

Editorial

Nuremberg Crimes

The financial-economic breakdown crisis now hitting the world with increasing force, has predictably brought out the beast, and the beast-men, in the political establishment. The question is: Does the world's population today have the residual morality to recoil against these horrors, and act to shut them down, before it's too late?

Take three almost exact copies of Nazi crimes against humanity being carried out today. The fact that they are on a smaller scale, does not change their character.

First and foremost, we have the war against Iraq, a textbook case of an *aggressive war*, taken without any threat (imminent or otherwise), and thus defined in international law as both a crime against peace, and against humanity. As *EIR* pointed out back in March of 2003, launching aggressive war led to the conviction of 12 Nazi leaders for their crimes, of which seven were sentenced to death. This was an *individual* responsibility, which today must be laid at the door of that individual Beast-Man Dick Cheney.

Second, as we have emphasized since February 2002, when the Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz* put out a story on how Israeli Defense Forces generals were studying the journals of Nazi Maj. Gen. Jürgen Stroop, in his assault on the Warsaw Ghetto, the IDF is carrying out Nazi policies against the Palestinian people. The erection of the Wall in the Palestinian territories cuts off the Palestinians from their agricultural lands, as well as jobs and medical care in Israel. The policy here is *genocide*, as an increasing number of Israelis have come forward to admit.

The third crime against humanity on the world stage, has been ongoing for more than 30 years, but brought starkly to the world's attention again by the President of Argentina in mid-February. As Lyndon LaRouche wrote as far back as 1984, "IMF Conditionalities are a Nuremberg Crime." Quite literally, the International Monetary Fund demands the sacrifice of the lives of whole populations, in order to assure that debt is paid to the usurious international bankers. In the case

of Argentina, as President Kirchner points out, the bankers are now demanding a level of payment which, if "we'd pay as we did in the 1990s, with the people's hunger, . . . that would be a *new genocide against the Argentine people* that we can never again allow."

Kirchner's statement is extraordinary in his honesty, in calling this Nazi policy for what it is. LaRouche, of course, has been consistent in telling this ugly truth. But what is the matter with our other "leaders"? Have we sunk so low that the crimes of 1945 are now accepted as "just the way things are"? Have we lost our ability to be shocked by these horrors?

There is, at this moment, no clear answer to that question. In fact, it would be suicidal to sit around and contemplate it. The ugly truth is that, unless citizens demand that their leaders tell this truth, and *simultaneously* fight for the clearly positive alternative to a world dominated by universal fascists committed to a genocide unprecedented in history, our civilization will have shown it lacks the moral fitness to survive.

Look for a minute at the reason why LaRouche and his movement have the nerve to publicly state what others are afraid to say. The fundamental reason is that LaRouche is an optimist about human nature, and man's ability to rise above the problems which he faces, in order to come to a solution. That optimism is based not merely on faith, but on an understanding of human history, through which leaders and individuals have "overcome" their old methods of thought, and forged new methods of advancing mankind. Even if, as in the case of Dr. Martin Luther King and Joan of Arc, the leader did not survive, the road to victory for humanity was secured.

In 1945, much of mankind had faced the horrors of Nazism, and defeated it, with a commitment that such genocide would never happen again. Over the last 60 years, that commitment waned among most—until we've reached another point of decision. To defeat this new Nazism, will take a wrenching change in all our comfortable habits, but if we fail to do so, we will be destroyed nonetheless. Isn't it time to join the fight?