

Editorial

No more balance of power politics

The recent events in Germany have created a unique historical opportunity to reverse the drift toward a global economic collapse, and the kind of political chaos concomitant with such a collapse.

Already we see the drawing of political lines, as the British have tended to align with Mikhail Gorbachov in threatening that a reunited Germany will mean the emergence of a mythical Fourth Reich. On the other side, there appears to be strong institutional support—across party lines—in France and the Federal Republic of Germany, for the policy of offering massive economic aid to the German Democratic Republic and to Poland in order to effect a transformation of Europe.

Why, one asks, have the British chosen to separate themselves from the French and Germans? What are the underlying characteristics of the British mind that would cause them to thus respond to events on the continent of Europe, particularly those involving East Germany? What could cause that state of mind?

Bolshevism has a long history, and British conservatives have always professed their abomination of bolshevism. Yet something else is dominating their hysterical response to the potential of a reunified Germany. Their response today reminds us of the British penchant for playing balance of power politics, playing one nation, or a section of a nation, against another, to maximize their position regardless of the moral issues which are involved.

No matter how good mankind might esteem a certain development, if that development lessens significantly Britain's ability to maneuver, then that development is to be abhorred and frustrated. If it is necessary, in order to enable that balance of power game to be played, to put man back into the condition of savagery, so be it—says this British mentality.

There are two political poles in Europe today, the French-German axis which is committed to an economic development program and support to the sovereign rights of the people of the Soviet-occupied East German Zone, and the British position. The British line (supported by Henry Kissinger) is a purely oligarchical line: the balance of power in Europe as an expansion of the

18th-century cabinet diplomacy, revived in the 19th century by Metternich and Castlereagh. This is politics without morality.

Aside from the dangerous role of Henry Kissinger in shaping U.S. policy, the Bush administration is hindered from playing a positive role in Europe, because of the cultish Friedmanite free-market ideology dominating economic policy thinking.

The moral alternative upon which a policy for Europe must be based, a policy for mankind as a whole, is the tradition of Alexander Hamilton, Henry Carey, and Friedrich List, upon which the economy of the United States as a republic was based. This is the tradition of the founder of modern political economy, Gottfried Leibniz, which is represented today by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

The French and West Germans have proposed a package for East Germany and Poland so grand that Chancellor Kohl calls it a new Marshall Plan. LaRouche has called for the immediate realization of an integrated infrastructure which would connect Poland, the two Germanys, and the rest of Europe.

Such a program offers a hope not only for the German and Polish people, but for all mankind, because it implies a massive increase in productivity. This is particularly so, because of the real potential of the East German economy, which is mainly held back by the necessity to give tribute to the Soviets and by the failure to have developed nuclear power.

Balance of power politics has brought us two world wars. Were British policy to become dominant today, balance of power politics would again bring the world to war. Without doubt by the middle of January or early February, there will be a massive Soviet reaction, but the way to avert a serious crisis, is the very road of economic development being posed today by LaRouche. A Europe which is seeing the beginnings of an economic boom can be made so attractive to the Soviets that they will be held back from taking adventurous military moves.

The only truly practical politics is indeed, the politics of morality!