Editorial

The stench of Munich 1938

A stench emanates from the official statements and press coverage of the Nov. 19-20 Geneva summit, such as the praise of "progress" and "accomplishment" in the New York Times and Washington Post editorials. The odor is that of Neville Chamberlain boasting of the "accomplishments" of the Munich summit of 1938, where Britain approved Adolf Hitler's lawless annexation of the Sudetenland. Chamberlain claimed, in some of the most cynical words ever uttered, that he had achieved "peace in our time." Soon after, World War II broke out, as the Nazi war economy inexorably moved on its murderous path; at least 60 million people died as a result of Munich 1938.

The lesson of the summit is simply this: We must reconvene the Nuremberg Tribunal to try today's Nazis for "crimes against humanity"—before World War III, or an ecological holocaust more terrible even than thermonuclear war, overtakes mankind.

The elementary fact is that the Soviets, whose economy has been turned into a Nazi-like war machine and who are on a drive to dominate the world by 1988, used the Geneva meeting to buy time—two or three years in which to lull the West. The real winner was Gorbachov, who was able to sell the image of himself as a reasonable fellow to the West.

It is also clear that although President Ronald Reagan, on the surface, appeared to hold the line on the Strategic Defense Initiative, the whole program is up for grabs. Moscow's view is that Reagan will not get anything more out of Congress, since congressional support for SDI has peaked, and that it will taper off by the time the next President takes office. Reports reaching EIR indicate that the Soviets are orienting everything toward the "post-Reagan era." They see Reagan as irrelevant, because they have their deal with the Shultz-State Department crowd, who have pledged that the SDI is negotiable—no matter what Reagan says.

The Munich parallel goes deeper. Chamberlain did not make a "mistake"; he appeased the Nazis because he belonged to an oligarchical faction who had put Adolf Hitler into power. These were the international

bankers, particularly British and Swiss, but also, emphatically, involving the American Morgan, Dulles and other pro-Nazi "patrician" families with a long pedigree of treason, who backed the liberal German banker Hjalmar Schacht, Hitler's economics minister. They backed Schacht's policies of bleeding the German economy for debt collection, policies that led to Nazi euthanasia and then to the mass death-camps.

The unfinished business of Nuremberg is that Schacht as well as his international backers were let off the hook in the trials for crimes against humanity four decades ago. Today, the same evil policies are being perpetrated, by the heirs of the original Nazi bankers their ideological, institutional, and in many cases, their genealogical heirs. These are the people who run the International Monetary Fund and use it to overrule the sovereignty of nations, wiping out spending for infrastructure, for food, for development, and for national security. Not coincidentally, they are in the forefront of the West's faction that argues for appeasing Gorbachov, and says we "can't afford" the SDI.

Today no one can claim "not to know" the consequences of such policies. No one can claim not to be aware of the millions of people dying of famine and disease in Africa. No one can ignore the fact that the drug traffic is killing the minds of millions of youth.

At the new Nuremberg Tribunal, the Soviet leaders responsible for genocide in Afghanistan must be put in the dock side by side with the International Monetary Fund bankers who are committing genocide by their Malthusian policies; with the narcoterrorists and their financial and legal backers, including the Bank of Boston, and Peru's Manuel Ulloa; with the mass murderers Qaddafi and Khomeini, and the striped-pants liberals who have supported their savage usurpation of power, from within the so-called advanced sector.

We urge Chancellor Kohl to respond positively to Helga Zepp-LaRouche's appeal that he make West Germany the host country for the reconvened Nuremberg Tribunal. Justice must be done now, before today's appeasers reap the evil harvest of their crimes.