

Editorial

Bolton Has To Be Defeated!

The world is breathing a small sigh of relief, in the aftermath of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's decision *not* to recommend Bush Administration nominee John Bolton to be the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. But now it's time for the next step: Bolton has to be defeated!

It is not out of the question that President Bush's controllers will make the decision to withdraw Bolton's name. More likely is the possibility that Dick Cheney, whose own personal pick the beastly Bolton was, will simply intensify the pressure on the Republican Senators to confirm him when the question comes to a vote.

Thanks to a hold put on the nomination May 12 by Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), the same courageous Senator who joined in Rep. Stephanie Tubbs-Jones' (D-Ohio) challenge to the Ohio electoral vote for George W. Bush on Jan. 6, there will be an interval of time before a vote could be taken. During that time, sane forces have to convey the message to those Senators with a conscience, that a vote *against* Bolton is their only moral choice.

There was a dangerous tendency shown by those Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who chose to send the nomination to the floor of the Senate, rather than voting it down in Committee on the basis of their own evaluation that Bolton would be a disaster in the job. "The President deserves to have a vote," one said. "The President deserves to have his choice," said others. At bottom, these Senatorial statements reek of cowardice.

Should the Senators who oppose Bolton, approve his nomination on the floor of the Senate, this would be an outright capitulation to the Executive branch. And the cowardice that led to that capitulation, would radiate to the United Nations, creating a situation in which it is likely that the nations there would tend to be cowed into submission as well.

The lesson to be taken is that which can be drawn from the early years of Adolf Hitler's rise to power, in 1933-34. In the very early period, there were many institutional forces—in the military, in the political parties, and even in the more professional commu-

nity—who reacted with abhorrence to what the brash "Austrian colonel" was doing to squash his opposition. Many of them even found Hitler to be ridiculous. But these very people let things occur, when they could have stopped them. The consequence was the spread of rampant cowardice, which occurred to the point where it eventually was impossible to stop the Beast-Man Hitler.

Many should remember the somewhat apocryphal, but incisive statement of Pastor Martin Niemoeller, founder of the anti-Hitler section of the Lutheran Church in Germany in the 1930s and '40s. Niemoeller, who spent from 1937 to the end of the war in a concentration camp, said: "First they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the Communists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist. Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak out for me."

The lesson should be clear, even if the circumstance is somewhat different. Senators must speak out against the outrageous, arrogant, lying behavior of Administration officials *now*, or they may not have the power to do so later.

Speaking on the Bolton nomination, Lyndon LaRouche declared that if the United States Senate capitulates, it would be a complete disaster. The Administration's policies, as expressed by warmonger and intelligence-fixer Bolton, are pure sophistry. If they are not stopped, the country is finished. If people vote for the Bolton nomination because "the President has a right to his nominee," the country will go down.

If people want their elected representatives to act on principle, of course, they have to give them their support. This is particularly true of the Republican Senators, who are repulsed by the Bolton nomination, but are still afraid to speak out. They must receive the support of their Democratic colleagues, and, above all, their constituents and other patriotic citizens. No one has the excuse that this Administration is all-powerful; it clearly is not. Bolton must be defeated!