

## Editorial

### *Do Not Be Fooled: There Is No 'Iran Deadline'!*

Do not believe, either, that there is a guaranteed deadline for a U.S. military assault on Iran, or, that Felix Rohatyn really knows what he is talking about when he hints at a plan for solving the U.S.A.'s infrastructure needs.

The fact is, that some people around Vice-President Dick Cheney and President Bush are desperate and crazy enough to launch some kind of an airborne assault on Iran. The fact is, something of that sort could now be launched with no further advance warning; but only a pack of lunatics would actually do it. True, only a madman would launch such an attack; unfortunately, the President is not altogether sane.

The fact is, that Felix Rohatyn is, like Charles Dickens' "Artful Dodger," experienced at his trade; but, apart from his kinship to the Fourteenth Century's notorious pair of scoundrels, Biche and Mouche, who set off the New Dark Age, Rohatyn has no competence in the side of economic practice which involves actually earning his income.

The trouble is, most Americans, including all too many members of the U.S. Congress today, believe in simple-minded kinds of statistical predictions. Since most of them also believe in a "post-industrial," "globalized" variety of economy, they are easily taken in by charlatans who make gypsy-style stock-market predictions.

So, Cheney could give the order for some sort of attack on Iran at almost any time. That does

not mean that it will necessarily happen; were it to happen, the attack would have immediate and accelerating chain-reaction effects which would definitely trigger a global New Dark Age. Don't ask anyone to predict when it will happen; stop it from happening now. Best of all, send Cheney duck-hunting with Tom DeLay, and watch DeLay duck.

What is inevitable is, that if Democratic Senators continue to swallow the buncombe being dished out by Swindler Rohatyn, there is not much chance to save the U.S.A. from tumbling very soon into something far worse than a 1930s Depression. Already, if the relevant monetary-financial managers stick to their current policy, the next three months will take the U.S. economy to the brink of Hell. If the monetary-financial managers were to go back to crazy Alan Greenspan's "bubble economy" tricks, it would be even worse. What is certain is that neither Alan Greenspan's nor the present Federal Reserve policies would prevent a general financial collapse.

Usually, in real life, simple predictions are made only by fools. However, some kinds of not so simple predictions can sometimes be made. For example, unless the Democratic Party breaks with Felix "Artful Dodger" Rohatyn and his like, the worst financial crisis you could imagine would become inevitable very soon.

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