

Editorial

Soviet shakeup: LaRouche was right

You read it first in *EIR*. As early as 1983 we identified the emergence of a nationalist tendency in the Soviet Union, which was intent on transforming the Soviet Union to conform to the desire to see Russia as a Third and Final Roman Empire. Now, with the resignation of Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, even the most wishfully blind fools are having to face the fact that their illusions around perestroika, were just that: illusions.

Under the umbrella of the Soyuz group, or in related groups associated with people like Dmitri Likhachov, whom we have identified repeatedly over the years as a nationalist of the blood-and-soil imperialist sort, this "Third Rome" tendency has now surfaced openly in Moscow. These are the people who look back in Russian history to the model of the Tsarist regime of Ivan III, rather than the more obviously terrifying Ivan the Terrible.

The present turn in the Soviet Union was forecast by LaRouche over a 10-year period. This did not mean that this was the only direction which the Soviets could take, once the bankruptcy of the communist regime was admitted by them; what LaRouche said, was that this was the direction in which they would go unless we in the West provided them with a viable, positive alternative. The policies of Thatcher rather than LaRouche prevailed, however, and events bore out the accuracy of LaRouche's forecast.

By forecasting, we do not mean predicting the future in the sense of outguessing blind chance. We are talking about human beings and institutions composed of human beings, capable of making decisions. We can anticipate these decisions, when we understand the circumstances under which they will be made.

Although the process of relations within the Soviet Union, and in East-West relations, has taken many detours which we and LaRouche did not and could not foresee, between 1983 and the present, nonetheless, the situation has ended up exactly where we said it had to end up if the U.S. continued the kind of policy which the Anglo-Americans have continued.

The crucial element in this was the wrong decisions

made by the Anglo-Americans respecting both the British and the American economies. Both have been brought to the point of bankruptcy by the fostering of deregulation and rampant speculation—under the guise of free market ideology. While the U.S. and British economies were collapsing, insult of insult, through the medium of the International Monetary Fund and the like, the Anglo-Americans are trying to impose this debacle on the nations of Eastern Europe and on the Soviet system itself. Bad as things are within the Soviet Union, the Soviets are unwilling to accept this sure road to disaster, which not incidentally would put an end to any Third Rome imperial ambitions as well. So the Soviets are in the process of making a turn toward a military dictatorship.

We were right and our enemies were wrong in their estimate of the situation, because we think in the proper manner about the world. When we discuss economics we look at real processes in the physical economy; when we discuss politics we see events from the vantage point of the underlying major cultural tendencies which are unfolding behind them. Thus, for example, we found an identity between the vicious, self-confessed paganism of Britain's Prince Philip, and the rejection by the Russian Orthodox Church of the Western Christian doctrine of man in the image of God—the issue of the *Filioque*.

Even despite the abundant confirmation of LaRouche's "Third Rome" thesis, his forecast is not "written in the stars." If, in fact, the policies which he is now putting forth are adopted, this dire situation could be turned around. Take for example, the case of Germany. Much of what the German government is doing is absolutely correct, in terms of attempts to stabilize the Soviet situation, and efforts toward building up infrastructure, railroads, and so on. But they are unwilling to finance this in the right way with public credit. They want to compromise with the Anglo-American free marketeers.

Let us hope that in the new year, men of good will begin to recognize just how right LaRouche is. Then perhaps we can have peace on Earth.