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From the Managing Editor

If you walk into a congressional office these days and tell your congressman that the western insistence upon shock therapy has driven Russia back into dictatorship, you will be met with a blank stare. "What?" they say. "Shock therapy was never implemented. Now, maybe Yeltsin will have a chance to push it through. Things will get better, you'll see."

Our devastating cover *Feature* shows what an illusion this is. Gen. Paul Albert Scherer (ret.), the former head of West German military intelligence, is one who has deep knowledge of the Russian situation, and who has met recently with many such congressmen. His report paints a grim picture of the dictatorship, civil wars, and wars of conquest that await us, very soon, if the policy of the West toward Russia is not changed.

Americans need to know this. There is not much time to avert the danger, but yet it still could be averted. We have dismantled our military bases and cut our defense budgets, because we were told that Russia was becoming a free-market "democracy." Now, with the assault on the Moscow White House, it is apparent that something quite different is in the wind: the Third Rome policy matrix that Lyndon LaRouche warned of back in 1983. We must restore our defense capabilities immediately, and, as General Scherer recommends, we must guarantee the security of Ukraine and the Baltic states.

"How?" asks the congressman, worried about the bankrupt state of the U.S. Treasury. "Where is the money going to come from?" That's where LaRouche's economic policy comes in, the American System of national banking and infrastructure development, to replace the idiocy of the "shock therapists." Unless a shift in that direction is effected, General Scherer's scenarios will go swiftly into effect.

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Susan Welsh

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