

Editorial

Mrs. Thatcher should be stopped

Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has taken upon herself the task of doing everything in her power to sabotage the reunification of Germany. Despite her worst efforts, it is urgent that the monetary and economic integration of the economy of East Germany with that of the Federal Republic be rapidly accomplished. To delay would mean a catastrophe for all concerned.

Even the Soviets appear to be persuaded that without the readiness of the Federal Republic to assume the burden of the contribution to the Soviet economy normally made by the German Democratic Republic (G.D.R.), their own economy would be in jeopardy. We know that the Soviets depend critically upon the contributions from the G.D.R. and Czechoslovakia, and that without those two Eastern European nations, the Soviet economy would collapse even more rapidly than it is at present.

Lyndon LaRouche has called his proposal for a high-technology triangle, focused upon the potentials of a reunified Germany, including France and Austria, and Czechoslovakia, a "golden goose"—a goose which would be laying golden eggs each day for the Soviet economy, as in the well-known fable. This is something which wiser heads in Moscow have come to realize since Chancellor Kohl's recent visit there.

Although the Soviets have the military force to crush Germany, if they do so—just like the greedy farmer who killed his fabulously productive goose in the fable, in the hopes of getting everything at once—then there will be no golden eggs, and the Soviet economy will collapse as a result. Mrs. Thatcher apparently does not understand any of this. But intelligent people everywhere do.

All Americans should support this process of unification and the early step of monetary union for much the same reason as the Soviets. The U.S. economy is in such bad shape that it too needs to be the beneficiary of some golden eggs, to get it moving.

Furthermore, because the ongoing rate of collapse in the Soviet economy will be increased if the Federal

Republic is prevented from helping to restart the economy of East Germany, political destabilization will follow, with a heightened danger of war, as the Soviets are driven with their backs to the wall.

If Chancellor Kohl offers to make his country a golden goose, then we must say that the kindest thing that we can call Mrs. Thatcher is a silly goose. Another image for the insanity of her present policies is taken from ancient English history—the famous case of King Canute, who proved unequal to the task of stopping the advance of his adversaries. This poor man went out on the beach and screamed imprecations against the wind and the waves which were bearing the forces of his enemy to the shores of England.

That image reminds us today of Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who is cackling like a silly goose in all directions. One need only imagine that she is a King Canute in feathers—or in contemporary lingo, a King Canute in drag—to have the picture.

Mrs. Thatcher on economics has been quite loony from the outset. Her head has been stuffed with Friedmanite ideology since she was designated prime minister. While at the outset, she appeared to be determined to be part of the stalwart resistance to the Soviet empire, since December 1984, she has been conducting a veritable romance with Mikhail S. Gorbachov.

Since then Mrs. Thatcher has been an absolute disaster, in her influence in the United States and in Britain as well. Now she appears to be intent to extend her pernicious influence by trying to sabotage the reunification process in Germany. Fortunately, like the efforts of King Canute, Mrs. Thatcher's efforts appear to no more effective than straws in the wind.

The only way to stop the global new Dark Age, which threatened us before the events of this past November, is to apply the kind of conceptions laid out in the triangle project as defined by LaRouche, for massive high-technology infrastructure investment radiating out from a reunited Germany. These are presently the policies of Chancellor Kohl. Mrs. Thatcher must not be permitted to interfere.