

it through. You don't pay any attention, according to the current trends in Washington—as was true under Bush and even somewhat before Bush—that if your policy is wrong, it has an *effect*, an effect you won't like. So these fellows in Washington think that the game is *to win for their policy, even if it kills them*. And that's what we're seeing in the Russian situation.

The Russians are reacting on the basis of a cultural paradigm which is called the Third Rome or peasant cultural paradigm embedded in the majority of the Russian people. You squeeze them from the outside world, as with these kinds of austerity measures, this shock therapy, these International Monetary Fund (IMF) conditionalities; you starve them, you loot them, which is what's happening to them, and they become angry at the outside world.

When they become angry at the outside world, what bubbles up is what Dostoevsky described, what others have described, as a Third Rome paradigm. That acts through institutions such as the military and the security forces, especially the military; and those institutions go into what is called a Third Rome: To the devil with the rest of the world, the rest of the world is the enemy; we must exert Russian power, we must make Russia supreme on this planet, it's the only way we can be safe. That is what is happening in Russia. It has nothing to do with a Third Rome faction, or any of that sort of nonsense; it has to do with the basic, intrinsic character of the Russian cultural problem. And if people in Washington would pay attention to that, and stop playing their little utopian games, they would be a lot better off on this.

Now, the other side of this is the economic policy, which was put into effect in the name of monetarism, in the name of people like Milton Friedman; the present Harvard crowd; the people behind derivatives; the Bush faction, that is, the crowd around Bush which in 1982 pushed through the advanced financial deregulation that led to the looting of the savings and loans and other banks.

This crowd is going with a program which the British approved which is called Project Democracy, called democracy plus free trade, which is an insane policy. Forget the words, look at what it really means. And as long as the United States is running on the basis of that policy, we are destroying our own economy by asset-stripping. We are destroying other economies by asset-stripping; we are destroying the Russian economy and eastern Europe by asset-stripping. It is that asset-stripping policy which runs under the banners of democracy plus free trade. It is that policy which is driving a thermonuclear power, Russia, to reconsolidate itself around its military and security forces, with figures in Moscow who represent, as Yeltsin does, or the other leading candidates, *nothing but* figures whose destinies are controlled by this military-industrial complex. And that is what's happening, and that is what Washington does not wish to see.

Washington says, "Yeltsin is good." Why? Because he's pushing our economic policy.

Well, to the degree Yeltsin is doing that, *we are headed*

Zhirinovsky and the emerging 'Third Rome'

Liberal Democratic Party leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky epitomizes the emergence of a "Third Rome" outlook in Russia, i.e., that Moscow will be the center of a third and final Roman Empire. In an interview on North German Radio, before the Dec. 12 elections, he said:

- "If a German looks at Russia the wrong way when I am in the Kremlin, you Germans will pay for all that we Russians have built up in Germany. We will create new Hiroshimas and Nagasakis. I will not hesitate to deploy atomic weapons."

- "You will get your own Chernobyl in Germany," he said at the same interview.

From earlier statements:

- "I say quite plainly. When I come to power, there will be dictatorship. I will beat the Americans in space. I will surround the planet with our space stations so they'll be scared of our space weapons. I don't care if they call me a fascist or a Nazi," Zhirinovsky said at the Kremlin in 1991.

- "I'll bury radioactive waste along the Lithuanian borders and put up powerful fans and blow the stuff across the border at night. . . . They'll all get radiation sickness. They'll . . . either die of it or get down on their knees. . . . What I'm going to do is bad, but it'll be good for Russia," Zhirinovsky said at a parliamentary session soon after the August 1991 Soviet coup.

- "There's nothing like fear to make people work better. . . . Those who have to be arrested will be arrested quietly, at night. I may have to shoot 100,000, but the other 300 million will live peacefully," Zhirinovsky said at the Kremlin in 1991.

- "We side with the Serbs. Our position is clear: The Serbs must be saved. They are our Orthodox brethren."

for World War III. Not tomorrow, not the next day, but down the line, if it continues in this direction. And we're headed for the kind of government in Russia which will hate us, which will be as bitter and as effective an adversary—perhaps more effective—than the old communist dictatorship. And Washington is refusing to see that plain, simple fact.

We can have one of two choices in Russia, and time is running out. If we dump this so-called free trade policy and go back to the kind of policies we in the United States had prior to the assassination of Kennedy, then we can come out of this. If we don't, we're headed for hell.