

## The LaRouche record on the Soviet crisis

On Oct. 12, 1988, speaking in West Berlin's Kempinski Bristol Hotel, Lyndon LaRouche outlined a "Food For Peace" policy as the basis for lasting peace between the United States and the Soviet Union, and warned of the consequences of a failure to define such a war-avoidance policy. This speech was published in the Oct. 5, 1990 issue of *EIR*.

LaRouche's proposal, and its subsequent elaboration, called for a major infrastructure investment program which would integrate the Soviet and eastern European economies with continental Europe. This program centered around that triangular region with the greatest productive density globally—Germany, Austria, France.

In light of the ongoing, dramatic developments in the Soviet Union today, we wish to remind our readers: You read it here first.

*From EIR, Nov. 3, 1989, "The Coming Bloodbath in the Soviet Bloc," by Gen. Paul-Albert Scherer.*

"I will talk about the Gorbachov group. I must note at the beginning that 'Gorbachov' is not an individual, not a one-man rule, but the rule of an elite; the *Nomenklatura* are agreed that they don't want one-man rule. The Gorbachov group is now running through the valley of exhaustion of the Soviet empire. . . .

"I would like to attempt to prove that civil war can begin in the Soviet Union at any time. . . .

"When you get, which you routinely have now, demonstrations of 100,000 and more, then the KGB and all of its auxiliaries are not going to be able to stop the insurrection. When you get that, all of these component republics, in the Transcaucasus, all of the peripheral states around the empire are going to rise up at the same time. And then, as happens in civil wars, individual military units are going to choose one side or the other."

*From EIR, April 6, 1990, "LaRouche Warns Western Governments: Stop Appeasement, Support Lithuania."*

"What we must stop is this nabby-pabby attitude toward the Soviet regime. . . . We cannot play the game of being soft on Moscow in the hope of keeping some presumed British intelligence asset, Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachov, in power in Moscow. We are now in a situation where Gorbachov will either act worse than Stalin, or he might even be overthrown because of the increased instability. We in the West have no control over that, and we should not attempt to control that. . . . If the United States and other nations had

taken a firm position in support of Lithuania's declaration of independence, the Soviets would not be moving troops inside Lithuania today."

*From EIR, March 1, 1991, "Moscow Readies a Big Shift in Economic Policy."*

This cover story by Chris White and Carol White reprinted the Feb. 12, 1991 interview appearing in the Soviet trade union newspaper *Trud* with the new Soviet Prime Minister Valentin Pavlov. In the interview, Pavlov asserts that Western financial interests have been running financial warfare against the Soviet Union with the intent of dismembering it, and called for the Soviet Union to undertake a monetary and credit reform that would facilitate infrastructure and capital goods development. Pavlov was one of the eight coup leaders who took power in the Soviet Union on Aug. 19.

The article also covered statements by coup leader and KGB chief Vladimir Kryuchkov, which he made between October and December 1990, denouncing "foreign spies working amongst us," together with "attempts from abroad to exert overt and covert pressure on the Soviet Union plans to pull the country out of the difficult situation."

The Whites had the following analysis of the situation: "The [Pavlov] interview constitutes a virtual declaration of war against the crowd in the West associated with Britain's Margaret Thatcher, Henry Kissinger, and his accomplices inside and outside the U.S. government. . . . These represent the core of what is being attacked in what could be the biggest shift in Soviet policy since Stalin's break with Nikolai Bukharin during the 1930s.

"On the one hand the Soviets are definitely signaling their rejection of the hypothesis that there is only 'one superpower'. . . . They are indicating that they absolutely reject any idea that they will submit their economy to control by the West."

The Whites quote remarks from Lyndon LaRouche, made on Feb. 14:

"The reason this Cold War II has come into place, is because Mr. Bush flubbed it, Mr. Bush and Mrs. Thatcher flubbed it. A golden opportunity erupted at the end of 1989, particularly with the collapse of the Berlin Wall. This gave us the opportunity, to open up new lines of economic cooperation with Eastern Europe and with the Soviet Union itself, which would bring in large-scale investment in basic economic infrastructure, which would be financed by the state credit of the areas in which these improvements were made. . . .

"We had the opportunity, but instead, Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. Bush decided to go with this International Monetary Fund conditionalities package, like the Polish model, and to go with what they call free trade—the same kind of free trade policies which are presently driving Britain and the U.S. into bankruptcy, and dragging most of the world down into a depression as a result.

"When the Bush administration, together with the Thatcherites in Britain, decided to shove IMF conditionalities down upon the Soviets, the Soviets flipped, and went into the same kind of nationalistic reaction—if you can call it nationalism—which they showed when Stalin booted out Bukharin in the 1920s. It could have been avoided, if the British and George Bush had not been such stupid fools."

*From EIR, Aug. 9, 1991, "Soviet Generals See National 'Disaster.' "*

"Soviet Deputy Interior Minister Gen. Boris Gromov and Soviet Deputy Defense Minister Gen. Valentin Varennikov [and Peasants' Union chief Vasily Starodubtsev—ed.], are among 12 signers of a document entitled 'A Word to the People,' published on July 24 in the Russian newspaper *Sovetskaya Rossiya* and the Armed Forces daily *Krasnaya Zvezda* . . .

"The signers warn: 'A huge, unprecedented disaster has occurred. The motherland, the country, our great power—passed down to us for preservation by history, nature, and our great ancestors—is dying, falling apart, and sinking into darkness and nothingness.'

"Calling for the creation of a 'popular patriotic movement for the salvation of the Fatherland,' the signers state: 'We are convinced that the warriors of the Army and Navy, true to their sacred duty, will not permit a fratricidal war or the destruction of the Fatherland, but will come forward as the guarantors of security and the bulwarks of all healthy forces of society.' "

*EIR founder and contributing editor Lyndon LaRouche issued the following statements on the subject of Soviet strategic developments, during his 1990 congressional campaign and his 1991 pre-presidential campaign.*

*From "LaRouche on the Current Strategic Situation," congressional campaign statement, Jan. 3, 1990.*

"What's happened is that perestroika is dead. It was the most catastrophic failure in the history of the Soviet economy. It's been killed. Officially killed in December of this past year. . . . Gorbachov, Bush's putative partner in the condominium, has been hanging/swinging by his toenails almost since Bush was inaugurated or since the spring or so. . . . He might be around for awhile, while the Boris Godunov problem of replacing him lingers on. . . . The control of the economy is a hopeless cause for Mr. Bush. And Mr. Gorbachov is about to go."

*From "LaRouche on Gorbachov as . . . CIA Agent," congressional campaign statement, March 1990.*

"Come April 1990, not April 1st, no April Fools here, but a few days later, Mr. Gorbachov has been overthrown. A few days pass. About a week or so, as we hear the announcement from the new regime that Mr. Gorbachov has been arrested and put on trial as a spy for the hated U.S.

Central Intelligence Agency.

"Complete fiction? No! Speculation? Perhaps, a little bit. But sometimes, a little speculation is helpful for getting at the truth. . . .

"So, the argument will be that Gorbachov, working under the direction of the CIA, introduced Thatcherism to destroy the Soviet economy at the same time that he fomented and encouraged insurrections which turned precious Soviet territories, i.e., the captive nations of Eastern Europe and the old internal Soviet empire itself, turned them loose to begin struggling for freedom, threatening the very existence of the core homeland.

"So it's a pretty good case, isn't it?! You could imagine Gorbachov being shot?!

"You know, Mr. Bush better distance himself from Mr. Gorbachov, or he might find himself hunted down by the KGB, indicted *in absentia* as a co-conspirator of Mr. Gorbachov."

*From "Send Jeffrey Sachs to the Zoo, Not to the Soviet Union," candidate's statement, March 21, 1991.*

"During the period of the past week or so, I've heard repeatedly from Russian quarters that a circle of economists around President Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachov intends to introduce into the Soviet Union the kinds of catastrophic reforms which have been introduced with such disastrous consequences into Poland, under the present Polish government. These reforms came from a fellow called [Jeffrey] Sachs in the United States, and from a place called the Adam Smith Institute in Britain, Mrs. Thatcher's adviser, and from Mrs. Thatcher, and were also supported by U.S. and other right-wing and so forth Social Democrats; and the Social Democratic party inside Solidarnosc in Poland pushed these things. . . .

"What's happened to Poland I wouldn't wish on my worst enemy, in this case, my worst enemy being, by its own definition, the present Soviet imperial regime. The problem is, if you introduce that to the Soviet economy, which is already in a disastrous state—at least the civilian economy is, the military economy has only been hampered but not touched by this—that you destabilize the Soviet society. This leads not only toward the potential overthrow of President Gorbachov, which is not by itself the worst thing that could happen, but rather it leads toward potential chaos inside the heartland of the Soviet empire, i.e., the Russian Federation, in which case the military of the Soviet Union, and other forces, looking at the fact that they have an impossible internal economic situation, aggravated preconditions for breakup of the Soviet empire, even chaos inside the Slavic core of the Soviet empire, are likely to say, 'We have an impossible internal situation; therefore, let us use our vast military superiority over the United States, to force an external economic solution: looting, in short, for our impossible internal situation.' "