Gorbachov to U.S.: Silence LaRouche!

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On Sept. 30, the Soviet Union's "cultural affairs" magazine Sovietskaya Kultura published a lengthy article against Lyndon LaRouche and his associates, warning that the growth of LaRouche's movement was proving unstoppable, and categorically demanding of Moscow's American cronies that something be done. The article was published 15 days after Moscow's flag-ship international propaganda publication, New Times, had printed a spread on LaRouche, retailing the slanders otherwise familiar from the pages of the liberal U.S. press (see EIR, Sept. 26, "Moscow formally ranks LaRouche and friends as 'extremely dangerous'").

The New Times piece had taken for its title the designation of LaRouche's movement as "Nazis Without Swastikas"—an epithet first coined by drug lobby scribbler Dennis King in a 1982 pamphlet attacking LaRouche, and subsequently retailed in innumerable international slander articles. General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachov used an allusion to that well-known designation in launching a verbal attack on the principal enemy of the Soviet Union.

Gorbachov was speaking Oct. 3, in Moscow's Ernst Thaelmann Square. There, for the first time addressing the matter personally, he identified what the Kremlin considers the major threat to its global ambitions. Although of course not referring to LaRouche by name, Gorbachov made his meaning clear by his unmistakeable reference to fascists without swastikas as the Soviet Union's major nemesis. He characterized this enemy as "hidden viruses" which, he warned, are "capable of causing an outbreak of fearful epidemic."

'A definite period of growth . . .'

The Sovietskaya Kultura article is headlined "Provocateur Aspiring To Become President." In the latter portion of the article, author A. Sisnev gets to the core of his message. That is, LaRouche's movement is growing, and something must be done—specifically, using financial warfare tools.

In typical Soviet format, Sovietskaya Kultura speaks through the voice of a Soviet-friendly American publication: "To many in the U.S., the really concrete question arises: How is it possible that the LaRouchites can act so openly and fearlessly? In this respect, the Washington Post wrote, 'Nobody asked LaRouche how he cleverly managed to get hold

of a telegram signed by the U.S. State Department, in which American diplomats are forbidden to speak negatively about the LaRouchites. Why doesn't anybody ask the question: Why isn't the Internal Revenue Service interested in the affairs of a man who receives millions of dollars from publications and in the form of contributions, but has not paid any taxes, claiming he doesn't know who pays for his estate in Virginia? Why hasn't anybody yet clarified what useful information the administration received from this sheikh of the riff-raff?'"

Here, Sovietskaya Kultura focuses in on Moscow's great fear that LaRouche's movement has become a significant influence in U.S. policymaking circles: "The fact of the matter, is that behind the external eccentricity and the unrestrained demagoguery, stands in essense an anti-communist, a provocateur, a true servant of big business and power. In reality, the LaRouchites are always in the first ranks of those who spread the anti-Soviet fantasies of official Washington.

"LaRouche and his followers are zealous supporters of the notorious 'Star Wars' program of the Reagan administration. They never cease to affirm that you can't have dealings with the Soviet Union, that you can talk with the Russians, as with the whole world, only in the language of the Dictator. These obscurantists accuse the forces of progress and democracy in the U.S.A. of 'ties with Moscow,' of conspiring against America as a whole.

"And it is hardly surprising that the LaRouchites, under the conditions of the anti-Soviet noise and broad offensive of the government against the rights and interests of the workers, more and more actively interfere in the political life of the country. And it is not at all surprising that LaRouche

'Expert' covers up Soviet attacks on LaRouche

At Henry Kissinger's Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Soviet expert Dawn Mann told *EIR* Oct. 9 that she deliberately withheld information she had about Soviet press attacks on LaRouche from American journalists. Mann was quoted in the newspaper *USA Today* on Oct. 8 charging that the LaRouche statements are "crazy—I can't imagine Gorbachov takes him seriously."

She told *EIR*, however, that she had closely followed the attacks on LaRouche in the Soviet press, including the *New Times* piece of Sept. 15. Asked whether she had told the *USA Today* reporter about these articles, she replied: "No, I didn't want to give any credibility to LaRouche's charges."

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