

who continue to live in ever-worsening poverty.

Where, then, is there any hope that this cycle of wars can be broken and stopped?

These wars will not be stopped by Africans themselves. This would be a dangerous illusion far from reality. Some Africans are certainly complicit culprits in these wars, but their actions are not the causes of the continuing warfare. The cause of Africa's destruction is the combination of Western imperial economic policy of the IMF, and the related geopolitical manipulation of conflicts. The wars in Africa originate from the power-structure of the British-American-Commonwealth empire faction in today's world. This structure has to be destroyed.

And who can do it?

First and foremost, the American people, if they mobilize America's spirit of 1776. Then America can emerge, along with the new strategic alliance around China, Russia, and India, as the most important power in the world to shift the

strategic policy orientation.

How can you get lasting peace and reconciliation between men like Dos Santos and Savimbi, who both have their justified suspicions against each other? You need a power with moral authority, to create a strategic framework in which the policy dynamic is shifted toward peace and development rather than war and destruction.

As long as we allow London to say, as did Montgomery, "Africa has everything we need," there will be wars in Africa. At last the world must say: "Africa has everything that its nations need for their prosperous development." For this we must create the strategic framework of a new, just economic world order to replace the structures of globalization.

For this, Lyndon LaRouche's proposal for a New Bretton Woods system must become U.S. government policy. If the American people are truthful to their own history, and serious about the fate of Africa, the home of many of their ancestors, they will fight for this.

Blair is acting like Hitler, says historian

What Prime Minister Tony Blair is now doing in Britain, is like what Adolf Hitler did in Germany in the 1930s, British historian Lord Max Beloff wrote in the Feb. 9 London *Times*. Beloff's article was headlined, "Third Way, or Reich?" with the kicker, "Tony Blair's Style of Government Is Chillingly Reminiscent of Germany in the Thirties."

Beloff wrote: "The advent of new Labour has produced a steady stream of books explaining its victory in terms of the personalities involved, and the strategems they employed. Since they are unlikely to contain much that is new, they make boring reading. Even less useful are the efforts of Downing Street's tame sociologists to give some meaning to the empty concept of the 'Third Way.' One does better reading books that add to one's general understanding of politics. High on the list should be the first volume of Professor Ian Kershaw's magisterial biography, *Hitler*.

"The tale he has to tell is chilling—the violence involved in Hitler's march to power was the prelude to the much greater violence which will feature in the second volume. Yet if one excludes the political violence and racism of Nazism, which one must, there are still telling parallels between then and now. The similarities between Adolf Hitler and Tony Blair's path to power are hard to dismiss.

"Ian Kershaw explains how Hitler rose to power, and then having achieved office, he led the Nazi Party to com-

plete domination in every aspect of German life. It is that second aspect of the story which is particularly helpful in explaining the unfolding agenda of new Labour."

Beloff noted that Hitler's dictatorship was achieved in a system of universal suffrage. To obtain power, they co-opted dupes to their side, "to push through the constitutional changes which then entrenched their own dominance." So, Blair's new Labour "has followed the Führer in using dispensable allies to lend its project (of assaulting Britain's historic constitution) an extra legitimacy. . . . The use of political figures from other parties to camouflage new Labour's purposes is directly reminiscent of Hitler's tactics."

Beloff drew a number of parallels between the Nazis and new Labour today, such as the prominent role of party "Gauleiters" in carrying out national policies, and the creation of "Mr. Blair's own Albert Speers and Leni Riefenstahls" in the House of Lords, who are like those who populated Hitler's "court," to popularize his regime.

According to Beloff: "It is not clear where the constitutional ambitions of Mr. Blair and his coterie stop. Hitler became Führer—the sole embodiment of the German state. We still have a monarchy. But the blow to the hereditary principle in the Lords has revived Labour republicanism. It is not yet clear if Mr. Blair wants to include the Royal Family in his 'project,' or if he wants to present himself and his family as a kind of ersatz royalty."

In conclusion, Beloff accused Blair of a project to "create the illusion that Europe belongs to him," seeking a domination of Europe without Hitler's Wehrmacht. This last point is an interesting departure from the usual British propaganda, that Germany is the new "Fourth Reich," seeking to dominate Europe.—*Mark Burdman*