

## Editorial

### *We told you so. . .*

The last role we at *EIR* aspire to play is that of Cassandra—foretellers of an inevitable dismal fate for mankind. Our method is rather to project the consequences of certain policy decisions, including those policy decisions which, immediately applied, could pull mankind out of the deadly crisis which threatens the survival of human civilization.

Faced with the evidence that a certain policy course will lead to genocidal mass murder, bankruptcy, and other disasters, the rational individual and rational institutions will seek new policy courses. We have never argued that the human race operates on rational criteria. Yet as the disastrous consequences of certain policy courses come inexorably to pass, it is to be hoped that the basic instinct for self-preservation as a *human species* will take hold.

But as we look at the vindications of the *EIR*'s projections over the past two years, we must face the fact that not only every leading government in the world, but most individuals, have continued to cling to their illusions—*illusions that have brought us to the very brink of extinction as a human race.*

● **The case of Iran:** From the very beginning of the Khomeini regime, *EIR* presented the evidence that what was coming into being was a new Cambodia, a collection of barbarians which would carry out a *jihad* to spread a New Dark Ages. Under the façade of demanding “human rights” was a program to destroy industrial civilization.

No, our practical-minded opponents said wisely. We can use this regime against the Soviet Union. It may be ugly, but it will ultimately be to our strategic benefit. After all, the Shah was hardly a devotee of human rights.

Now we see the results. Hitler was civilized compared to the mullah butchers, who find no act of mutilation or torture too disgusting to be justified in the Koran. A whole generation is being killed in Iran—and the same program is being prepared for the rest of the “Arab” world. The horrors for which we hung a few Nazis at Nuremberg are multiplied many times. *And the same practical advisers are putting into motion the very same program for nations like the Philippines.*

● **The case of the debt:** *EIR* has warned since 1982 that no matter what butchery or financial chicanery the banking authorities implemented in Ibero-America, there was no way the over \$200 billion dollars worth of debt would be paid. IMF austerity would only accelerate the potential for a default and a crash; hyperinflation might delay a debt blowout, but ultimately the day of reckoning would arrive.

Oh no, our patronizing opponents said. We are in the midst of an economic recovery that will erase this problem. And if not, we can reschedule, and reschedule, the problem away.

Well, look at the results right now. Even the “best behaved” of the Ibero-American debtors, like Mexico, have reached a limit in imposing further austerity on their population. The “debt bomb” is back on the front pages of the press, both in its political dimension, and because, no matter what the treacherous will of certain political leaders, *the debt cannot be paid.*

● **The case of Henry Kissinger:** Perhaps the most devastating evidence of *EIR*'s correct basis of judgment is the current emergence of Henry Kissinger as the “savior” of the Reagan administration. It was the fall of 1982 when *EIR* first took note of Kissinger's resurgence in policy-making. After President Reagan's March 23 announcement of the new strategic doctrine of Mutually Assured Survival, we argued that the crisis was even more urgent. Either all the Kissinger surrogates would have to be kicked out of the administration, and the antiballistic-missile beam-defense program initiated full steam, or Kissinger would take over and destroy the beam initiative.

Oh no, the “insiders” said. Kissinger might be hovering around the administration, but he would never dictate policy. The President and his inner circle are firm.

*Now Kissinger is inches away from being Secretary of State. Compromise after compromise has nearly killed the beam program—and U.S. resistance to Soviet aggression.*

It's five minutes to midnight, and too many of the world's policy makers are still not listening to *EIR*. Isn't it time they did?