

Editorial

Bush is sending us to World War III

The first bloodshed in George Bush's Mideast war occurred in the city of Vilnius, in Lithuania, by members of the Soviet Army who fired upon unarmed Lithuanian citizens. This was quickly followed by an equally brutal American attack upon the Iraqi people.

The evil of George Bush's war is only matched by the stupidity, the gross miscalculation which has led him to encourage the formation of a ruthless military dictatorship in the Soviet Union. On Jan. 11, President Bush announced to the world how he and Mikhail Gorbachov were "in synch" on questions of policy. The U.S. military deployment in the Gulf has created the conditions which invited the present Soviet aggression against the Baltic republics.

The potential for this turn of events was foreseen by Lyndon LaRouche, in *EIR*, on U.S. network television, and in key meetings with international policy figures, as early as 1983. He warned then that the Soviet empire was undergoing a transition. While communism was increasingly discredited within the U.S.S.R., there was every reason to fear that it would be replaced by an equally evil form of nationalist regime which maintained the Czars' imperialist goals.

Today such a regime would take the form of a military dictatorship, supported by the Russian Orthodox Church, by nationalist Russian forces, and by the KGB. Such a turn was indicated by the recent shifts in Gorbachov's cabinet, combined with the resignation and warnings of Eduard Shevardnadze, and the emergency powers granted to the Soviet President by the Congress of People's Deputies.

The Western betrayal of the Baltic peoples reminds us that, for all the rhetoric to the contrary, the West has consistently betrayed the Eastern Europeans who time and again have tried to resist Soviet tyranny. It is of the stuff of such betrayals that the conditions are being created for yet another world war in this century.

Had LaRouche's policy initiatives been followed, which sought to give the Soviets an alternative of genuine integration into a thriving European economy, such would not be the case. Like Charles de Gaulle before him, LaRouche saw clearly that either there would be

a "Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals," the kind of détente which de Gaulle sought to create between the Soviets and the West, in which Western Christian civilization would be the dominant force; or there would be instead a Europe from the Urals to the Atlantic, dominated by Russia. Such is a Europe which we may see in the not so distant future as a result of the insane deployment of Western forces into the Gulf.

No doubt, George Bush and his British advisers have lulled themselves into the convenient belief that there is only one superpower today, one Anglo-American Empire, just as they imagine that the war in the Gulf will be a short, easily won war. These are illusions which will quickly vanish. Instead of an Anglo-American Empire, we now look at the possibility of either a Soviet Empire dominating the world in the coming period, or World War III—not tomorrow, perhaps not next year, but somewhere in this decade.

This is the reality which we now face. Yet there is still time to affect events, to change the present rush to disaster. The millions of people who are presently demonstrating against tyranny—in the United States, in the Soviet Union, in the nations of Europe, in the Philippines and elsewhere—must become tens of millions.

In the United States there is a clear focus for such demonstrations, not only to end U.S. aggression against Iraq, but also to end police state government at home. Despite the lies circulated by the mass media, pretending that Americans have supported George Bush's evil war, the truth is exactly the opposite, as every congressman and senator admits. Congressional offices have been flooded by the letters and phone calls from constituents who oppose the war.

These people were betrayed by those congressmen and senators who capitulated to White House pressure and voted for the war. The man who could represent their aspirations, whose policies even at this late date could give the world a way to avert the impending disaster, whose on-the-spot presence could achieve a negotiated global peace—that man, Lyndon LaRouche, is presently trapped in a Minnesota federal prison, a hostage to George Bush's megalomania.