

# LaRouche estimate on Soviet crisis: Gorbachov could be out by year end

*Former U.S. presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche issued the following strategic evaluation on Dec. 16.*

Intelligence accumulated up through the night of Dec. 15 shows the highest probability of an acute leadership crisis in Moscow coming to a head on this Dec. 27. President Gorbachov could be out, replaced by a "hard-liner" coalition by either Dec. 27 or the days immediately following.

In this regard, proper and urgent policy in the West does not depend upon whether Gorbachov is dumped, or remains in the Soviet presidency. What must be recognized, is that the entirety of Anglo-American policy toward Moscow, since November 1983, but most emphatically since December 1984, is now exposed as one of the most colossal, strategic errors in 20th-century history.

Simply as a very urgent practical matter, it must be emphasized, that on these issues of strategic policy, the 1984-90 "New Yalta" policies of the Thatcher, Reagan-Bush, and Bush administrations have been exposed now as the most colossal, and possibly the most calamitous of strategic and economic follies of the 20th century. For the same reason, it must be said plainly, without evasion, that on these issues political prisoner LaRouche has been once again prophetically right, and his opponents in Washington catastrophically wrong.

As long as Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachov's power in Moscow was permitted upon the basis of the Kissingerian London-Washington "New Yalta" policy drift of 1984-90, the doom of Gorbachov was inevitable, in any case; but for the support he received from his one time greatest admirer, Prime Minister Margaret "Attila the Hen" Thatcher, and support for foolish Thatcher's policies from Reagan and Bush, Gorbachov would have been toppled two or three years ago. His threatened crisis of Dec. 27 is thus long overdue. However, the dangers to the world from this present Soviet crisis have been greatly aggravated, and are currently accelerated by three factors.

1) The 1979-90 folly of Thatcherism in domestic and international monetary, financial, and economic policy has now plunged the English-speaking world, and most of the developing sector, into the onset of the worst depression of the 20th century. This has devastating economic, and consequent political effects upon the Soviet Union.

2) Those idiots in London and Washington who, like CIA director William Webster, reflect the anti-Japan, anti-

Germany hysteria of Conor Cruise O'Brien, Carla Hills, and Clayton Yeutter, have chosen the time at which both strategic crisis and depression collapse are colliding with one another, to launch insane trade war against our closest allies.

3) These same idiots, on the record, lured and provoked Iraq into Kuwait, as a trick for launching NATO "out-of-area deployments" to begin conducting population and raw materials wars against the developing nations of Latin American, Africa, and Asia as a whole.

While Thatcher and Bush diverted the world's attention to their bloody Kissingerian side-show in the Gulf region, the Soviet Union was in the process of blowing up. While Thatcher and Bush were preparing to launch colonial wars against Iraq and Jordan, what they were doing in fact was accelerating a Moscow crisis leading to the direction of global thermonuclear war.

The crucial point to be emphasized at this most dangerous moment in 20th-century history, is that neither President George Bush nor President Gorbachov has credibility in matters of economic policy affecting the Soviet internal crisis. Bush is so busy defending his own record of fanatical support for the Thatcherite measures which have plunged the U.S. and British economies into Christmastide depression, that he refused to consider any of the available programmatic measures of recovery.

However, if my proposal for emergency economic action in the north Eurasian theater were to be adopted publicly for action now, that and that alone might provide the kind of credible, workable alternative to present to all factions in Moscow prior to the ominous date of Dec. 27.

George Bush, do you really hate political prisoner LaRouche so much, that you would rather see global thermonuclear war, rather than admitting publicly, that you and Thatcher have been terribly, terribly wrong—and LaRouche right—on the issues of policies toward Moscow, and the national and world economy?

The developments in Moscow, on and following Dec. 27—a mere ten days ahead—could be the turning-point in history, at which the world moves toward thermonuclear war, or toward a future stable war avoidance. At this moment, Moscow has no alternative to what ordinary Westerners will see as the "neo-Stalinist dictatorship," unless my Triangle package-policy is taken up and presented as official Western policy for economic reconstruction of crucial elements of the European economy—from the Atlantic to the Urals.