

America must go nuclear now

In the face of the complete impasse among contending factions in Washington, U.S. presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche issued a call to AMERICANS on July 12 to "go nuclear." Executive Intelligence Review would like to underscore this timely call for our readers, in the expectation that nothing but disaster can result from Jimmy Carter's emergence after the Camp David sessions.

Moreover, considering the perspectives of nuclear energy development being opened by the other "superpower," the Soviet Union, and reported in this issue's ENERGY section, we submit that there is no better foundation for a lasting peace between East and West than the policy outlined by LaRouche. Here is the text of his statement:

"The time has come for the United States of America to make clear decisions for energy policy: nuclear energy is the only acceptable path for this nation. We say that now is the time to mobilize the nation's resources to rapidly move our society toward a fully nuclear-powered economy and also to make this nation the principal exporter of nuclear plants and technology throughout the world. Environmentalist arguments and objections to this necessity are to be shoved aside as pure nonsense and unscientific mumbo-jumbo.

"For this perspective, as immediate preliminary measures, we are promoting legislation for immediate reopening of those nuclear plants that have been shut down, for the completion of all nuclear plants now under construction—including the Clinch River fast-breeder reactor program—and for the immediate launching, in 1979, of construction of an additional 70-100

nuclear reactors for completion in the next 26 to 30 months.

"These immediate preliminary measures are to be carried out with tightening of standard plant security provisions, including additional personnel screening procedures, to ensure that no environmentalist saboteurs and terrorists can gain access to our nuclear plants.

"The time has come for citizens of this nation to inform President Carter that his irrational, fetishistic fear of nuclear energy will no longer be allowed to damage our national development and the future of our nation.

"President Carter must now honor the obligations he undertook at the Tokyo Summit to pursue nuclear energy. This is also the time for Carter to overcome his nuclear submarine experience, which caused his pathological fear of nuclear energy.

"I welcome French President Giscard d'Estaing's recent statement that France today is committed to what is probably the best available nuclear energy program of any

country in the world. I wish to make it clear, however, that where any gifted nation in the world can produce one nuclear plant, the United States of America can produce 50!

"I have given instructions to my associates to establish a presidential campaign task force composed of scientists, engineers, civic and political leaders drawn from the best layers of our republic to present the entire array of legislative packages which are going to bring our nation to the level of utilizing 1,000 nuclear plants by 1990 and exporting more than 3,000 nuclear plants by the same time period.

"I call on the citizens of our republic to take immediate measures through their institutions and affiliations to compel the United States Congress to pass the legislation we are now putting before that body. I also call upon our citizens to get in contact with my representatives, to get in contact with our presidential campaign task force, in order to participate in the nationwide dialogue that will shape the components of this policy.

The Week in Brief

A highly placed diplomat for an important Arab nation has informed EIR of current Arab evaluations that Israel is deliberately seeking to provoke full-scale war with Syria. Daily Israeli armed forces' operations in southern Lebanon, he said, are aimed at depopulating the area preparatory to annexation, while discrediting both United Nations and Arab League peacekeeping forces (the bulk of the latter are Syrian troops).

Simultaneously, the source added, Israel is supporting Muslim

Brotherhood subversion of the Syrian government as well as fomenting conflict between Iran and Iraq, to force Iraqi support away from Syria, to deal with the uncertainty on its eastern border.

Syria, the diplomat concluded, is aware of Israel's plan and will not be provoked, recognizing that a fifth Mideast war is not in its interest. But "we have no choice but to prepare for war" if the policy continues, he added.

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