

Editorial

Will Americans buy murder?

In the ongoing debate in Washington over the so-called "IMF bailout package," the true issue has been deliberately misdefined. This was underscored recently when a Senator, opposed "on principle" to the bailout, reacted in genuine horror after Club of Life representatives told him that the purpose of getting the U.S. government to back the Anglo-Swiss banking cabal is *not* to gouge more cash out of the American public in order to feed starving Third World countries—the argument advanced hypocritically by the IMF's boosters—but exactly the opposite.

Developing countries will be offered the aroma of loans the IMF cannot possibly furnish, even with the bailout, in return for forking over all control over their raw materials to the oligarchy that runs the International Monetary Fund. The prices of those resources will again skyrocket—but not one penny will go to the populations attempting to survive on the land from which they are extracted. As a consequence, what is already being unleashed is a cycle of genocide far more hideous in its scale than anything Adolf Hitler contemplated.

The U.S. Senator replied: "But they will never be able to sell that. Americans won't buy murder!"

We think the Senator is right about the basic moral instincts of Americans, and in general the citizenry of those industrialized countries variously defined as "West" or "North" in the strategic geometry. The problem is that the dominant institutions are rotten at the top: they have lost all commitment to the fundamental principles of the sacredness of human life and the technological optimism to sustain it.

This is a problem which the grassroots political movement being built by Lyndon LaRouche around the National Democratic Policy Committee in the U.S.A. is directly addressing, through hundreds of campaigns for political office ranging from school board to Senator. In West Germany, Club of Life initiator Helga Zepp-LaRouche is leading the European Labor Party's campaign for the federal elections on March 6.

These campaigns go to make up an international movement to re-launch what Lyndon LaRouche has

called, in a recent policy paper for the Non-Aligned summit, the anti-colonial policy envisioned at the close of World War II by President Franklin Roosevelt—a worldwide development program based on "American System" technological progress, and a dramatic shift away from the British System which is rapidly closing its genocidal fist over the globe. That movement will make a major show of strength at the Club of Life conferences Feb. 18-19 in Washington, Paris, and some 40 other major cities.

We face what Roosevelt and his allies fought, at the cost of millions of lives, 40 years ago: fascism. What else can one call the vicious campaign of Lane Kirkland's AFL-CIO labor organization in the U.S. against illegal aliens and "competitive" Japanese industrial workers? Or the emergence in West German popular magazines of a discussion on the "ethnic need" of the German people to rid the Federal Republic of Turkish guestworkers? Or in France, the dry runs of a confrontation between "ethnic Franks" and the large population of Arab Muslim workers?

In Nigeria, we are looking straight into the genocidal hell provoked by such fascist policies, as a desperate and much-manipulated government has taken steps to expel some 2 million foreign workers, many of them to return to their deaths in surrounding African countries. Here, the Anglo-Swiss oligarchy is wielding the weapon of the oil-price drop, a collapse it provoked deliberately. The IMF's backers count on driving the Arab OPEC nations into opposition to the formation of a "debtors' cartel" at the March Non-Aligned summit in New Delhi—the very debtors' cartel which LaRouche has identified as an essential part of implementing Roosevelt's anti-colonialist policy.

The NDPC is petitioning Congress to *reject* the IMF quota increase and other bank bailout schemes, and to put the "debtors' cartel" and other proposals for financial reorganization by LaRouche on its immediate agenda. At issue is no "bailout," but human civilization itself. If the right reason is put forward, there is a chance that the right policy can be imposed.