

German technology is key to Mideast peace

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The restraint being shown by the West German government in its refusal so far to take part in the "multinational task force" in the Persian Gulf, is particularly welcome in light of the current war hysteria which, with each passing day, has been reaching ever greater depths of insanity. That insanity is summed up by one Peregrine Worsthorne—the same journalist who some months ago conjured up the ogre of a "Fourth Reich" in connection with German reunification. Worsthorne now absurdly claims that Germany's objections to participating in Middle East war preparations, somehow represent a threat to world peace!

Bonn's restraint is commendable, not only because further escalation of the Gulf crisis should be prevented, but also because, as has become obvious in the meantime, London and Washington would like as many European countries as possible to take part in the military buildup, so as to camouflage the "Anglo-American character" of this whole operation—as British Foreign Minister Douglas Hurd candidly pointed out some days ago.

Anglo-Americans threaten war

It should be clear to any reasonable person that heating up the Gulf crisis, above all through the military blockade envisioned by London and Washington, threatens to escalate the situation to full-scale war; some are already thinking out loud about using tactical nuclear weapons. Yet it should not be missed, either, that strategic targets of this crisis are those highly industrialized states, which, like Germany and Japan, are very vulnerable to the "oil weapon." These countries, as Director of Central Intelligence William Webster has stated repeatedly in recent months, are among the "economic adversaries" of Washington which the CIA must "watch carefully."

By heating up the Gulf crisis, London and Washington want to kill several birds with one stone: They want, first, to divert attention from the bankruptcy of the Anglo-American economy; second, to economically blackmail Germany and continental Europe; and, third, to expand NATO's operational sphere to the South, in order to settle the "North-South conflict" militarily, in the best colonialist tradition, up to the point of unleashing the "population wars" that the extreme

hard core among the Anglo-Americans has long been demanding.

How Germany can win the peace

Chancellor Kohl should do more than just oppose such an insane policy. First, he should take up my proposal, and tell the German population the full truth about the impending threat. The German Federal Intelligence Office certainly knows the details required to fill out the picture only roughly sketched here, and present it in such a way that every voter can grasp it.

Second, Mr. Kohl should take the initiative of presenting his own Middle East peace plan, thereby regaining momentum in international politics. Germany not only has a vital interest in stabilizing this region, so important for securing world peace, but also—unlike Great Britain and the U.S.A., for example—has the means to *win the peace* in this region through economic and scientific development. The development of the Middle East is part of the concept, developed by my husband Lyndon LaRouche, for a Paris-Berlin-Vienna "Productive Triangle," whose "spiral arms," aided by high-speed rail links, especially those using magnetic levitation techniques, connect the entire Middle East with the major economic centers in continental Europe via Turkey and the Balkans.

Bonn should offer all countries in the Middle East the benefits of German technology, "to make the deserts bloom." By using German nuclear technology, the detrimental, oil-based monolithic economy can be overcome, so that flourishing agricultural and industrial centers can be created. Besides "nuplexes"—the integrated agro-industrial nuclear complexes already developed in the 1960s—large installations to desalinate seawater should be used. They can be built here in Germany, shipped to the Middle East as "floating plants," and installed and operated cheaply along the coasts.

In line with the "Productive Triangle," Bonn should offer to build up modern efficient infrastructure in the areas of transport, administration, and energy, as well as in the education and health sectors, in all countries in the Middle East. In short, the German government should offer to help with precisely that policy which has been criminally neglected over the last decades: The much-discussed petrodollars, still floating around in huge amounts, should be used for the quickest possible economic development of the entire region, and not be used to play around speculating in real estate or on the New York and London stock exchanges or squandered in the gambling casinos of Monte Carlo and Las Vegas.

Pope Paul VI's statement, "Development Is the Name for Peace," is more relevant today than ever, and especially in this region. Nothing is more appropriate to help realize this principle, than for Germany to use its newly won sovereignty, and, with a Middle East peace initiative of its own, to give an example of how it may contribute to the good in the world.