LaRouche: Thatcher caused more deaths than Hitler

Lyndon LaRouche issued this evaluation on Dec. 1:

The world, during the past dozen years, has suffered more cruelty, more deaths, as a result of the policies associated with Britain's former prime minister Margaret Thatcher than the world suffered because of the policies and depredations of Adolf Hitler during his reign in Germany.

There is nothing good to be said for Thatcherism, and the sooner we recognize that, the better.

Thatcherism has caused more deaths in the Third World than most people would even begin to believe. Perhaps a half billion people were killed by Margaret Thatcher's policies, and partly through her influence on the United States. Thatcherism has destroyed more people in Europe, more lives, more economies, created more waste in Europe as a whole, than did Hitler's war. That's a fact.

In 12 years, Margaret Thatcher has matched the depredations accomplished in approximately the same period of time under Adolf Hitler in Germany. Granted the tanks were not moving so much, the bombs were not dropping, the spectacular events reported in the news media of the period of the 1930s and the last war—those were not there; but silently, on Milton Friedman and Jeffrey Sachs's feet, depredations spread.

The point is not to compare Margaret Thatcher with Hitler as a matter of the past, but, by comparing her justly with Hitler, to say: How long are we going to continue this? We're rid of Thatcher, why do we have to continue to put up with Thatcherism?

Look at the case in Eastern Europe and Germany from the standpoint of Germany today. This affects the assimilation of eastern Germany into the united Germany's economy. This affects the cases of Poland, Hungary, and other states of Eastern Europe; it affects the situation within the Soviet realm.

In Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, we have a breakdown in progress, partly caused by what in the 1920s and early 1930s, Soviet economists called "primitive socialist accumulation," that is, the looting of these countries and their infrastructure, in order to maintain the strategic material potential of the Soviet state, and other follies of the Soviet system.

The Soviets have thrown away, not the primitive accumulation, but some of the countries which are no longer manageable after being depleted. They have decided to plunge ahead, as an alternative, into what they think is a Western model—and it appears that, for the Soviets today, the popular view of a successful Western model is Thatcherism—in other words, the disastrous, ruinous, mass murderous policies of Jeffrey Sachs in Poland, Mrs. Thatcher's so-called Polish model.

The remedy in this case is based on the rapid development of basic economic infrastructure. That means modern rails, as the primary means of movement of goods and persons over greater than local distances. It means the development of waterworks, of course: inland canals, fresh-water management. It means, most prominently, the development of the generation and distribution of electrical and related power, interconnected with the transportation grid, particularly the rail grid, and river and seaports. It means communications, of course. It means the development of services to industry, in the form of education, in the form of health care for the population.

These things cannot be done under Mrs. Thatcher's approach of privatization. But that seems, so far, precisely what is happening in Germany—despite the fact that the German press notes the impossibility of meeting the challenge of eastern Germany, or Eastern Europe more broadly, or the Soviet Union, without successful use of rails.

So far, Germany has accepted the Anglo-American, Thatcher-Bush policy of privatization. Under privatization, the development of east Germany will be a catastrophe, as will Poland and Eastern Europe generally, and the Soviet Union. And, out of the catastrophe to the east of what was the Federal Republic of Germany, who knows what the fate of civilization might be, as Russia and other regions blow up, and turn to their military potentials in a desperate effort to find alternatives?

On a global scale, in the developing sector and elsewhere, Thatcherism has already done more physical damage to the economies and killed far more people than did the regime of Adolf Hitler. It is time to be rid of it.

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lobby in Britain is as vocal as ever, if not more so.

On Dec. 4, Major met U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Colin Powell in London. More or less simultaneously, it was announced that Major would be visiting Washington, likely before Christmas, and then would be visiting the British troops in the Gulf, likely early in the coming year. On Dec. 6, Major is meeting Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who will be going from there to the United States.

The major difference now, relative to the recent months of Thatcher rule, is that Major will not be able to exercise the psycho-sexual manipulation over George Bush that Mrs. Thatcher did during her fateful meetings with Bush in Aspen, Colorado, in the early days after the Iraq crisis had begun, when she convinced Bush of the necessity of war against Iraq, so as to build her much-cherished "Anglo-American-led New World Order."