

## Editorial

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There has been a great deal of interest in just what kind of deals would be signed or initialed at the Bush-Gorbachov summit. The truth is that whatever agreements were signed, are worth little more than the paper on which they are written.

On the one side, there is the question of just where the power now lies now within the Soviet Union. The election of Boris Yeltsin, and his rapid-paced moves toward independence for the Russian Republic, place a large question mark over Gorbachov's future as President of the rapidly disintegrating Soviet Union. On the other had, the Bush crowd hasn't got a clue about how to avert an economic crisis on its own doorstep.

Neither Bush nor Gorbachov, nor their advisers, understand enough about economics to see even their own nations' economic interests; so how can they cut a deal—dirty or not—with each other, that makes any sense, even in the medium term?

Bush and his advisers are controlled by deluded beliefs in "the magic of the marketplace," beliefs just as kooky as the more outspoken paganism of the United Kingdom's Prince Philip. Gorbachov is no more a genuine reformer than Vladimir Lenin was when he was forced to introduce the New Economic Policy which allowed a limited market economy.

The only economic policies which can rescue both the United States and the Soviet Union from the economic collapse which both face, are the policies espoused by Lyndon LaRouche. These all center around the notion of development, which in turn is a subsumed feature of the Judeo-Christian belief that man has been created in the image of God. Not unless Bush and his advisers, and Gorbachov and his advisers, genuinely committed themselves to defending the sacredness of human life, would they be capable of negotiating the kind of policies to guarantee stability and progress for either nation.

As Gorbachov himself has been at pains to make clear, it is a disastrous miscalculation on the part of Western pundits, to believe that the Soviet economic

collapse means the U.S.S.R. is no longer a military threat to the West. Such a judgement fails to take into account that the Soviet military has been protected, despite the chaotic situation in the economy as a whole, and is the only part of the economy that really functions. The same kind of blindness characterized the British government in the period leading up to the 1938 Munich agreement, when they did not believe that Hitler was economically prepared to launch a war.

We can easily be on the brink of a war by miscalculation. The chaotic forces that are being unleashed today, can create a situation which combines features of both of the last two world wars. It may not begin this year or next, but all of the preconditions of war in the first half of the decade are being put into place.

In this period, several political figures of a high moral quality, such as Lithuania's Vytautas Landsbergis and Czechoslovakia's Vaclav Havel, have stepped to the fore. The problem is that they lack the demonstrated qualification in economics which is the only guarantor for a way out of the kinds of disaster which now threaten mankind—if not war, then a globe overrun by famine and plague and the destruction of Western civilization which would follow.

In this regard, LaRouche is unique. He is the living leader today of a political faction which has spanned 2,500 years of Western history, since approximately the time of the Ionian city-states. In modern times, Gottfried Leibniz is the figure most like LaRouche, in the quality and scope of his thinking on the subject of republican philosophy and republican morality.

On the opposite side, there is the oligarchical model—the so-called Persian model. This was the model of pagan Imperial Rome. And in their separate ways, that is the governing ideology today of both the Anglo-American elite and the Soviet elite.

The fate of civilization depends upon the outcome of the combat between genuine republicans who uphold Judeo-Christian morality, and oligarchs of the stripe of Prince Philip or the just-concluded summit of fools: