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1989: China, East Germany— 1990: America?

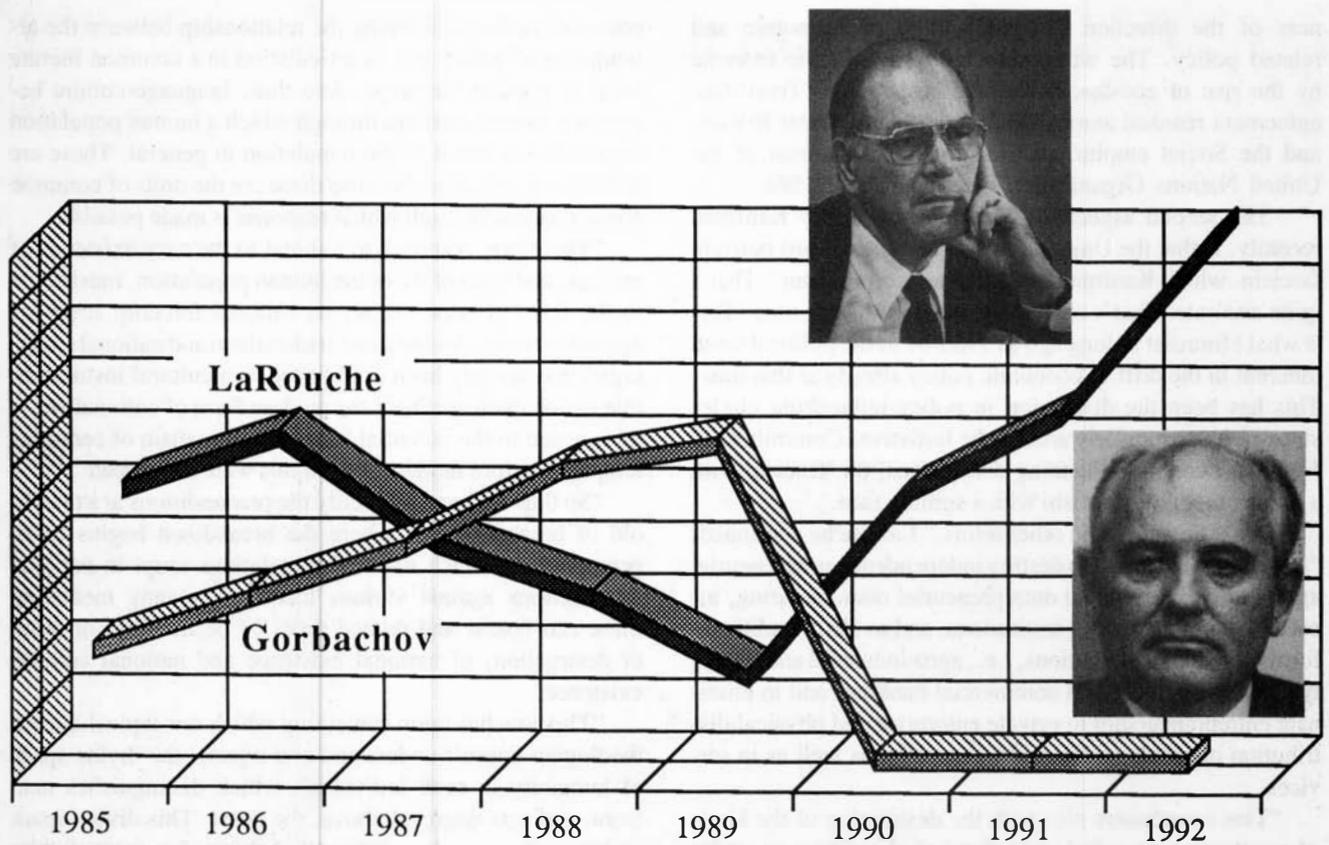
by the Editors

Speaking from his Rochester, Minnesota prison cell, where he is still being held hostage by his embittered political enemies, economist and former presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche in a Dec. 12 interview expressed no little satisfaction that the past year's events have proven him right, and all of his enemies utterly and hopelessly wrong.

Over this past year, the world witnessed in May and June an upsurge in the fight for democracy in China, brutally suppressed by a regime which has not much longer to live. Following that, the struggle against tyranny spread to Poland, culminating more recently in developments in Hungary, most notably the electrifying events in East Germany and Czechoslovakia, and also spilling into Bulgaria. The same process is reflected in the endemic, now boiling struggle in Yugoslavia between Croatia and Slovenia in particular on one side, and Serbia and its supporters on the other.

These developments must be understood on several levels. The most general approach to this situation is provided by looking at three documents issued by Lyndon LaRouche over the past 18 months. The first is the address which LaRouche gave at the Kapitsky Bristol Hotel in West Berlin on Oct. 12, 1988, in which he forecast the early onset of a process leading toward the prospective restoration of Berlin as the capital of Germany, in the context of an effort to rescue the troubled economy of Poland (see *EIR*, Oct. 21, 1988). The speech was transmitted in a nationally televised campaign half-hour broadcast in the United States by then-presidential candidate LaRouche. Looking back at the six months since the Chinese democracy movement challenged the Red Chinese Communists, LaRouche's remarks were not only quite prophetic, but in fact there is no other analysis from official sources published then or to recent date, which hit that point, or even came close to that in its accuracy of analysis of coming events.

The second was LaRouche's Nov. 14, 1988 call for the formation of a world-



Almost one year ago, Lyndon LaRouche remarked that his political fortunes were inextricably tied with those of Mikhail Gorbachov: "If Gorbachov's up, then I'm down, and if Gorbachov's down, I'm up." Above is a somewhat whimsical, but no less accurate representation of the current and prospective state of affairs.

wide anti-bolshevik, anti-fascist resistance movement. "Let us," LaRouche wrote, "swear the Rütli Oath from *Wilhelm Tell*. Let it be made clear, that wherever the communist imperial interest shall destroy governments, or subvert them to such a degree that they become virtually pro-Soviet varieties of Quisling rule which so cease, treasonously, to be lawful authority, the new Resistance shall launch what modern China's experience defines as 'People's War' against the communists and their accomplices." And that is the general character of what has happened since that time, in China, in Western Europe, and elsewhere.

Third was a document which was in preparation during April 1989 and which was then produced in pamphlet form under the title "The Great Crisis of 1989-1992," as the foreword to LaRouche's July 4, 1989 platform declaration as candidate to represent the 10th Congressional District of Virginia in the U.S. Congress.

These three documents are unparalleled in excellence, in contrast to any other policy statements or forecasts in the public domain from any source in any part of the world. Taken as a unit, they reflect—in the degree of accuracy that such forecasts or analyses ever do—precisely what is hap-

pening at this time. These are the scientific documents of immediate reference to understand the great events of 1989 and following.

The global economic breakdown

What these documents forecast was the coincidence of a global economic breakdown crisis process, with an upsurge of nationalist movements struggling for freedom against not only communist tyranny, but assorted forms of tyranny becoming a worldwide, globally enveloping process. What has been seen in the communist sector is simply one aspect of this, which is now portended to erupt, for example, in the Americas.

LaRouche, commenting on how he could be so accurate in his forecasts, said, "There are two levels on which we can look at these processes, and the connection between these two levels constitutes a third level. The first level is the physical economy of the world, the basis upon which human existence, not only of individuals but of nations and of national institutions, is premised and is dependent. It is jeopardized not simply by catastrophe, but by a persistent and worsening, self-aggravating wrong-

ness of the direction of modification of economic and related policy. The wrongness is typified in the extreme by the rise of eco-fascism as the basis for a 'Trust'-like agreement reached among the United States, Great Britain, and the Soviet empire, particularly in the context of the United Nations Organization meeting in late 1988.

"The second aspect, as expressed by Henry Kaufman recently, is that the United States is moving toward outright fascism, which Kaufman identified as 'corporatism.' That's quite accurate: That's been in the wind for a long time. This is what I forecast as long ago as 1960-61 as the political trend inherent in the drift of economic policy already at that time. This has been the discussion in policy-influencing circles since 1974, particularly around the Initiatives Committee for National Economic Planning discussions, on 'fascism with a human face,' or 'fascism with a smiling face.'

"What this means in other terms," LaRouche continued, "is that they're aiming to destroy independent entrepreneurial agriculture, independent entrepreneurial manufacturing, local and regional banking institutions, and so forth; traditional forms of banking institutions, i.e., agro-industrial and related types of investment and commercial banking; and to eliminate entrepreneurship in private enterprise and physical distribution of goods and so forth generally, as well as in services.

"This coordinates also with the destruction of the kinds of regulations specified as powers of the Congress under Article I of the U.S. Constitution, the virtual abrogation of that portion of Article I of the Constitution in the United States, in order to lay the way for a new kind of regulation: *eco-fascist regulation*. That is, the people who have been deregulating are not really deregulators, they simply are destroying the American System of political-economy in the process of establishing an eco-fascist dictatorship over every nook and cranny of production and consumption and distribution. That drift has accelerated the errors and blunders of Thatcherism, in particular, and everything that Thatcherism draws from in the world.

"As a matter of fact, the irony of the situation is that the Soviet Union destroyed its own system by introducing Thatcherism to an already rotten Soviet system; bringing Thatcherism, or even elements of it, into the Soviet system under the guise of *perestroika*, is like injecting cancer into a sick body. And as the year drew to a close, the Soviets have discovered that, and have even obliged Gorbachov to admit that *perestroika* might be a good idea, but that it's now way off in the future."

The cause of nationalist upsurges

"So under these economic pressures," LaRouche observed, "and under the present institutions of policy-shaping, it is impossible for nations and their peoples to continue to survive. And therefore something in the population responds. What responds is in the form that Dante Alighieri indicated

centuries earlier in defining the relationship between the articulation of policy and its articulation in a common literate form of popular language. And thus, language-culture becomes a natural medium through which a human population responds to a threat to the population in general. These are the units of response, because these are the units of common consciousness through which response is made possible.

"Therefore, response to a threat to the very existence of nations, and even of the entire human population, must come in the form of what we see as national freedom struggles against tyranny. And because nationalism and national sovereignty has already been established as a cultural institution, that nationalism occurs in the modern form of nationalism—as opposed to the potential form of nationalism of centuries long ago, before modern institutions were developed.

"So thus we have implicitly the preconditions at a threshold of breakdown, or where the breakdown begins to be perceived, in which national populations erupt in national insurrections against various forms of tyranny mediating these eco-fascist and related types of destruction, or trend of destruction, of national existence and national cultural existence.

"This touches upon something which our typical British theologian doesn't understand and rejects: the divine spark of humanity in each individual, which distinguishes man from, and sets mankind above, the beast. This divine spark of humanity must be addressed, I think, for our purposes here, for secular analysis, shall we say, in terms of this year's little monograph of mine, *In Defense of Common Sense*, where this particular phenomenon, its manifestation, its nature, is addressed in terms which I think should be more universally comprehensible, as distinct from those who more narrowly understand adequately the theology of St. Augustine and Nicolaus of Cusa and so forth."

"So the medium through which a specifically human response to a threat to human existence and culture is experienced, is through that which is distinctively human—this divine spark which sets the individual apart from and above all the beasts, and other inferior species of existence."

John Paul II fosters the 'divine spark'

"Thus we have a relationship implicitly between the role of Pope John Paul II, as a Pope brought from Poland, and the effect of this on Eastern Europe and the Eastern European insurrections. John Paul II and his mission did not *cause* the eruption in Eastern Europe, but by *exciting*, to a large degree, the awareness of the divine spark in mankind, made it more sensitive, more responsive, more aware of itself; thus the earlier response, including Protestant East Germany, which responded to the divine spark not so much in religion—although Neues Forum included churches—but through the identification of Friedrich Schiller and Ludwig van Beethoven and so forth, the German Weimar Classic, which itself is one of the highest forms of expressions of Western Christian

civilization. Thus Western Christian civilization, whose borders lie at the Ukrainian borders with the Great Russians, and the Polish borders with the Great Russians, became the true borderline between two systems, contrary to what the British think they understand.

“Though this process, this renaissance within the Church associated with Pope John Paul II, particularly in Eastern Europe, began earlier than the developments of last year, this was merely potential—essential potential, which was activated by the events of last year and somewhat earlier into this year.”

The nature of tyranny in the U.S.

“Now in the United States,” LaRouche added, “we have a different kind of tyranny, as we also have in the United Kingdom: Let’s call it the tyranny of Thatcherism and eco-fascism. We have the systematic destruction of most of our population: destruction of their way of life; destruction of infrastructure; destruction of agriculture, at least entrepreneurial agriculture; the destruction of industry; the destruction of pension funds by looting. The forces of the counterculture, eco-fascism, and usury, and what is happening with our justice system represent an abominable tyranny, actually a fascist tyranny, as portended by the Trilateral Commission’s *Crisis of Democracy* thesis of 1975 as authored by Samuel P. Huntington. That is fascism, and the United States is becoming fascist. And it’s becoming bolshevik, a pro-bolshevik fascist state—sort of a national-bolshevist state.

Or, you might say there is a Hitler-Stalin Pact between Kissinger and Gorbachov.

“And there will be a revolt of the spirit in the United States against this abomination which will come in complicated ways. It will operate, as in all cases, through fissures in the structures to which the resentments, the tolerance of this abuse, flowed to its public expression. It will come throughout the Americas, which are being subjected to Nazi-like mass murder. Whole nations in Central and South America have become virtual concentration camps within their own borders under International Monetary Fund conditionalities and related measures. They will not tolerate it. This is the Eastern Europe of the Western Hemisphere, and we can expect that to blow up in a complicated way—not a simple way, but a complicated way—over the coming year. And we will probably have more negative things in the eruption in Central and South America than we do in the insurrections, the upsurges in Eastern Europe, for obvious reasons. But it will come to the United States, too,” he predicted.

LaRouche, the SDI, and perestroika

It is a fact, not immediately readily recognized by many who are not knowledgeable of the details in the backrooms, that it was the LaRouche initiatives of January 1982 through April 1983 which caused what became known as the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), which in turn were the cause of the

adoption of *perestroika* as it came to be known by the then-incoming head of state of the Soviet Union, Yuri Andropov.

What came to be known as the SDI was a project which LaRouche launched in 1977, and which became a leading feature of his 1980 Democratic presidential nomination campaign. On Aug. 15, 1979—three and one-half years before President Ronald Reagan’s March 23, 1983 television address formally announcing the project—LaRouche published a campaign statement on military policy, which declared, “A LaRouche administration will have two leading points in military policy. First, commitment to the development of advanced-technology weapons able to ‘kill’ incoming missiles in the stratosphere.” During the 1980-83 period, LaRouche authored a number of public and private tracts on the deeper significance of the SDI, including a March 1982 policy-discussion memorandum entitled “Only Beam-Weapons Could Bring to an End the Kissingerian Age of Mutual Thermonuclear Terror: A Proposed Modern Military Policy of the United States.” In all his writings on the subject, LaRouche stressed that the SDI involved not simply a military gizmo, but demanded an understanding of the relationship between high-tech SDI as he defined it, the economy, and the evolution of the strategic process.

“And so,” LaRouche now reflected, almost a decade later, “I presented it to the incoming Reagan administration, which in part liked the idea to the effect that a collaboration between me as well as other of my immediate associates, and the National Security Council of the Reagan administration, ensued.”

LaRouche’s back-channel talks with Moscow

During January 1982, LaRouche, acting at the request of the National Security Council, began a back-channel discussion with the Soviets to probe a possible Soviet response to a possible U.S. adoption of a strategic ballistic missile defense system. The idea was: What if the two nations were to adopt such a policy as a replacement for, or a gradual, eventual replacement for, the doctrine of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD)? The Soviets, by the beginning of 1983, had given LaRouche the following response:

1) Moscow agreed with the feasibility of strategic ballistic missile defense based on new physical principles as LaRouche had outlined it.

2) Moscow agreed with the economic “spillover” benefits to the civilian economy of such a defense based on new physical principles.

3) However, Moscow would reject such an agreement, for two reasons: a) The Soviet government would never negotiate its strategic doctrine with its adversaries; and b) Moscow would reject an agreement with the United States on strategic defense, because under “crash program” conditions, the U.S. economy would run way ahead of the Soviet economy.

At the same time, in early 1983, LaRouche’s Soviet interlocutor expressed confidence that in any case, LaRouche’s

defense proposal would never be adopted. “We have been assured,” the Soviet diplomat told LaRouche, “by the highest levels of the Democratic Party, that your proposals will never reach President Reagan’s desk for consideration.”

Immediately after the announcement of the policy which the Soviets thought would never happen, they went into a panic, as did some of their trusted British and other friends in the United States. And at that point, Federal Reserve Chairman Paul A. Volcker was deployed to develop what became known as the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings automatic budget-cutting mechanism. During April 1983, the Scowcroft Commission was specifically addressed in an attempt to deflect to a significant degree the SDI proposal, while Lt. Gen. Danny Graham (USAF-ret.) also pitted himself against this conception of SDI and proposed a limitation into what at that point was a 20-year-old obsolete technology.

“So it began to be undermined,” LaRouche recalled. “But nonetheless Gorbachov, in response to that, refusing to accept the economic agreement implicit in a strategic beam ballistic missile defense based on new physical principles, went to his own version, his own Andropov-Ogarkov transformation in the Soviet order of battle, and to what became *perestroika*. Andropov died of a heart attack suddenly—from the standpoint of the Andropov-Ogarkov plan, prematurely. Then, after his death during the period December 1984 through March 1985, Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachov was brought to power. Gorbachov had already been designated in 1982 as the crown prince successor for Andropov.”

‘Greasy Thumb’ Gorbachov

“However,” LaRouche continued, “there is a difference between Gorbachov and Andropov, a very significant one which has to be borne in mind here to understand *perestroika* and its effects in the current situation. Andropov was a product of the Kuusinen-Varga-Communist International faction within the Russian apparatus, as opposed to the Communist International apparatus outside Russia. In that sense, he tended in part to be a Bukharinist—that is, a person who, like Khrushchov, looked forward to the revival of the ‘Trust’ relations which had existed between Britain and Moscow from actually 1919 or so through 1927.

“So in that sense Gorbachov and Andropov do represent a continuity; but you have to look at Gorbachov and the people around him. The accession of Gorbachov to state power with Eduard Shevardnadze as his foreign minister, is about equivalent to imagining back in 1932, that Meyer Lansky of organized crime had been elected President instead of Franklin Roosevelt, and that Lansky had appointed Chicago’s Frank Nitti as Secretary of State. Such is the spectacle of ‘Greasy Thumb’ Gorbachov and ‘Bugsy’ Shevardnadze, the Frank Nitti of Soviet Georgia.

“The point is this. What Andropov did, particularly beginning 1967, when he acceded to a position of head of the KGB (as we have it from various intelligence sources on the

profile of these individuals), was scrounge around for assets within various parts of the Soviet apparatus, such as hit-man Geidar Ali, otherwise known as Aliyev, who would knock out the legs from under significant competitors for the future public successor to Brezhnev, to secure the Ogarkov-Andropov succession to power.

“So Gorbachov is one of these gangsters or hitmen, and things will probably come out sooner or later about terrible corruption in the state he administered corresponding to his function as a Soviet mafioso, a *gangster*. So this bunch of gangsters, somewhat comparable in image to the Wilson administration of the 1960s in Britain, has come to the top in Moscow. So you can imagine Gorbachov and Shevardnadze and others talking about, ‘Dis here deal dey cut with dat dame Thatcher.’ That’s the kind of thing you’ve got there underneath the public relations patina which is put over this administration.

“Even though *perestroika* is an Andropov creation as a policy, not a Gorbachov creation, yet the Gorbachov mafia, ‘Greasy Thumb’ Gorbachov and ‘Bugsy’ Shevardnadze, put a different ‘spin,’ as they say, on *perestroika*, than would have Andropov had he not died suddenly. The significance of this spin lies in the crudeness, the ignorance, the bungling of this bunch of arrogant gangsters who know nothing except the delight in their own use of power and tactics.

“What happened, in effect,” LaRouche went on, “is that the reaction to SDI by the Soviets was as follows. First of all, from January 1982 until March 23, 1983, the Soviet government at the highest level was studying what became the SDI in the form of the proposal for a strategic military and economic reform known as the LaRouche version of strategic ballistic missile defense based on new physical principles. They rejected that on the grounds of the economic-strategic issue as identified. When the President, contrary to assurances earlier made by the Democratic Party to the Soviet government, adopted SDI in a form which initially echoed largely the LaRouche version, the Soviets responded by going to a countermeasure—and what they adopted was Thatcherism.

“Especially under Gorbachov, the introduction of the disease of Thatcherism to an already sick Soviet economy, resulted in a physical economic breakdown of the Soviet economy at a rapid rate. And thus, you have the relationship between the introduction of SDI in the pre-March 23, 1983 form during 1982 (and actually earlier, but 1982 in particular, when the Soviets came closely on top of this thing), and the breakup of the Soviet empire today.

“The refusal to face the LaRouche version of strategic ballistic missile defense based on new physical principles, and the decision to go to *perestroika*, resulted in two steps, especially in the second step—the Gorbachov step—in the self-destruction of the Soviet empire by means of *perestroika*. Such,” LaRouche concluded, “are the ironies of history. And there is a certain elegance and beauty in all that.”