

Editorial

'Only weeks away from nuclear war?'

It was March 7, 1999 when the international LaRouche movement issued a mass leaflet with the above title, warning of the imminent strategic danger, and demanding that a national debate occur in every country on this matter of global concern. Many were shocked; they thought we were crazy.

What that leaflet said, was that the international financial oligarchy, which LaRouche has dubbed the British-American-Commonwealth (BAC) faction, has determined to deal with the world depression the way they usually do—by provoking wars, even world war. It noted that this faction, which operates through the Vice President Al Gore-led Principals Committee in the United States, had already taken a decisive step in this direction, through initiating unilateral, undeclared war against Iraq. In line with this action, we said, was the plan to create a “new NATO” with a global interventionist mission—a move that would break especially U.S. ties with Russia and China, and potentially lead to the use of “limited” nuclear exchanges.

Now, just a little more than two weeks later, the world's nations are confronted with a war in Europe, the beginnings of a dramatic break in Russian relations with the West, and even U.S. Senators, such as Ted Stevens (R-Ak.), saying that we are close to starting World War III. NATO is de facto expanding its mission through the war against Yugoslavia—and there is increasing discussion of the deployment of tactical nuclear weapons in eastern Europe, where this threat had previously been defused.

Because effective action was not taken, our forecast has been shown to be horribly right, up to this point.

It should also be noted that, in that leaflet, we pointed out the critical role of Gore and his Gang of Four (Albright, Cohen, Shelton, and Leon Fuerth) in promoting such a confrontationist policy. And indeed, as we had warned, it was Gore who succeeded in canceling the scheduled meeting between President Clinton and Russian Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov, the unique opportunity to prevent the Balkan crisis from going into a military phase.

The world has dramatically changed, and it will

keep changing rapidly. That is the nature of the historical period in which we live. Either governments determine to change the very foundations of world economic and political arrangements, or the convulsions will lead us into a New Dark Age.

What should be clear to many more people at this point, is that they don't have an endless amount of time to make the necessary shifts. And, that they have to listen to the strategic analysis of Lyndon LaRouche.

LaRouche has uniquely provided the ideas which could shift us out of the Cold War (or hot war) confrontation which is now upon us. The basis for world peace, he has continually stated, is collaboration among sovereign nations for in-depth scientific and industrial development. Within such a framework of discussion, the best contributions of all nations come to the fore, and will be used to enhance the condition of all mankind.

The framework for the necessary collaboration can be summed up with the concept of the Eurasian Land-Bridge. This concept was developed by Lyndon LaRouche as an extension of his Productive Triangle proposal for Europe. Happily, leadership groupings within Russia, China, and India have picked up on this concept, and we now see a “Survivors' Club” developing which is orienting to this kind of arrangement. But this could come to virtual naught, should the BAC crowd succeed in steering particularly the United States onto the track of war.

How can the war drive be stopped? It's not a matter of an “anti-war” movement, but a fundamental shift in approach toward politics in every sphere. It means, above all, junking the commitment to the genocidal, bankrupt International Monetary Fund system, as well as the ideas of anti-industrial ecologism and free trade. It means discarding the leading proponents of such dangerous policies, like the saboteur Gore and his buddy Fuerth, and getting President Clinton to pursue FDR-style alliances with China and Russia on this basis.

Let the shock of how rapidly the new West-East conflict is emerging, spur us into action, before it's too late.