

party. In effect, the votes received by the NDP and the Greens are what can be counted as support for the existing reform policy. All the others are against it. The President may be supported by the NDP (17 from its slate and 13 who won in their districts=30) and the Greens (19 from their slate), which is only about 50 votes, or one-ninth of the Parliament. This means the collapse of his policy.

How the President will come out of this situation, is another question. He will come out of it with convulsions, of course, putting together a bloc of support. He will be supported by Rukh [the People's Movement of Ukraine, under Vyacheslav Chornovil] and the SDPU, because they don't see any other path of development for Ukraine. They simply don't like what the Communists have proposed, not to mention what we propose. Therefore, they will reach an agreement with the President, to support his policy.

For the Ukrainian people, we believe that these elections once again revealed the flaws of the bourgeois Constitution and election laws. It was impossible for there to be a real expression of the will of the people. There was non-stop bribery, blackmail, slander, deception, faking of results, and falsification. This was the case everywhere, at all stages of the process, in all regions.

People could see, and a month from now they will see very clearly, that among those who have been elected to Parliament are representatives of criminal capital, as well as nationalist parties, which, we are convinced, do not reflect the

proportions in which the Ukrainian population's views really break down. The correlation of forces in society is not like that any more. But, some of these people were able to slip through the sieve and into the Parliament.

EIR: More and more leaders are speaking out in favor of a New Bretton Woods system — Prime Minister Romano Prodi of Italy, recently, for example — and they are attacking the IMF, for having been completely unable to deal with the Asia crisis. Do you see the end coming, for the IMF?

Vitrenko: Indeed, voices are now more often to be heard speaking about a New Bretton Woods system as an alternative to the IMF, although in Ukraine this is blacked out of the information media. The same idea is repeated again and again, that there is no alternative to the IMF.

[Speaker of the Parliament, leader of the Socialist Party] O. Moroz has, in effect, supported the IMF and done everything in his power, for decisions favorable to the IMF to be passed by the Supreme Rada. It was only during the electoral campaign, that he suddenly started talking about how ruinous the IMF's policy has been for Ukraine, i.e., he simply played the cheap card of populism, in hopes of remaining in the Speaker's chair (and dreaming about the Presidential chair, down the road), only to conduct the same old policy. In other words, to serve the IMF faithfully. Such constant lies, such a constant double and triple standard in discussions! This is typical of the well-schooled party nomenklatura [that is, peo-

LaRouche: Support for IMF policy in Ukraine is 'nuts'

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, writing in the *Washington Post* of April 13, under the headline "Countering a Communist Comeback," expressed "concern" over the Ukrainian Communist Party's gains in the March 29 parliamentary elections. Talbott warned that Ukraine needs "international investment capital and development assistance," but that, "the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have made clear that they will withhold further support until Ukraine makes progress on some long-postponed reforms. Most important are the restructuring of the energy and agricultural sectors, the imposition of greater discipline in government spending, and measures to control widespread corruption. On her visit to Kiev last month, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright urged Ukraine's leaders to take those hard but necessary steps."

In an interview with "EIR Talks" on April 14, Lyndon LaRouche turned to the U.S. posture on IMF policies in

Russia and Ukraine, including Talbott's column, which was reprinted in the *International Herald Tribune*. "Strobe Talbott, as people should know, is the Deputy Secretary of State. He's an old Clinton friend, and he proposes a policy for Ukraine, which, from my standpoint, is just absolutely nuts. It won't work. And, what appears to be the case is that the United States proposals for the economic policies of Russia tend to go, at least at the moment, in the same direction as Strobe Talbott's commentary on Ukraine.

"That's the situation, that Russia is now being forced, under international pressure, to adhere to a policy which can not work, a policy which, if pressed, would cause precisely the blow-out of Russia, which, in the context of a Japan blow-out, which is very likely, would create a situation viewed by some top European bankers as the combination which can blow out the system.

"So therefore, the only acceptable alternative, if the United States government is sane, would be to give Yeltsin and so forth some slack on this thing, and let the Russian government come to its own discussion on policy, stop having these policies shoved down on it, the kind of thing that Strobe Talbott has proposed for Ukraine."