

## Editorial

### *Is Europe defensible after the INF?*

On March 18, our founder and contributing editor Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. issued a study paper which directly confronts the most profound strategic question of our age.

LaRouche poses the question in the following terms: "Broadly speaking, if we assume that the effect of President Reagan's INF appeasement of the Soviet empire is not nullified, and if we also assume that the Soviet military preparations continue along their present course, Western Europe is already virtually indefensible."

Fortunately, neither of those two developments is irreversible, for two developing reasons:

1) The Soviet Empire is now gripped by a succession-crisis, comparable to that of the 1927-34 period; the occurrence of a combination of certain potentially calamitous, but also possibly hopeful strategic adjustments in that quarter should be foreseen as inevitable over the course of the coming weeks and months.

2) The United States is gripped by the implications of an international financial crisis somewhat analagous to that of 1929-31, but far more devastating. If the next major financial shock should strike by mid-second quarter of 1988, then, fortunately for Europe, none of the "front-running" Democratic nominees could be elected President. Under those same conditions, Western Europe would escape the certain disaster of having George Bush succeed Ronald Reagan as U.S. President.

Thus, the worst catastrophe which could threaten Western Europe's security during the coming four years, would be that the next major financial crisis would fail to erupt by May 1988. LaRouche comments:

"If the present U.S. policy structures are locked in, in the way that a Bush nomination would tend to ensure, the probability of a desirable correction in U.S. policy, might be virtually zero. Any European aiding George Bush's friends in delaying the financial crisis's next major eruption, is holding the tip of the knife to his own country's solar plexus, and pushing upward at about a sixty-degree angle."

The Anglo-American Establishment has thrown its top-down commitment to George Bush and to preventing the eruption of the financial crisis as long as possible. In strategic thinking, they parody the follies of Prince Metternich, whose doctrine of cabinet warfare and a "balance of power" was bankrupt from the day it was conceived. Ironically, Metternich and Castlereagh established Russia as the "policeman of Europe" for approximately two generations. So, in the succession of 1940s conferences at Teheran, Yalta, and Potsdam, the Anglo-American Establishment handed over half of Europe for the Russians to police. Today, that Establishment is moving with disgusting speed to surrender the other half of Europe to the Russians.

The cultural and economic aspects of strategic doctrine constitute 80% or so of the the process, while the military aspects consist of less than 20%. The Anglo-American Establishment is still committed to the low-technology and anti-science "post-industrial society" policy and the so-called "New Age" kooky cultural projects. *Rather than reviving classical science and classical culture, the Establishment has foolishly continued to downgrade the achievements of Western civilization.*

The general staff of the Red Army has been overjoyed by the fact that the Establishment backing George "Mr. Unelectable" Bush has adopted a losing strategy.

Patriots on both sides of the Atlantic who do not wish to hand their children and grandchildren over to domination by the Red Army, have no option but to assist the early detonation of the global economic structures, so as to clear the stage for the construction of new institutions and arrangements.

LaRouche's study paper concludes with the following pledge:

"We must prepare to fight to the death for Western Civilization, not because it is our own, but because without it, life on this planet would not be worth living. Death were preferable to peaceful accommodation of Western Europe and the United States to a Soviet overlordship."