

Editorial

In memoriam: Ron Brown *The special role of the United States*

The fact that the United States is the only leading nation-state on this planet today, underscores the problems which face President Clinton. True, the United States, compared to its founding principles, is by no means perfect; but when we compare it to the other three major powers, its special role and responsibilities become abundantly clear.

The British Empire has reorganized itself into a financial, rather than a strictly feudal oligarchy, and it is an empire, not a nation. The other two great powers today, Russia and China, have never been nation-states. Only the United States has the ability to self-consciously exert power for the good, as a concomitant of its historical, constitutional mandate. Yet these, along with the United States, are the dominant powers today, which have the power to control the destiny of all mankind. Thus, the United States must act with Russia and China in an alliance against the British Empire, of the sort created by President Franklin Roosevelt during World War II.

If we look at the foreign policy initiatives which President Clinton has taken, which all have been intended to counter British imperial designs, it is clear that the death of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown was indeed a tragedy for the United States and, therefore, for the world. He was involved in peace negotiations with China, with the Irish, in the Middle East, and, of course, in Bosnia. He was the strongest proponent within the Clinton administration of creating American jobs through high-technology exports to the Third World.

In March 1994, Brown announced that under Clinton's "National Export Strategy," the Commerce Department had designated 10 "Big Emerging Markets . . . offering the greatest opportunity for U.S. trade expansion in the 21st century." These, he specified, were China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, Argentina, Turkey, and Poland.

While the kind of effort that is needed globally, and especially in Bosnia-Herzegovina, to secure the peace, in terms of major infrastructural investment, as outlined by Lyndon LaRouche, so far exceeds what had been undertaken by the Clinton administration, Secretary

Brown's initiatives were extraordinarily important to those ends.

LaRouche said of Brown's death: "It would be difficult to overestimate the magnitude of the loss this plane crash represents for both the government of the United States, and for the people of the United States. Secretary Ron Brown had been performing a role of far greater importance to the United States than is generally known. Among the persons who died with him, are several of virtually irreplaceable competence, and corresponding importance for the United States at this time.

"For several leading reasons, including my sense of the grief suffered by the families of the victims: At this time, I will refrain from making any public statement on the crash itself. I shall report only that my wife and I are continuing our own efforts in Bosnia, the news service with which I am associated is continuing to give high priority to all relevant reports on the subject of Secretary Brown's last mission."

When we look at the combined efforts of the networks of George Bush and the British to destabilize Korea (South and North) right now, the role of the grouping represented by Secretary Brown is underscored. An example of this is the Clinton administration plan to provide two nuclear power reactors to North Korea, as well as new initiatives for trade with the People's Republic of China, which would depart from the Bush administration policy of "technological apartheid."

Brown's tragic death occurred just before Easter weekend. This makes it particularly appropriate to recall the words of Pope Paul VI: "Development is the new name for peace." There is a crucial difference between imperialism, in which the emperor (or an oligarchy of ruling families) is the law, and a republican form of government.

This is an issue which finds its roots in the Judeo-Christian principle of the creation of man in the image of God. This is the mission of the United States: to ensure that all children, everywhere, have the means to develop their God-given reason as productive citizens of a nation.