharp alarm to the world about the Carter Administration's drift into strategic insanity and war. "The United States has not yet established its energy policy," President Lopez Portillo told interviewer Joseph Kraft on the eve of Carter's three-day trip to Mexico. "We could generalize from the energy area to other areas. I believe that the United States is living at the zero hour..."

Four days earlier, the Mexican President had used a press conference in Mexico City to emphasize the lunacy now reigning in Washington: further U.S. errors in international politics, Lopez warned, would be "madness or violence." One day later, Mexican Foreign Minister Santiago Roel drove the point home by denouncing the "paranoid mysticism" and "territorial ambitions" from which certain "other countries" suffer. Roel concluded his remarks with a direct message to the American people designed to jolt the nation back into sanity: "I think the best thing you can do is wake up."

It is clear that the Carter Administration's blundering has already served to wake up America's Atlantic allies to the aggravated danger of war. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown's announcement that the U.S. has adopted James Schlesinger's counterforce doctrine, complete with its possible use of first nuclear strike against the Soviet Union, was delivered officially to the West German government this week. The response was an expanded session cabinet meeting on Feb. 14 to discuss not only Brown's announcement, but the Iran crisis and recent panic-mongering of an international oil shortage. Social Democratic Party caucus leader Herbert Wehner, who has recently made European-wide

headlines with his stinging criticisms of NATO, was called into attendance. West German Defense Minister Hans Apel, also a severe critic of what he has characterized as NATO provocations against the Warsaw Pact, attended as well and will soon leave for Washington, D.C.

Meanwhile the West German daily *Handelsblatt* reported that the Carter Administration is in disarray, lacking "coordination between the hands, the feet and the head."

Taken together, these Mexican and

European characterizations of Washington policy as insane and rudderless are tantamount to endorsements of the assessment of U.S. Labor Party Chairman Lyndon H. LaRouche. As LaRouche first alerted the nation in early February, Carter's criminal war alliance with China and the ongoing successful destabilization of Iran and other Middle East oil producers, has brought the world closer to the brink of nuclear war than the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

## Persian Gulf chaos builds toward superpower conflict

The Feb. 14 raids on American embassies in Iran and Afghanistan by "Marxist-Leninist" and Moslem Brotherhood fanatics respectively have set the stage for a U.S.-Soviet showdown over the Persian Gulf during the days ahead. Combined with escalating British and Israeli intelligence destabilizations in Iran, the continuing tension around the planned Bhutto execution in Pakistan, and the regional shock waves created by the recent U.S. visit of Chinese Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, these incidents have created a far worse danger of thermonuclear war than existed at the peak of the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

This danger is a direct by-product of the astounding American government response to the two embassy takeovers. The "provisional government" of Ayatollah Khomeini was effusively praised for rescuing Amer-

icans from "communists." Soviet advisors in Afghanistan, however, who helped coordinate a government rescue team against the Muslim Brotherhood kidnapers of American Ambassador Adolph Dubs were denounced for "callous disregard" for American lives when the terrorists assassinated the ambassador. Warren Christopher both blasted the Soviets, with Carter "expressing in the strongest terms the shock of the U.S. government over the role played by Soviet advisors to the police of Kabul."

### **Moslem Brotherhood connection**

U.S. anger would be better directed at London, China, and the Ziaul Haq clique in Pakistan. The Afghani terrorists are, according to the most reliable information available, members of the fanatic Jamaati Afghani, the Afghani branch of the same Jamaati Islam that runs Zia in