

Editorial

The condominium crumbles

There is presently a true historical irony unfolding. Mikhail Gorbachov has now been given more dictatorial power than even Adolf Hitler had in his heyday, as a state of emergency exists virtually throughout the Soviet Union. So much for irreversible democratization, despite the platitudes of CIA chief Judge Webster! Despite the wishful delusions of the strange bedfellows Jeane Kirkpatrick and McGeorge Bundy, that Mikhail Gorbachov is a democrat.

The political changes now taking place in the Soviet Union, are revolutionary, in that they are shaking up the institutions of the Soviet state; but they are not reforms intended to lead that nation to become a parliamentary or constitutional democracy. To the contrary: The Soviet head of state is in process of becoming a czar.

There is a broad-based, bipartisan coalition in the United States which agrees on a set of delusions about the present trend line of development in the Soviet Union, delusions which have formed the basis for the policy-decisions of the Anglo-American side of what is frequently called the Trust. The Soviet side of the Trust is however, working on a completely different axiomatic basis.

Mikhail Gorbachov first assumed power as the representative of a group of would-be modernizers whose aim was to get the Soviet Union in shape to fight and win a war against the West. That, as LaRouche has warned time and again, was and is the basis for perestroika. Glasnost is merely a political shakeout intended to allow streamlined administration of such a war machine.

Now events have not followed the course which Gorbachov laid out for them, because, like his Anglo-American bedfellows—particularly his would-be mistress, the starry-eyed Maggie Thatcher—he does not understand economics. Again, precisely as LaRouche predicted, the Soviet economy has been unable to sustain the rate of military buildup, and is therefore in a state of collapse. Their problems have been compounded precisely to the extent that they sacrificed *dirigistic planning* for free-market ideology and the chaos that lawfully followed.

Life, as opposed to the wishful thinking of stupid ideologues, does not unfold in a linear manner, and so a new element has entered the picture—also predicted by LaRouche. Man, created in the image of the Lord, naturally rejects tyranny.

Under conditions of worldwide economic breakdown, we have also seen the reemergence of the fight for freedom. For cultural as well as economic reasons, the impending reunification of Germany is at the heart of this process.

The irony is, that while the Anglo-American side of the Trust has looked askance at the moves toward reunification, with Maggie Thatcher most egregious in this regard, the Soviets are tantalized at the openings which a reunited Germany offers them. Since their economy depends heavily upon both Czechoslovakia and the German Democratic Republic, any economic disruption of these countries will further destabilize them.

Conversely, improvements in the productivities of these countries, providing that trade is maintained between them and the U.S.S.R., can be highly beneficial to the Gorbachov crowd, who are looking to the long-term survival of their empire.

What after all, has George Bush left to offer the Soviets—*miniaturization*? To take just one example, the Soviets are eager to get the benefits of German nuclear technology following the disaster of Chernobyl, which was due to the backwardness of the nuclear technology employed, and their failure to invest in adequate containment.

Imagine just how unattractive the United States will look to the cool-blooded Soviet dictator, after the next phase of the financial-economic collapse!

George Bush and Margaret Thatcher are willing to make any sacrifice to shore up Mikhail Gorbachov in power, just at the time when *he* is poised to desert them, in favor of an alliance with France and Germany based upon the policies embodied in LaRouche's proposal for an intensive, high-technology, infrastructural development program radiating out from the triangular region of Germany, France, and Austria. That is the basic irony of the situation.