

## Editorial

### 'The technological bases for peace'

This week's cover feature reports that on Aug. 23 in Erice, Italy, U.S., Soviet, and European scientists agreed to set up a commission to study the feasibility of anti-missile beam weapons, the new technologies upon which U.S. President Ronald Reagan based his declaration of the new strategic doctrine of "Mutually Assured Survival" last March 23.

The town of Erice in Sicily has seen a great deal of history. Founded by the Phoenicians, contested by the Syracusan Greeks, subjected by the Romans, the hill-top city manifests the layered ruins of those epochs, as well as a delicately beautiful Gothic church in its central square. In antiquity it was noted for the temple of a hideous "earth-mother" cult for whom each society had its own name. The cult was used to maintain oligarchist control by instilling in the inhabitants the terror of technological change as forbidden "interference in Mother Nature's inscrutable ways."

But the Erice meeting, titled "Technological Bases of Peace," has dealt a potentially lethal blow to that oppressive ideology and its modern-day advocates in the Green "peace" movement.

Erice points toward the "origins of a real peace, the pursuit of the common aims of mankind," to which Edward Teller referred in his famous speech of Oct. 25, 1982: "We can do much more than avoid war. By cooperation with those who are willing fully to cooperate, we can improve the very horrible way of life in the Third World. We can by using technology create a situation where the reasons for war will diminish and keep diminishing."

Since *EIR* held a public conference on the subject in Washington, D.C. in February 1982, this review's founder Lyndon LaRouche has insisted that the beam-weapons development policy is the key to the solution to the avalanching collapse of the world economy caused by International Monetary Fund debt-collection policies, and by the oligarchs who insist on maintaining that rotted hulk, while suppressing the qualitatively new technologies crucial to growth.

As LaRouche stressed in *EIR* last January, the relativistic physics involved in the beam-weapons gear-

up will revolutionize the very notion of the term "raw materials," transforming man's ability to transform nature, spilling over unimaginable benefits into the civilian economy.

At hand is the opportunity of which LaRouche wrote: "If we can resolve now to dedicate both our nations to fostering rapid economic development of developing nations, using the increase of technology and world trade, we have established among nations a moral commitment (in effect of practice) to the welfare of each and every person on our planet, a commitment to affording them the productive powers to meet their own requirements."

The outcome of the Erice conference brings every genuine advocate of peace, and every political leader of any nation, face-to-face with an unambiguous choice. One side, promoted at Erice by the U.S. delegation led by Dr. Teller, is the Judeo-Christian ethic of man's mission to multiply, subdue the earth, and exert dominion over nature.

The opposing, earth-mother cult ideology is wielded today through the anti-nuclear Green movement, the dope mafia, the Scottish Rite freemasonry, and the likes of Muammar Qaddafi (who tyrannizes the Libyan desert across the Mediterranean from Erice, and foments violent "peace" rallies by the Greens against the Pershing missile site in Comiso, Sicily), to spread superstitious fear of the nuclear and other technologies vital to advanced-sector and Third World economic development.

Moscow, too, has backed these wretched cults, in the cynical ambition that Russia might become the "Third and Final Roman Empire," over the ashes of a West which had renounced technological progress.

Erice provides the superpowers with a historic chance: President Andropov, to shift to a rational policy, and negotiate on the basis of Reagan's new defense doctrine, as Lyndon LaRouche has repeatedly urged; and the Reagan administration, to start a real economic recovery in place of the faked "upswing" that has been sold to the President by the same treacherous advisers trying to sabotage the beam policy—starting with H. Kissinger and his friends.