

Editorial

Barking Up The Wrong Trees

The greatest burden resting on America's attempt to deal with the irregular warfare attacks of Sept. 11 and following, has been the refusal to contemplate the hand of an "enemy within" in these attacks; or the question, "Who benefits?" These are not a few individuals to be apprehended, but powerful "rogue elements" within the U.S., British, and Israeli security and military establishments, whose continuing actions and power threaten everyone from the President, to the ordinary citizen, to the real allies of America.

Two breaking developments of the last week of October, again demand Lyndon LaRouche's analysis stated in the first two hours of the attacks: an implicit coup from "within" against American institutions; a drive to push the United States into a "clash of civilizations" religious war to be triggered by Israeli military actions.

First, the newly-accumulating, scandalous, but widely acknowledged evidence: the United States military, along with other NATO troops, are protecting—even advising and training—Osama bin Laden's "Al-Qaeda" in Kosovo and now in Macedonia, while bombing them in Afghanistan. The evidence is not indirect—it is the brother of Osama bin Laden's supposed right-hand man, training terrorists who have long been active in the American military zone in Kosovo, and in recent days invading Macedonia. Nor is it just a local incident—the Taliban-Kosovo connection is the way Afghanistan's huge heroin supplies get into Europe; furthermore, the same "Al-Qaeda" is in the middle of what Britain and the United States call the anti-Russian "freedom fighters" of Chechnya.

Second, the revelations coming originally through the Danish daily newspaper *Ekstra Bladet* on Oct. 24, indicating that many on the large lists of terrorist suspects in the attacks were under direct U.S. security surveillance for a long time before Sept. 11. American and Canadian security specialists who are willing to speak, have also noted that a great number of the suspects were living in the immediate vicinity of U.S. special operations bases.

In addition, there are increasing indications, acknowledged by some among the qualified personnel investigating, that the anthrax letters are operations which have most likely been accomplished with aid of influential circles inside Western security sectors.

More than that can not be said at this point, and the objective should not be that of moving from one Sherlock Holmes detective track to another. There is a more fundamental question. The United States faces national security threats which require, above all, that the government act for the general welfare of the population, in the broadest sense.

This means an emergency commitment to repair the tremendous damage done to American public health capabilities by 30 years of "managed care"; damage which has made the response to the bio-terrorism threat, so far, look woefully unprepared. It means determined action to bring a peace guaranteed by economic development to the Middle East, to remove the trigger for potentially endless religious warfare facing the United States.

It means, above all, solving the economic and financial collapse which is plunging the country into depression, even as it is attempting to project fighting global "wars against terrorism." The way to do that is true cooperation, on basic principles of the general welfare, with Russia and other nations that are making clear offers of such cooperation.

The principles of financial recovery, of economic rebuilding, have been placed on the table by Lyndon LaRouche, and as a result of LaRouche's increasing influence in Russia and other key countries. Those principles are, again, the subject of our featured coverage in this issue.

The "enemy within" is above all the failed and false economic and foreign policies which the United States must change in this crisis. Attempts to intensify those policies and make them into a "war on terrorism," have the country barking up the wrong trees, while those benefitting from the effects of the Sept. 11 attacks, are free to attack again.