

Editorial

A grave disease

That President Bush is suffering from Graves' disease is a matter of concern to all who have been horrified at the sheer craziness and brutality of American policy. This is most starkly apparent in the refusal of Bush to permit the lifting of sanctions against Iraq, even though hundreds of thousands of children now face death from malnutrition and disease. This brutality has been an ostentatious feature of U.S. government conduct since at least the invasion of Panama.

The obsessive rage shown by the President against Saddam Hussein and Manuel Noriega, fits the profile of Graves' disease. Indeed, some medical experts believe that the disease itself not only renders its victims irascible, unstable, and unable to concentrate, but that it is precipitated by psychological causes in individuals who are unable to withstand stress. The symptoms of the disease may be so extreme as to render its victim literally psychotic. Further, an overactive thyroid is only symptomatic of the condition, since it is the pituitary gland which is primarily affected, and therefore a wide range of bodily functions are affected as well.

Bush's behavior, even on the personal level, appears to conform to the profile of the disease, to give the picture of a man governed by fits of uncontrollable rage. His wife, in two interviews with *People* magazine, intimated that he attacked her physically, in remarks which might have been intended to be humorous but, then again, might be literally true. In an interview in the Oct. 1, 1990 issue, Mrs. Bush bragged about her campaign to become physically fit. She said, "Don't argue with me, because I could throw you right over my shoulder. Nobody takes me on *now*" (emphasis in the original).

Then, right before the opening of hostilities in Iraq, in the Dec. 17, 1990 issue, the following two interchanges between Mrs. Bush and the interviewer were reported. First the question: "Mrs. Bush, something happened this year that maybe you anticipated, but Millie [their dog] may not have: Her book is selling like hotcakes."

Mrs. Bush's answer is shocking in light of what we now know about the President's ailment. She said:

"Absolutely the biggest surprise of the year. Nobody kicks Millie anymore. Do we, Mil-Mil?" It should be recollected that Mrs. Bush too has the same disease, and presumably has also to contend with her own irascibility.

Later in the interview, Mr. Bush was asked how he deals with stress, and he answered: "Well, I have this dog named Ranger and a wife named Barbara and a couple of grandchildren." Mrs. Bush then interjected, "Thought you were gonna say, 'I kick the dog, kick the wife.'"

The President's mental and physical health raises questions as to whether he is fit to continue to serve out the remainder of his present term. Whether or not George Bush abuses his wife and pets, he certainly has abused the peoples of Panama and Iraq, and he has not done this in secret. Perhaps an even more serious question to be asked than those relating to the President's condition, is the condition of the American population, which has not only tolerated President Bush but actively applauded him.

As early as Dec. 20, 1989, Lyndon LaRouche warned from his prison cell that there was something dangerously amok in the White House. LaRouche said then: "George is a very shallow-minded person, very impulsive. He's a person of rage-driven obsession, and impulses flowing from rage-driven obsessions."

The American people and their representatives in Congress have let that rage get us into two unnecessary wars, which have only served to destabilize the world and lead us closer to the danger of yet another world war. But we should not for a moment forget that the policies which the Bush administration is so brutally implementing, the malthusian anti-population crusade against the children of the world, did not have their genesis with the Bush presidency—although in the 1970s Bush, like Henry Kissinger and the Rockefellers, was heavily involved in fighting for their implementation. It is these policies and capitulation to these policies that are the real disease, and that moral disease has infected too many people in the United States and throughout the world.