

Editorial

Where we stand

Regardless of what you are hearing on television or reading in your newspaper, the Serbian aggressors have suffered no defeat in Sarajevo; in fact they have accomplished their desired aim—the partition of that city which is rightly the capital of Bosnia and Hercegovina. Be in no doubt, we are confronted with a continued crisis which can still escalate into a full-scale, new world war.

So long as world politics are governed by criteria established by monetarists and implemented according to the tenets of geopolitics, the crisis must worsen. There can be no peace where there is no justice, and the reality of the so-called peace today is that every nation is governed increasingly in the interest of an ever-smaller privileged minority.

In what we used to be able to call the “developing sector” today there is only the reality of a brutal poverty—starvation, disease, and banditry. Whole nations such as Uganda or Zaire are literally disappearing from the map. Those who fear the same fate for the nations of the former Soviet Union are not merely scare-mongering.

Do you think the nations of Europe, the United States, or Japan will survive if this global crisis is allowed to continue unchecked? Not only will their economic situations become more desperate, no matter who wishes to prattle about recovery, but the ability of their governments to continue will also be destroyed. Already this is the case with many state and local governments in the United States.

Worse still is the decline of civilization which is seen so graphically in the indifference of most people to the genocide which has occurred and is continuing to occur in the former Yugoslavia. Without minimizing one iota the evil for which Adolf Hitler is accountable, can we honestly say that we are better? Certainly we cannot claim that we do not know what is happening every day, before our very eyes when we switch on our television set.

Today violence is being legitimized on every level, be it in Bosnia, which is prevented from defending itself by the United Nations, or in the schoolyards of

America, where young children are being drawn into drug trafficking and the violence which is its natural consequence.

The Third World War has already begun in the Balkans, in the Caucasus, in Africa. And who among you allows the anguish of this to weigh upon your daily concerns of life?

When the Schiller Institute held its semi-annual conference over Presidents' Day weekend, this was the message addressed to the 1,300 people in attendance. The challenge was put to them by Lyndon and Helga LaRouche to take into their hearts and minds the plight of the entirety of our civilization.

The so-called political elite of the world have thus far failed not only to prevent the current collection of catastrophes, but even to recognize the nature of the crisis. And this is even more true of the populations of their nations, who have so far been willing to remain stupefied in the face of disaster.

At the time of the French Revolution, Friedrich Schiller said of the terror which swept France: “A great historic moment has found only a small-minded people!” The same thing must unfortunately be said today.

When the Berlin Wall opened and the Iron Curtain fell, the leaders of the world failed totally to rise to the occasion. What could have been the onset of a golden age for humanity, what was a virtual gift of fate has been squandered under the iron fist of the International Monetary Fund and its lackeys. A true statesman thinks at all times, but especially when challenged with difficult circumstances, how he or she can shape the historical process in order to make the world a better place. Today politicians follow the lead of bankers in the rush to loot the pockets of the poor and defenseless.

In 1988, Lyndon LaRouche anticipated the turn of events in his famous Oct. 12 press conference at the Kempinski Bristol Hotel in Berlin. He proposed a plan which would avert the economic collapse in eastern Europe and revive the economies in the West. That plan was rejected with the consequences which we see. Let us see that this time he is heeded!