

Editorial

Don't expect Soviets to stand still

The Soviet Union used the past year to accelerate the largest military build-up in history. They also used the year to build up a Western movement "to stop the placement of U.S. missiles in Europe." Over the same period, *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche has repeatedly asserted two sets of facts:

First, the Soviets never gave a damn about the Euro-missiles, but only about President Reagan's March 23, 1983 address on beam-weapon capability for destroying ICBMs in flight.

Second, under conditions in which Soviet foreign policy has undergone a "paradigm shift" into the old Russian imperial dream of Moscow as "the Third and Final Rome," Soviet cursing at Reagan's defense initiative never reflected fear of a U.S. first strike from behind a beam-weapon "shield," but fear that realization of the President's initiative would end Muscovite hopes of world domination; on this basis, Russia's policy, as of April 1983, was to achieve a strategic U.S. backdown in a near-term thermonuclear confrontation.

After Soviet downing of the Korean airliner, LaRouche updated the prognosis: The Soviet timetable for global confrontation was as early as spring 1984.

That time has arrived.

An analysis of the Soviet media shows that attacks on "Star Wars," the KGB code-word for space-based laser defense systems, have now nearly replaced the Pershing II and cruise missiles as the number-one propaganda item. Party leader Chernenko's by-line was placed on an April 9 *Pravda* demand that the world "not permit the spreading of the arms race into space." Central Committee member Zhukov attacked a March 23 Paris forum on beam-weapons, calling it a "Colloquium of Assassins." The forum was addressed by LaRouche, acknowledged "intellectual author" of the Reagan initiative who has been attacked five times in as many weeks in Soviet news media; and so forth.

Unless your foreign-policy intelligence is controlled by Henry Kissinger, the Soviet build-up to confrontation is as obvious as it is intended to be, from 16

dead South Korean cabinet members, to 241 dead U.S. Marines, to Soviet submarines in the Stockholm Archipelago, a Swedish power blackout, and a Baltic naval breakout into the North Sea and Atlantic. As we go to press, Soviet-built MiG fighters have fired on a U.S. army helicopter in the West German-Czech border area—the first such incident in 20 years. East Germany's military publication has announced that "there is no legal basis for civilian air traffic in the Berlin corridor," ripping up four-power agreements.

But Kissinger does control U.S. foreign policy. An at best pragmatic President, a former actor now cast as Hamlet in a real-life tragedy, does not have the guts in an election year to put strategic reality above "political considerations." On the day Chernenko demanded "ban the beam," Reagan assured Kissinger's General Scowcroft and the press that his program would be "research only," with no deployment phase. Facing a hostile press and traitors and fools in Congress, our President hasn't the guts to launch a crash program and appeal directly to the American people for support, even when national survival and civilization itself are at stake.

The Soviets have Reagan where they want him, but they will not stand still. They must accelerate, to the point they achieve a U.S. back-down and give a factor of irreversibility to that back-down. They must do it soon, to prevent effective internal opposition. They must choose a confrontation big enough to be decisive, not too big to get out of control. It is a business laden with potential for miscalculation and thermonuclear war.

Walter Mondale is Neville Chamberlain. Reagan is now in the hands of Kissinger, a Soviet agent-of-influence. LaRouche, after a powerful Pennsylvania showing despite fraud, is moving into other primaries, and organizing thousands into a mass, permanent organization. He wants Kissinger out. He wants beam-weapons and a defense mobilization fast. He must have enough support to have the policy-influence to get both. Americans have no other choice. Unless they back LaRouche, they won't even have a country.