

## Editorial

### *Sin, and the mass media*

In a brief homily delivered on March 29, Holy Saturday, Pope John Paul II drew attention to modern man's loss of the sense of sin. "Man commits sin without calling by name what he does," the Pope said. "But this is not the way of liberation. It is only the way of falsifying the truth."

It is not necessary to be a Roman Catholic to agree with the Pope on this question. It is precisely the same Liberal Establishment-controlled mass media, that have extinguished cultural optimism in the United States, that have also obliterated the notion of sin—the idea that yes, some actions are evil, prompted by evil thoughts, enacted by evil people, indeed in the gravest cases, by *organized* evil.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the wicked economic policies to which the U.S. government obsessively clings, thanks to the iron grip which the Wall Street crowd of Donald T. Regan, James Baker III, and above all George Shultz, holds over the administration's economic actions.

Scores of economic horror stories reach *EIR*'s headquarters every few hours, presenting a picture of galloping worldwide depression:

- Finance Ministers from the Organization of African Unity (OAU), at a meeting that began on March 28 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, stated that \$115 billion will be required through 1990, just to restore agricultural infrastructure to pre-famine levels. Africa carries an estimated \$170 billion in foreign debt.

- Mexican living standards have been reduced by 30% in the past five years, according to a Mexican newspaper report of March 28. Mexicans now spend 70% of their wages just to feed themselves. Real wages for the average salaried worker have fallen even faster than those of the general population. All of this has occurred under the terms dictated by the International Monetary Fund when it seized control of Mexico's economic policy in 1982, as a condition for extending credit.

- A congressional report released in March, predicts that by the year 2000, only 50,000 farmers will be

left in the United States. Already, the collapse of U.S. agriculture has undermined our capacity to supply food to developing countries, and the U.S. food supply itself is in peril.

- As the price of oil continues to decline toward the \$8 per barrel mark, the states of Texas and Alaska are facing the prospect of immediate bankruptcy.

None of this is necessary. Fifteen years ago, when President Nixon, at the instigation of George Shultz and company, cut the dollar loose from gold in 1971, Lyndon LaRouche warned that this action would sink the United States and the world economy, and he laid out the measures by which the disaster could be reversed in a single day. At a Bonn press conference in 1975, he launched the proposal for an "International Development Bank" which would put the world monetary system on a sound basis of technology-vectored industrial growth.

In spring 1982, LaRouche, who had just publicly proposed the shift in strategic doctrine that later became known as Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, published a lengthy study of the conceptual basis of the new defense doctrine. He showed that only the technological leap embodied in the SDI, could transform the civilian economy sufficiently to spark a world economic recovery—given the by-now catastrophic collapse of plant, infrastructure, and population.

Had the media had the minimal morality to give LaRouche's proposals objective coverage 15, 10, or even 5 years ago, millions of people might still be alive, who have died in Africa or Ibero-America of starvation and disease. Millions of American youth might not have had their minds and bodies wrecked by the dope trade—the only "business" that flourished as the real economy died away.

Alexander Hamilton, the first U.S. treasury secretary, wrote, "It is by the press that the morals of this country have been ruined, and it is by the press that they shall be restored." We challenge the media to admit the existence of sin—and join us in restoring the country's morals.