

Editorial

Beam weapons: Teller is right

Last February this magazine's founder and contributing editor, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., told a Washington press conference that the world needed a new "arms race," one wherein the United States and Soviet Union agreed to develop "beam weapon" anti-ballistic missile capabilities as soon as possible. On Oct. 26, in a speech before the Washington National Press Club, physicist Edward Teller recapitulated point for point the major arguments made by LaRouche and his associates over the intervening months, arguing that beam weapon technologies are vital to peace and world economic development.

As Teller put it, the United States faces two equally repugnant choices, if it fails now to seize upon the opportunity that beam weapons present. It can surrender to the Soviets, or it can await the near-term probability of war. But by taking the opposite path, "we can do much more than avoid war. We can improve the horrible way of life in the Third World, by using technology, and create a situation where the causes of war can be eliminated."

More recently, LaRouche put the question starkly before a European audience. "We have the technologies to develop relativistic space-beam weapons," he said. "But if Friedmanism, Mont Pelerinism continues, if steel collapses, we won't be able to. We approach the end of civilization under the threat of Mutually Assured Destruction [MAD]."

MAD is the doctrine imposed by the British oligarchy at the close of World War II. Under the orders of Sir Winston Churchill, the British propagated the theory that the era of the Bomb locked the world into permanent nuclear terror. According to the British: Science produced the atomic bomb. Therefore, science produces war. To survive, mankind must accept the fettering of science.

This doctrine produced the nuclear "freeze" movement under the direction of the Vietnam War-era defense officials around Robert "Body Count" McNamara.

As their pedigrees indicate, McNamara and other advocates of the British position are not committed to stopping war. If they were, they would eagerly embrace

the development of space-based relativistic beam weapons as a means of neutralizing the threat of nuclear ICBMs. Not only would this technology end the nuclear nightmare in itself, but most importantly, the technological advances required would force breakthroughs in plasma physics and revolutionize mining and materials technologies. This is the path accepted not only by Dr. Teller but by every rational person, in agreement with LaRouche.

The only way to avoid both the threat of war and the psychological terror attending it is through science. The future of the United States hinges on this issue, which has been taken to the population over recent months by LaRouche's political action committee, the National Democratic Policy Committee, and by the Fusion Energy Foundation.

The success of the British oligarchy in toppling pro-growth governments and institutions in Western Europe has now put the hands of the clock at five minutes to midnight. The only two nations still standing in the OECD sector that have the capability of reversing the world depression and the threat of thermonuclear war are the United States and Japan. The United States has shown, in the Nov. 2 elections, a certain resistance to fascism and willingness of the electorate to be affected by the moral force of LaRouche's ideas. But neither the U.S.A. nor Japan is strong.

If the British, and the Soviets' game playing succeed in keeping the United States on the policy track of the International Monetary Fund; if the British succeed in pushing the U.S.A. out of Europe, as recent European initiatives by Britain's Maggie Thatcher were aiming at, and out of the Middle East, as the British and Soviets were conspiring to do, as well as out of Africa and the Indian Ocean; and if the United States continues to collapse economically—*then what will happen is nuclear war.*

Either we develop a method to destroy thermonuclear weapons, or we must remain in a terrible bind. Every moral person in the world must therefore fight for Washington to follow the course which Dr. Teller, in agreement with LaRouche, has now endorsed.