

Editorial

Anti-nuclear totalitarianism

If there is anything more fundamental to an industrial economy than steel, it is energy. Back during the 1984 presidential campaign, Lyndon LaRouche put up a hue and cry when it became known to him that erstwhile Pittsburgh steelmakers and others were quietly, as it were, blowing up their idle blast furnaces, a new step in the deindustrialization of the United States—the calculated destruction of not only steel production, but steel production *capacities*—pursued for the past 20 years by America's insane self-styled financial elite.

Now, on May 26, it has been announced that a brand new nuclear power facility, the Long Island Lighting Company's Shoreham Power Plant, which has never been put into operation, is going to be demolished, as the result of a deal between the financially strapped utility and Mario Cuomo's State of New York. This incredible Luddite act has been decided upon, despite the fact that Shoreham cost \$5.3 billion and took 23 years to build. Years of litigation brought by anti-nuclear groups had forced Shoreham's costs up 80 times over the years. And now, it will not even exist to go into operation.

With this precedent, the United States marches further down the road to deindustrialization and the near-term doom of a once great nation.

In consequence of the Shoreham deal, Long Island residents are reportedly being given various choices on how they wish to have their electricity rationed, and may expect blackouts and brownouts on an increasingly routine basis. Grumman Corporation, the large transportation and aerospace manufacturer, can no longer purchase the power it needs from local utilities. Grumman has begun to import electricity from Brooklyn.

The anti-nuclear lobby has hailed the permanent closing and bull-doing of Shoreham as a benchmark for "the movement," since never before have authorities in the United States acted so insanely as Mario Cuomo's minions have, to actually stop a fully constructed nuclear power plant from being commis-

sioned, let alone ordered demolished. Anti-nuclear "activists" have now targeted their "movement" on three other nuclear plants: the nearly completed Seabrook power plant in New Hampshire, the operational Rancho Seco plant in Sacramento, California, and the Pilgrim Power Plant in Boston, Massachusetts.

What "movement"? Sure, there are crazed looney tunes out there who stage mass t-group sessions at the gates of power facilities; whose heads are so far up in that proverbial wrong place that they actually believe nuclear energy, nuclear fuel, nuclear waste, and nuclear plants are unsafe. These are just the brainwashed tools of America's fruity financial oligarchy, which decided on a massive anti-nuclear campaign decades ago, to "deindustrialize" the United States. The "movement" is a by-product of that top-down decision of America's star-gazing Eastern Establishment elite.

It would be funny, were it not so tragic, to hear "movement activists" portray the builders and operators of nuclear facilities as money-hungry, power-happy totalitarians placing the American people at nuclear risk, against their will. Guess what the Establishment oligarchy behind the anti-nuclear insanity has in mind for the American people, as "deindustrialization" pushes the United States toward physical-economic breakdown?

Because of 20 years of deindustrialization policies, with sabotage of the nuclear industry a featured element, the United States now verges on a collapse, too, of the so-called money and credit market mediation of physical economic processes. With that *financial* catastrophe, the elite manufacturers of anti-nuclear kookery, as of now, absolutely do plan to force the United States under the yoke of totalitarian police-state rule. George Bush would be good at that. Mario Cuomo, too.

Unless the economic, financial, decidedly pro-steel and pro-nuclear policies of LaRouche were instead adopted, that is America's non-nuclear totalitarian future.