

Editorial

The real state of the union

America has become a nation sharply divided between the wealthy and the very poor. When we look at the goals which President Bush set before the nation in his State of the Union speech, despite his Pollyanna rhetoric, this comes out loud and clear.

The plight of the homeless in America's largest cities can be compared to that of the poor in a Brazilian *favela*—except that in Brazil, the indigent live in jerry-rigged shacks, while many of the U.S. poor must camp in the streets, even in freezing weather. Bush calls for an America where “everyone has a roof over his head.”

Then there is the question of jobs. Bush would have “a job available for everyone who wants one.” Of course, he does not address the skyrocketing unemployment as closures mount, but most revealing is his admission that mothers of young children in the workforce are here to stay—the reality behind his daycare proposal.

Most amazing, the President of the world's greatest superpower has set at a goal literacy for its citizens. By the year 2000 he would have a 90% graduation rate from high schools.

As for the aged, the President is shameless. He pledges to guarantee the social security benefits of every American while he is, in fact, planning to steal the account in order to finance the payment of interest on the country's escalating debt.

President Bush may describe the United States as a democratic system “second to none,” but for most Americans the reality is becoming one of hopeless poverty, in which their children's future looks more bleak than their own, present existence.

From the standpoint of the United States of America this past year has been a very bad year indeed, culminating in the invasion of Panama, with all of the accompanying violations of international law, epitomized by the seizure of General Noriega. The coming year does not look to be any better, unless some drastic policy changes are made quickly.

Already, the news is out that the Soviets are resupplying the Nicaraguans with military helicopters and

setting up surface-to-air-missiles there, as well as shipping armaments to Cuba. This is a clear violation of the Malta agreements between Bush and Gorbachov, yet Bush has proposed further massive troop cuts in Europe, and his budget mandates that reserve forces in the United States which are on standby for European deployment will also be cut.

Polls claim that President Bush is still extremely popular in the United States. Despite the low level of “popular culture” in the United States we doubt that this can be true. More and more Americans are becoming more and more enraged. Bush is a rich man's President, and even the rich are beginning to feel the pinch. We can confidently expect, in the not too distant future, that he will be in the position of Mikhail Gorbachov—denying rumors of his imminent resignation.

In the rest of the free world Bush is both hated and despised, as he is now hated by those like the Chinese students and Soviet Jews, who aspire to freedom and who once looked to the United States for safe haven—only now to be turned away.

George Bush's program for the United States is to steal as much of the world's resources as possible so that while the rest of the world starves to death, he and his friends will live in feudal splendor. This is the reality of the pro-environmentalist policies. He is against anything such as the high-speed railroad project for Central Europe. That has to be understood.

Bush views West Germany, all Germans, and all Japanese as the enemy. That's the new enemy. The Bush administration is moving now against Mexico on the basis of the “Panama precedent”. Other nations in Central and South America are headed for the same thing. The U.S.-U.S.S.R. condominium is the worst evil ever conceived by man, and Bush is an enthusiastic supporter of it. Fortunately, like Gorbachov and Bush, it too may not be around much longer. If the American people do not wake up soon, the United States as we now know it may also become a distant memory.

No nation can long stray from the community of civilized nations and remain unpunished.