Editorial

The U.S. President is insane

It is one thing to characterize President Bush's policies in the Gulf as insane, but quite another when the U.S. President himself displays signs of a mental breakdown. One among several indications that he is becoming increasingly unstable, is the strange incident that occurred at the Geneva Airport on Nov. 24, when U.S. security and other personnel deliberately affronted the Swiss, who were responsible for the safety of their guest, President Bush.

The incident occurred as Bush went to meet with terrorist leader and Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, itself a sign of political insanity, since among many atrocities, it is well known that Assad was implicated in the bombing of Pan Am 103.

By his deployment of massive forces to the Gulf, and his repeated hysterical denunciations of Saddam Hussein as a new Hitler, Bush has virtually closed the door on negotiations—except at the cost of an enormous political defeat to himself. The stress on the President is heightened by the increasingly desperate situation of the U.S. economy. The present depression is now recognized as fact on all sides.

Thus the super-ambitious Bush has put himself into a situation where he is either going to commit genocide against the population of Iraq—in itself the action of a madman—merely to prove that he is in control, or he must come up with a creative solution to the impasse which he has created. But George Bush does not think conceptually. He is a man who is intellectually distinguished by mediocrity, yet who is faced with a situation in which there is no room for mediocrity, in any part of the world, with respect to any important domestic or international policy matter. And he is a megalomaniac mediocrity.

Those of us who have been watching President Bush's performance before the television cameras, have seen, underneath his wimpish personality, the reality of a cold-blooded administrator who reveals himself to be a bully and takes sadistic delight in contemplating how he will administer pain. We have seen the President come through as the type of killer who deploys assassins with a kind of bureaucratic impassiveness and relish at the same time. Most recently, he has been described by individuals on the scene as becoming obsessed with the Gulf situation to the point of madness.

One can also see the President constantly making inappropriate gestures and facial expressions, regardless of who is in charge of his "body language" for that week.

The character flaw which has made President Bush vulnerable to breakdown, has been clinically described by leading presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche as "psycho-sexual impotence." A person such as Bush may look all right on the playing field when it comes to breaking bones, but give him a concept and he can't carry it from one side of the room to another, let alone grasp it. As LaRouche pointed out, Bush has less conceptual ability than President Reagan, who was able to assimilate and act on the concept of the Strategic Defense Initiative and its long-term strategic implications for the Soviet Union.

Such weakness in a President is fraught with disaster. In his frustration, he is likely to simply go out of control. That is the danger which we now face.

Bush has an amoral contempt for human life which fits the profile of a Nietzschean fascist, who intends to impose by brute force as he sees fit, by exercise of his will, according to his arbitrary values and beliefs. The personality type of such dementia, is the psycho-sexually impotent rapist. In the instance of a world leader, this can assume the proportion of the rape of whole nations. Here the model of Adolf Hitler does become apt.

If the President of the United States is suffering circuit overload, this is a grave matter which should receive congressional attention. The United States has not had a genuine President in an awfully long time, but that's no reason to put up with one who, through his megalomania, is gunning to plunge the world into disaster.