

total workforce of 22 million, over 8 million jobs have been lost since 1990. Instead of total food self-sufficiency, Ukraine is now a net importer of high-priced, low-quality food from abroad—despite the fact that Ukraine has the finest black soil in the world.

She presented detailed statistics, showing that two-thirds of the GDP of her country is currently in the black market. “We have seen dangerous, monstrous criminal growth,” she reported. “The President and the majority of the Parliament took IMF money and political support and implemented their recipes. The IMF hooked Ukraine on debt by 1992,” she recounted. “And now, every year, President Kuchma goes to Davos to report to his masters on the progress.”

Proving that Dr. Koryagina’s comparison of Russia and the Ukraine was correct, Dr. Vitrenko offered detailed charts showing that 71% of Ukraine’s employed labor force earns an average of \$25 per month. Families receiving assistance from the state receive only one-third of the minimum wage—an average of \$3 per month for a two-person household. “How do people live?” she asked. “They go into the black market, or they go abroad to sell their labor power there.” The latest atrocity, Dr. Vitrenko noted, is that the government, at the behest of the IMF, is now moving to increase the retirement age for men from 55 years to 65 years. Yet, today the average male life expectancy is only 62 years. That’s one way to avoid paying pensions, she observed wryly.

IMF shaped Ukraine’s Constitution

Volodymyr Marchenko filled out the horror story that is today’s Ukraine, by giving the audience a detailed account of the new Ukrainian Constitution, which concentrates so much power in the hands of the President, that legal impeachment proceedings—certainly warranted by Kuchma’s treasonous collusion with the IMF—are an impossibility. This, he said, is the key to the IMF’s take-down of the Ukrainian economy. He cited public statements by Dr. Vitrenko, labeling the day that the new constitution was enacted as “the blackest day in Ukraine’s history.” The new Russian Constitution, he reminded the audience, was imposed by Yeltsin’s tanks firing upon the White House in October 1993. In Ukraine, the President threatened to shut down the Parliament and abolish all political parties if the Constitution was not ratified.

In response to questions, Dr. Koryagina summed up the message which she and the other speakers had traveled to Washington to deliver: The IMF policies have created social stress, destroyed the family structure, triggered a meteoric rise in the rate of abortions, and driven the death rate above the birth rate. Yet, such quantitative descriptions are inadequate. “When a nation is destroyed and subverted, it loses all of its humanity. The IMF is guilty of crimes surpassing those for which the Nazis were condemned at Nuremberg. The international financial oligarchy behind the IMF is more terrible than the fascists.”

LaRouche on justified warfare

The following exchange took place at the President’s Day conference of the International Caucus of Labor Committees and the Schiller Institute, on Feb. 17, in Reston, Virginia.

Q: I came to Canada in 1989, as a political refugee. Bulgaria is an extreme example of the implementation of the International Monetary Fund policy, which has already destroyed many eastern European countries. Bulgaria is now undergoing the biggest destruction since the First World War. Many citizens are asking themselves whether they will die from starvation, or from the cold. There are many suicides in Bulgaria right now. The country might be on the brink of bankruptcy right now.

What can we do to change the situation? There are going to be elections in about two months from now, to protect democracy. What would be possible? Would it be possible to inform the politicians in Bulgaria, mobilize them, inform them of the ideas of the Schiller Institute, and this sort of thing?

LaRouche: There are indications; we have been contacted by some people on this, and there are indications, of course, that our work and our views in these matters are known, among some political circles in Bulgaria. I’ve not had a chance to talk to anyone from there, in the period of this crisis, because my own schedule got in the way.

But, in general, what we’re looking at, is the reality of the world today. For example, in the United States, to make a comparison between individual life and life of nations; many times in the United States today, children willfully kill their parents. They kill their parents for reasons of greed or for reasons of ideology. They are conditioned to believe, as if they were hypnotized, that it’s the right thing to do. And so, they use their influence to cause their parents to be killed, or their death to be accelerated.

There are children who go to induce their parents to sign a “Do Not Resuscitate” order—murder. There are people who die in the streets, because they don’t have the right identification and credit cards to be admitted to care. There are people who die, because somebody decided to close down a hospital, which meant that there was no hospital available to treat them when their lives could have been saved, and they were in dire distress.

These things, and similar things, are the commonplace, characteristic realities of life in the United States today. *And, in Washington, on these issues, nobody, but almost nobody, gives a damn.*

We now have come to the time, when the same evil logic applies to the fate of entire nations. Rwanda was destroyed, and no leading nation gave a damn. Millions of people were subjected to genocide, at the direction of a British Privy Council puppet and agent, the so-called President of Uganda. Nobody gave a damn. Even some of our active African-Americans cheered, and said, "This is good! It's against Mobutu." Nobody gave a damn.

In all of Africa, in most part, including, as I've said plainly, most African-Americans, the loud voices you get in the press, don't give a damn. Or, they're on the wrong side,

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like Randall Robinson, altogether. They're working for the murder, for the mass assassination. And, when it comes to Africa, we speak of the Black Congressional Caucasians, that quarter. Nobody gives a damn.

Albania is dying. It's a poor country, a fragile country, which is dying of a swindle, a pure financial swindle of the most naked type, an Orange County-style swindle, but worse, against poor people. Bulgaria is faced with death. Bosnia is on the chopping block.

Whole parts of this planet are dying, whole nations, just like the individuals in the hospitals, with somebody shoving a clipboard with a "DNR" sign on it in front of them.

We have to understand, that this is not a problem of one country at a time, a problem of what the policies in one country at a time are. Bulgaria would not be *allowed* to do anything. No government of Bulgaria would be allowed to survive in opposing the present policies. The plight of Bulgaria is the IMF. If you can not destroy the IMF, which is strangling Bulgaria, and has continued to strangle it, you can not save the nation from extinction.

There are no simple little reforms. See, this is justified warfare. You're in a situation, where an intolerable condition exists, a condition which you must not tolerate morally. We have a condition inside the United States, as I described, in terms of an epidemic of morbidity, willfully caused, even by

children killing their parents; Baby-Boomers are murdering their parents, and think it's the "right thing" to do.

Whole nations are being murdered by the IMF. Many will say, "Well, you've got to defend reform and democracy. You must uphold the IMF's authority." That's like saying you must uphold Hitler's authority! What's the difference? No difference. This is worse. The IMF is more dangerous than Hitler.

The human race has a 'casus belli' against the IMF

You have come to a point, where the human race has a *casus belli* against the IMF. Now, according to Augustinus, the question is: Is there any other way of dealing with the IMF, except by annihilating its power over this planet? No. Can you save any country from the IMF, except by annihilating the power of the IMF? No. Then, why are you talking about trying to save individual countries, if you're not committed to annihilating the power of the enemy, the IMF?

You see what our problem is? People are in a state of denial. We are under *casus belli*. Our moral obligation for most of the problems on this planet, are, that we must destroy the IMF and what it represents: *annihilate it as a force upon this planet, with more urgency than the annihilation of Hitler.*

Where are we? Are we waiting for a Pearl Harbor, to mobilize us to war?

But, the problem we face, is, until we get to the point that you have a Pearl Harbor effect, that people stop denying the reality, both on an individual basis, within countries, and the fact that now, *entire nations, the entire continental area of sub-Saharan Africa is now being murdered,* and will, in a short time, be exterminated, in terms of any political existence, unless we *stop* the IMF and what it represents.

Russia and Ukraine, which are represented here, *will be destroyed, or turned into chaos,* unless something is done to defeat the IMF. And, people want little suggestions on how to fix things, *despite* tolerating the IMF? Can we make a pact with the devil who is committing the crime?

I said years ago, our slogan ought to be, "Kill Satan." And, I got a lot of so-called Christian fundamentalists very upset. "You can't kill Satan! What are we going to complain about!?" Nobody will come to church any more!"

That's the point. Our problem is, we are in a state, where the world is in a state of war, that is, *casus belli*. And, under Augustinian rules, we must go to war to annihilate the power of the IMF, by appropriate means. We must not, however, behave as fools. It is a crime to commit war in a foolish way. Because you are then defeated, and you bring upon the disaster of war, on top of the defeat. So you must *win* war: annihilate the force of the IMF, and what it represents.

I'm committed to that. My concern is to find enough people in the right place, with the right combination, who are committed to that, and doing it properly. And, if I react

'New Bretton Woods' sought by Italian parliamentarian

Publio Fiori, a member of Italy's Parliament and a leader of the conservative Alleanza Nazionale (National Alliance), the leading opposition party, introduced on the floor of the Italian Chamber of Deputies on Feb. 13, a parliamentary interrogatory to Treasury Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, asking if, in the context of the ongoing disintegration of the international monetary and financial system, the Italian state should undertake emergency initiatives, including a New Bretton Woods conference and a tax on derivatives instruments.

Fiori had been a Rome-based leader of the Christian Democracy (DC) throughout his political career, until the 1993 dissolution of the DC party, which came under internal and international attack, leading to the prearranged indictment of former Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti. Fiori was the leader of the DCers who, with the MSI of Gianfranco Fini, created the Alleanza Nazionale in the wake of the DC's dissolution. During the Berlusconi government, Fiori held the Transportation Ministry. In the 1980s, he was an outspoken supporter of the Strategic Defense Initiative, and a strong anti-terrorism fighter, who became a target of a Red Brigades' terrorist attack. Fiori was a speaker at the Schiller Institute's 1986 conference

on Saint Augustine in Rome.

In his interrogatory, reported in the *Atti parlamentari* under number 2-00400, after giving a detailed report on derivatives speculation, the Italian and Japanese banking crises, and related events, Fiori asked:

1. that an inquiry be opened and that necessary measures be undertaken against derivative speculators such as George Soros, who bears contributing responsibility for the economic collapse of the eastern European countries as well as for the 1992 devaluation of the Italian lira;

2. that rigorous controls be promoted against tax evasion and dirty-money laundering carried out through the use of derivatives instruments;

3. that a 0.1% tax be introduced on all derivatives operations, with the aim of deflating the speculative bubble;

4. that, together with the United States and other interested nations, a new Bretton Woods conference be promoted, from which should result a decision to create a new stable international monetary system oriented toward the reconstruction of the world economy;

5. that an emergency program for the industrial reconstruction of Italy, and for a productive new start through the development of large infrastructure projects, including new investment credits of 200,000 billion liras (roughly \$130 billion) every year, be initiated, and that small and medium-size industries which produce machine tools and instruments be especially promoted, in the context of a reform of the central bank, which should result in the creation of a National Bank for development.

abruptly, it's because I emphasize: Stop playing games! Do not deny the reality. Admit that's the reality, and concentrate on how we can mobilize forces for the necessary action to annihilate, as immediately as possible, the power of the IMF. And, if you're complaining about anything else as an alternate issue, you're missing the point. You're outside reality. There's no hope for anyone.

For example, the United States has the power to buck the IMF. What happens if President Clinton tries to buck the IMF? Bang, bang, bang. That's real. That's the game we're in. That's the reality.

Don't try to judge things, without considering that environmental reality. *We have to organize a form of war to effect the annihilation of the enemy force.* And, if you're talking about other issues as alternative to doing that, you're kidding yourself. You're in a state of denial. You're being foolish.

What you have to do, is, let these issues persuade you, that you have to act to destroy the IMF now. That's a decision. That's a decision of war. And, until people are prepared to go to war to eliminate the oppressor, the oppressor is going to be tolerated. And, if the oppressor is tolerated, he is going to

succeed in perpetrating these atrocities. We have to change it.

I know it's fearful. But, you've got to find the resources in yourself, to rise above the petty things about little suggestions, alternatives. *We must destroy the IMF, now!* Not come up with a proposal which, five years from now, will enable us to take on the IMF. We have to destroy them now.

It's in our hands. We are in the situation. We have the ability to do so. I'm interested in working, as Jim says, "working on that question." Work on it. We've got to destroy it now. And, all the petty games, and the people who want to play foolish games, have to be told they're playing foolish games. Get serious! Join the army and fight the war. And, that's the Bulgarian question.

When you sit there and realize, *there's nothing we can do for Bulgaria to stop this horror show, because the successive governments are all going to submit to the program, and the result is going to be death, possibly the death of Bulgaria.* Therefore, you have to destroy this enemy now, and say, "How many of our friends, or how many countries, are going to be destroyed, before we finally get the gumption to realize you have to destroy this enemy?"