

## Editorial

### *Build a political anti-war movement*

The student protests that erupted at the University of the District of Columbia and other American campuses at the end of September, are the harbingers of a revolutionary ferment potentially as powerful as that which led to the reunification of Germany in less than one short year.

On July 4, 1989, in the forward to his campaign platform, Lyndon LaRouche, a candidate for Congress from Virginia's 10th Congressional District, forecast that "a new revolutionary upsurge will become an increasingly dominant feature and compelling force during the 1989-1992 interval of crisis." It will sweep through Eurasia, Africa, and the Americas, he wrote, "reaching gale force inside our United States at some point during the coming eighteen months." We are now rapidly approaching that point, as growing public awareness of the catastrophic nature of the economic crisis intersects the fear that President Bush's escapades in the Persian Gulf will lead to a new Vietnam War—or even worse.

The current student demonstrations are still small, but if used to build a political antiwar movement addressing these broader issues effectively, they will quickly reach the kind of "gale force" that LaRouche forecast. That will be not a moment too soon, if the United States and the world are to be saved from the otherwise certain disaster which the policies of the Anglo-American Establishment are bringing down upon us.

On Sept. 27, students at the University of the District of Columbia began a strike which, as we go to press, was entering its ninth day. Three hundred strikers have occupied the administration building, chaining themselves to the premises. The catalyst for this action was a decision by the Board of Trustees to spend \$1.6 million—of federal and city taxpayers' money—to purchase for the campus a disgusting piece of pornographic "art." Called "The Dinner Party," it depicts a dining table with 39 place settings, each of which is "decorated" with female genitalia. This, at a predominantly black commuter college, with an open admissions policy, intended to serve an inner city communi-

ty. Student demands include the resignation of the entire Board of Trustees, scrapping of the pornography purchase, improved basic education policies, longer library hours, and better student housing.

This strike action on the issue of quality education is particularly notable at a time when a study produced for the College Board has determined that it is the lack of study of geometry and mathematics on the secondary level which undermines the student's ability to succeed in a university—and particularly so in the case of minorities. Black and Hispanic students who took at least one year of high school geometry have vastly improved chances of getting into college and receiving a bachelor's degree, the study found. The College Board's president, Donald M. Stewart, has issued a laudable proposal for "serious consideration" of a national policy to ensure that all students take geometry in secondary school.

In terms of marginal expenditure, the \$1.6 million which the UDC's trustees propose to spend on a worthless piece of pornographic art, can do a certain amount of good. The danger to security and public order lies in the threat of bringing another piece of filth of that type under university auspices, at that price, at these hard times—that is an insult to humanity.

This kind of student protest must now join the still modest anti-war protest internationally against the prospect of a holocaust launched by the United States and Britain in the Middle East.

There must be a political anti-war movement against this. We must not make the mistake that was made with Vietnam. We must not allow U.S. military engagement in the Middle East to run out of control before the protest mounts. We lost many lives, and much more, in a war in Vietnam which was intended by Henry Kissinger and his friends to be a no-win war from the beginning.

We do not wish to set off another Vietnam War. We do not wish to set off World War III by starting a brushfire in Iraq, which leads into a general nuclear conflict. We want a negotiated solution now, before it is too late.