

## Editorial

### *The would-be gods of Olympus are doomed*

The British-American-Commonwealth grouping, which was behind the attempt to remove President Clinton from office, is on a rampage, generating chaos in the Balkans, the Middle East, and Central Asia, in a desperate attempt to stop the momentum toward development and cooperation, on the part of the "Survivors' Club" in Asia. In the Balkans, where the talks on Kosova in Rambouillet have broken down, the BAC crowd has been trying to provoke a U.S.-Russia clash, by pushing a NATO-only intervention, which Russian President Boris Yeltsin has rejected.

In the Middle East-Persian Gulf region, the war is going on. Contrary to what Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit was quoted as saying, that the operations into northern Iraq were terminated, the Turkish General Staff has stated that they have *not* ended. This entire operation is being run by Al Gore's Principals Committee, the British, and the Israelis, not by any national government, in the same way that the Roman legions were deployed. If the Turkish military operations are continued into northern Iraq, this will provoke a confrontation between the political and military layers inside Turkey, and will lead to a doomsday scenario on the ground. Turkish troops entering this difficult, sparsely populated terrain, will be targetted by guerrilla units, and will find themselves in a new Afghanistan quagmire.

In Central Asia, the Principals Committee is moving hard and fast, in what it thinks will be a takeover of the raw materials-rich republics. The just-announced contract between the Turkmenistan government and the U.S. firm PSG, which is to head up the consortium building the pipeline through Georgia into Turkey, was warmly welcomed by none other than Vice President Al Gore, who sent his personal congratulations to Turkmenistan's President Saparmurad Niyazov. Although it is clear that Turkmenistan needs pipelines in various directions, in order to sell its gas and oil, which have been blocked for years, it is important to understand that this pipeline is being celebrated for its geopolitical significance: Both Iran and Russia are opposed to it, in that it bypasses both land routes, and utterly ignores the treaty agreements still in force, signed between the Soviet Union and Iran, regarding the Caspian Sea. The

pipeline also flies in the face of India and Pakistan, whose security concerns must take the situation of the Central Asian republics into consideration.

A welcome response to the arrogance of the BAC-controlled raw materials cartels, which are ready to do to Central Asia what they have been doing to the Great Lakes region of Africa, has come in the form of the decision, by the government of Kazakstan, to expropriate the companies associated with the TransWorld Group. TransWorld is a London-based global metals and commodities-trading conglomerate, which was the biggest investor in Kazakstan. Caught in the act of "mismanagement" and forcing the country into "economic dependency," the group has had its \$200 million in contracts invalidated, and is being forced to pay \$200 million in damages.

Clearly, a fight is raging inside the Commonwealth of Independent States, between forces of national sovereignty, and the networks of Al Gore's crony, CIS Executive Secretary Boris Berezovsky, who are committed to selling out national interests to the BAC crowd. The fight dovetails with the fight over the extension of NATO eastward. Russian Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov is emerging as a rallying point for forces which recognize what the Principals Committee represents, and want to be liberated from its grasp.

Significantly, the fight in Ibero-America shapes up around the same issues, as in Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico, resistance is building to the privatization of national industry.

At the center of this fight, worldwide, is the movement associated with Lyndon LaRouche and *EIR*. The countries which are fighting for their existence in Eurasia today — Russia, China, India, and others — are doing so in coherence with the conceptual orientation provided by LaRouche's forecasts and economic policies. These governments see that they are being threatened with technological apartheid, and have decided to go ahead with the capabilities that exist in Russia, and to develop their own. They recognize the stupidity in the West, the insanity of the Principals Committee, and the weakness of the Europeans. They recognize, as we do, that the BAC is doomed.