

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

Economics

- 10 Three-judge panel hears challenges to Gramm-Rudman budget-cutting amendment.
- 21 Saudi Arabia launches oil price war against Britain.
- 24 Argentine labor federation holds general strike against IMF.
- 29 LaRouche issues call for an oil import tax to protect American producers.

- 7 Judges strike down the "automatic cuts" provision of Gramm-Rudman.
- 10 IMF cuts Peru off from any further lending from international money markets.
- 27 Swedish stock market collapses by 5%, second-largest drop in its history.
- 28 Brazil announces first wage-price controls since 1964 coup.
- 28 Brazilian President José Sarney unveils his "Cruzado Plan."
- 28 Rise in U.S. unemployment in February was the largest since May 1980.

- 2 London Stock Exchange blackballs Merrill Lynch for "disreputable practices."
- 17 OPEC oil ministers meet on oil price collapse, as oil falls below \$10/barrel.
- 21 Federal Reserve vice-chairman Preston Martin resigns.
- 21 House Armed Services Committee votes to reduce military pensions by 17%.
- 24-30 Peru completes largest drug bust in history.

Science & Technology

- 14 France's 1,200-megawatt Superphénix breeder reactor goes on line.
- 23 Reports from Voyager indicate that Uranus has a magnetic field.
- 28 Space Shuttle Challenger explodes, killing the crew.

1986: a tumultuous year

International

- Soviet *International Affairs* journal complains of worsening relations between U.S.S.R. and Sweden.
- 7 Reagan announces economic sanctions against Qaddafi.
- 20 Swedish Navy Commander Hans von Hofstén warns of possible Soviet surprise strike against Sweden.
- 22 Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres announces his "Marshall Plan" for Mideast development, in a speech in London.
- 24 U.S. begins naval maneuvers off Libyan coast.
- 27 Prince Charles's former valet admitted to hospital for AIDS.
- 31 South African President Botha announces sweeping reforms in apartheid system.

- 7 Philippines national elections; opposition to President Marcos cries "fraud."
- 11 During a European tour of Argentine trade union leader Alberto Campos, leaders of Italy's largest maritime union join the Schiller Institute Trade Union Commission.
- 12 Five Iranian activists occupy the Peruvian embassy in Copenhagen, to show "solidarity" with Shining Path terrorists.
- 18 German Green party parliamentarian Otto Schily launches investigation of Chancellor Kohl for perjury.
- 21 Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger writes letter to world's bishops denouncing the rise of Satanism.
- 25 Soviet Communist Party's 27th Congress begins.
- 28 Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme is assassinated.

- 1 Moscow's Georgii Arbatov proclaims that Palme was murdered by "reaction." Disinformation campaign launched to pin the assassination on LaRouche.
- 2 West German Christian Democrats lose majority in Schleswig-Holstein elections.
- 6 New Soviet Central Committee elected, heavily weighted toward the military.
- 12 Spanish voters pass referendum in favor of NATO membership.
- 13 Victor Gunnarsson arrested as suspect in Palme hit. International media campaign tries to link him to LaRouche.
- 14-16 Peru's President García in Argentina.
- 14-17 Libya's Qaddafi hosts conference of 700 terrorists.
- 16 Gaullist RPR party sweeps French elections.
- 19 Victor Gunnarsson released for lack of evidence against him.
- 20 Jacques Chirac named French premier.
- 29 Italian court acquits three Bulgarians and three Turks in 1981 attempt to assassinate the Pope.

National

- 1 White House says it will extend compliance with unratified SALT II Treaty indefinitely.
- 14 U.S. Attorney in Boston William Weld issues memo inviting DOJ, FBI, and other officials from around the country to meeting to gather evidence against LaRouche, citing inadequacy of Boston grand jury investigation.
- 29 LaRouche delivers State of the Union speech in Washington, D.C., highlighting danger of economic blowout in 1986.

- 4 President delivers State of the Union address, emphasizing the economic "recovery."
- 24 Supreme Court refuses to block extradition to Israel of John Demjanjuk, accused of being a Nazi war criminal.

- 12 Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) begins hearings on Mexican "corruption."
- 12 Drive launched in California for Proposition 64 referendum to stop AIDS.
- 18 LaRouche Democrats Janice Hart and Mark Fairchild win Illinois primary for secretary of state and Lt. governor.
- 27 Trilateral Commission Executive Director Paul Revay predicts: "Within one month, you won't hear much about LaRouche any more. Illinois was just a slip-up by a local machine."

APRIL

- 1 Texas Gov. Mark White demands White House action to impose an oil import tax.
- 20 Israeli Supreme Court Justice Moshe Bejski issues report damning heads of major Israeli banks for undermining the economy with corrupt banking practices.
- 22 President Reagan refuses to back oil import tariff, in meeting with governors and state representatives from oil-producing states.
- 23 U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments on constitutionality of Gramm-Rudman.

MAY

- U.S. multifamily housing starts drop 21.9%.
- Argentina announces that it has begun importing meat, on first anniversary of President Alfonsín's Austral Plan.
- 1 United Steelworkers of America charges that U.S. steel production is insufficient for security emergency.
- 13 U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Volcker demands emergency powers to arrange for banks to take over failing institutions across state lines.

JUNE

- Japan announces it is world's largest creditor nation.
- U.S. gives WHO \$2 million to combat AIDS.
- USDA reveals that 1/5 of all farmland that changed hands was due to foreclosure.
- 19 U.S. Budget Office warns that 350,000 troops could be lost through Gramm-Rudman.
- 24 Britain gets \$14.3 million in SDI contracts.

- 18 Explosion of Titan 34D rocket creates heavy launch emergency.
- 20 SDI experiment using new guidance technology destroys target at 12,000 feet:

- 3 Delta rocket explodes on launch, fourth launch failure in a row.
- 23 President's National Commission on Space issues its report, "Pioneering the Space Frontier," which calls for colonizing Mars by the year 2015.

- 7 Paris conference of the Fusion Energy Foundation on "The Importance of the Method of Louis Pasteur for Conquering AIDS and other Pandemics."
- 9 Rogers Commission report hits NASA cost-cutting, among reasons for the Challenger disaster.
- 19 NASA cancels Centaur rocket program.

- 2 Terrorists bomb TWA jet, killing four.
- 5 France expels two Libyan diplomats.
- 5 Bombing of the "La Belle" discothèque in West Berlin.
- 6 *EIR* Paris offices bombed by Action Direct spinoff "Black War."
- 10 West Germany expels two Libyan diplomats.
- 12-17 Swedish Prime Minister Carlsson visits Moscow, which demands that Sweden purge pro-Western influences.
- 14 U.S. bombing raid against Libya.
- 17 Emergency meeting of European foreign ministers to discuss Libya bombing.
- 22 OAS holds anti-drug meeting in Brazil in memory of slain Colombian justice minister Rodrigo Lara Bonilla.
- 22-23 Fusion Energy Foundation-Schiller Institute conference in Tokyo: "The Strategic Defense Initiative: Its Strategic, Economic, and Scientific Dimensions."
- 23 South African President Botha abolishes "pass laws."
- 26 Chernobyl nuclear accident in U.S.S.R.

- 1 Founding conference of United Workers Union of South Africa, launched by M.G. Buthelezi in opposition to African National Congress.
- 1 Thai Parliament dissolved.
- 2 Norwegian Conservative Prime Minister Willoch resigns; Labor Party's Gro Brundtland to form new government.
- 4-6 Tokyo summit of top Western industrial nations and Japan; backs IMF surveillance of national economies; pledges cooperation against terrorism.
- 12 Patriots for Germany emerges as new political party, files 100 candidates in Lower Saxony elections.
- 18-19 Riots at Wackersdorf site of nuclear processing facility in Bavaria, West Germany.
- 21 Pro-NATO government sweeps Dutch elections.
- 25 Colombian presidential elections: Virgilio Barco wins by wide margin.
- 30 Punjab police evict Khalistani separatists from Golden Temple in Amritsar.

- 6 Warsaw Pact summit.
- 6 Swedish warships open fire on foreign submarine.
- 7 Anti-nuclear riots at Brokdorf facility in West Germany.
- 14 Panamanian government stops ship *Pia Vesta* with East German arms aboard, believed headed for Peruvian terrorists.
- 15 Elections in Lower Saxony, West Germany.
- 15 Demonstration against French nuclear plant in Cattenom.
- 18 Peru's President García puts down Shining Path prison uprising.
- 20 Attempted assassination of Peru's García.
- 21 Helga Zepp-LaRouche addresses Schiller Institute conference in Mainz-Hechtheim, West Germany: "How Soviet Low Intensity Warfare Targets the West."
- 25 NATO Secretary General Lord Carrington calls latest Soviet arms offers "encouraging."

- 9 LaRouche press conference at Washington, D.C. National Press Club, highlights charge of White House Chief of Staff Don Regan's involvement in Merrill Lynch's drug-money laundering.
- 30 Second English edition of *Dope, Inc.: Boston Bankers and Soviet Commissars*, published by The New Benjamin Franklin House.

- Forty-six senators demand that SDI spending be cut by nearly \$2 billion.
- 5 NBC-TV interviews terrorist fugitive Abu Abbas, refuses to say where he is.
- 17 Teamsters' President Jackie Presser indicted.
- 22 Supporters of California Proposition 64 file 690,000 signatures to put referendum on the ballot.
- 27 Reagan announces U.S. will no longer comply unilaterally with SALT, details Soviet treaty violations.

- 4 Jonathan Israel in U.S. court.
- 9 Supreme Court strikes down protection for handicapped newborns.
- 13-15 Mark Fairchild, Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor in Illinois, is denied entry to the party's convention.
- 25 Proposition 64 certified for California ballot.
- 30 Supreme Court upholds anti-sodomy laws.

JULY

Largest-ever U.S. corporate bankruptcy (LTV).
7 Malaysia hangs two convicted Australian dope traffickers.
7 Supreme Court declares Gramm-Rudman's automatic cuts provision unconstitutional.
8 Crude oil prices fall to \$5.50/barrel.
22 Dollar plunges to all-time lows.
27-29 AIDS sweeping Zambia and will wipe out many, says health ministry official.

AUGUST

Pot confiscated in Oklahoma reported to exceed dollar value of wheat crop.
 USDA magazine shows fall in U.S. beef consumption from 94.4 lbs per capita in 1976 to 79.1 in 1985.
5 OPEC agrees to get oil price back to at least \$10/barrel.
8 Biggest cocaine bust in U.S. history.
13 LaRouche asks death penalty for drug "legalizers."
15 IMF declares Peru ineligible for further loans; democratic trade union leaders of continent meet Garcia to express support.

SEPTEMBER

Locust infestation reaches disastrous proportions in Africa's Sahel.
4 U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance announces that 4 DC-7 aircraft arrived in Senegal Aug. 31 to spray for locusts.
21 European Community agricultural directorate recommends burning 1 million tons of "surplus" food.
28-29 IMF Interim Committee admits 1986 debt crisis worse than 1982; demands more sacrifices from debtors.

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Science & Technology

5-6 Paris daily reports that two South African researchers have shown that bedbugs carry AIDS virus.
17 Largest-ever U.S. underground nuclear test in Nevada.
22 President officially receives and endorses the report of his Space Commission on Mars colonization.

7 Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory announces it has achieved 200 million degrees (Celsius) in Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor—the highest temperature ever recorded in a laboratory.
23 Prof. Jean-Claude Chermann of Paris Pasteur Institute delivers speech proving that insects in African AIDS belt carry AIDS virus.

5 U.S. launches Delta rocket from Cape Canaveral with two top-secret satellites as payload.
29 Livermore National Laboratory announces breakthrough in technology for acceleration of electron beams.

International

Nigeria, Ghana boycott Commonwealth Games over South Africa crisis.
1-7 Pope John Paul II visits Colombia, attacks terrorism, drugs, usury.
6 Japanese Prime Minister Nakasone wins big in elections.
9 Siemens industrialist Karl Heinz Beckurts assassinated in West Germany.
9 Explosion rips through offices of elite forces of French police.
18 Cardinal Ratzinger arrives in Peru, meets with Garcia.
22 Israeli Prime Minister Peres meets with Moroccan King Hassan in Ifrane, in an overture to moderate Arabs.
25 Reagan sends letter to Gorbachov; while not made public, it is known to offer cooperation on SDI.
26 East Germany recalls ambassador to Peru over *Pia Vesta* affair.
27 Elections in Thailand; Prime Minister Prem receives mandate to form a new government.
28 Gorbachov Vladivostok address: Soviet Union is an Asian power.

Showdown between British Prime Minister Thatcher and Queen Elizabeth II, over the monarch's assertion of power in foreign policy.
3-5 Commonwealth "mini-summit" on South Africa.
5 U.S. Ambassador to Germany Richard Burt refuses to rule out U.S. troop withdrawal from Europe.
7 Soviet Culture Fund created, including top anti-LaRouche "spooks."
7 *Sovetskaya Kultura* attacks LaRouche.
12 Peru recalls ambassador from East Germany over *Pia Vesta* affair.
15 Peru's President Garcia meets with Schiller Institute trade unionists.
22 Arrest of Soviet spy Gennady Zakharov in New York City.
25-29 West German Social Democratic Party convention nominat as candidate for chancellor in 1987.
28 Pope issues Pastoral Letter on St. Augustine.
30 Arrest of U.S. News and World Report journalist Nicholas Daniloff in Moscow.

Biggest Soviet maneuvers since 1984, simulate invasion of Germany.
3 Peru's President Garcia addresses Non-Aligned meeting in Zimbabwe on debt relief, new world economic order.
8 Terrorist bombing of Paris Town Hall.
9 Japan announces agreement for participation in U.S. SDI program.
9 Bombing of West Germany's Federal Bureau of State Security in Cologne. France and Germany agree on coordination in fighting terrorism.
12 LaRouche publishes proposal in *EIR* for "Countering the Syrian War Threat Against Israel."
12 U.S. Congress approves economic sanctions against South Africa.
15 Soviet *New Times* issues attack on LaRouche, "Nazism Without the Swastika."
16 European Community adopts economic sanctions against South Africa.
24 French Premier Chirac addresses U.N. in appeal to wipe out terrorism.
28 Soviets moot reunification of Germany in leaks to German press.

National

15 Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) vows to defeat Reagan's opposition to South Africa sanctions.
15 William Weld nominated to head Justice Department Criminal Division.
28 Air Force recommends mothballing \$3.3 billion West Coast Space Shuttle complex.
29 Reagan announces new War on Drugs effort.
29 Zbigniew Brzezinski demands naval blockade of Nicaragua.

Hollywood stars seek to block California Proposition 64, "stop LaRouche."
1 Gerold Yonas, SDI adviser, leaves post.
5 Stephen Trott, acting director of Justice Department Criminal Division, lets eight Israelis off the hook in weapons smuggling case.
5 ACLU opposes Reagan proposal for drug testing of federal employees.
18 Cardinal Ratzinger revokes dissident Fr. Charles Curran's license to teach theology at Catholic University.

White House Chief of Staff Don Regan squashes Senate investigation of AIDS cover-up by Atlanta CDC.
 Former NSC Adviser Robert McFarlane goes to Iran to clinch arms-for-hostages deal.
4 Vatican reduces authority of Seattle Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen.
10 White House asks drug testing for certain government employees.
11 William Weld confirmed by Senate Judiciary Committee for Justice Dept. post.

OCTOBER

- 16-18** Meeting of 26 Ibero-American and Caribbean countries (SELA) in Lima, Peru, endorses García approach to debt.
27 Deregulation of London Stock Market ("the Big Bang")
28 Zaire breaks with IMF, along same lines as Peru.
30 Surprise resignation of Saudi Oil Minister Zaki Yamani, who had held the post for 24 years.

NOVEMBER

- 6** General Motors announces 29,000 layoffs.
14 Wall St. corporate raider Ivan Boesky indicted for "insider trading."
15-17 Delegates from 44 trade unions form new Colombian trade union federation (CUT).
19 U.S.S.R. passes Law on Individual Labor, permitting limited "free enterprise."
19 U.S. Attorney in Miami indicts nine of the world's top drug traffickers.
29 Fi grown by 22.5% in manufactures in a year.

DECEMBER

- Growing demands in U.S. for shift out of "service" economy, from H. Ross Perot, Bobby Ray Inman, Rep. Jim Wright, et al.
6-7 Schiller Institute Agriculture Commission meeting in Obernburg, West Germany.
9 Egyptian President Mubarak denounces IMF pressures.
10 U.S. employment reported up 8 million 1979-84, and all growth occurred in jobs earning less than \$14,000. Nearly 60% of growth in jobs paying less than \$7,000.

11 LaRouche issues proposal on "Parameters for U.S.-Soviet Talks on AIDS Pandemic."

SDIO announces that funding for directed-energy weapons in 1987 will be 5% less than the 1986 level.

5 LaRouche writes in *EIR* on "Differences Between LaRouche's and Teller's Role in Creating SDI."

- 7** AIDS researcher Luc Montagnier reveals discovery of new virus, LAV-2.
28 *EIR*'s Biological Holocaust Task Force announces development of computer model to study the spread of AIDS.

- 1** Assassination attempt on Indian Prime Minister Gandhi.
3 Gorbachov speech denounces Western "fascists" who do not wear swastikas—Soviet "code" for LaRouche.
10 Cardinal Ratzinger issues document condemning homosexuality.
10 Assassination of West German foreign ministry official Gerold von Braunmühl.
11 Reykjavik summit between Reagan and Gorbachov; discuss "zero option" for nuclear withdrawal from Europe; meetings collapse over disagreement about SDI.
24 Britain breaks diplomatic relations with Syria, presents evidence of Syrian role in international terrorism.
29 Anti-American riots in South Korea.
29 International Committee to Investigate Soviet-Style Human Rights Violations in the United States is formed, in connection with government raid on LaRouche associates.

- Journal of Moscow Patriarchate* attacks Pope for diverging from Vatican II.
5 Assaults on NATO nuclear weapons facilities in Britain and West Germany.
8 Soviets reported about to complete ABM phased array radar defense at Krasnoyarsk.
9 West German Social Democrats lose heavily in Hamburg elections.
10 British Prime Minister Thatcher warns against withdrawal of U.S. nuclear weapons from Europe.
10 President Reagan extends economic sanctions against Nicaragua.
13 West German Christian Democratic parliamentarian Bernard Friedmann calls for German reunification.
17 Assassination of Col. Jaime Ramírez Gómez, former chief of Colombian anti-drug police.
21 Britain's Prime Minister Thatcher convinces French President Mitterrand to back her in putting AIDS on agenda at Dec. 5 summit of European leaders.
28 Colombian Bishops Conference resolves to excommunicate drug traffickers.

- 2** Prosecution of Israeli gun-runner Gen. Avraham Bar-Am indefinitely postponed.
4 NBC-TV alleges LaRouche link to Palme killing; Stockholm police deny it.
5-6 European Community prime ministers resolve joint effort to combat AIDS.
8-12 Soviet papers *Pravda*, *Izvestia*, and *Krasnaya Zvezda* report NBC-TV charges against LaRouche.
10 European press reports link to Palme of Soviet-linked Emma Rothschild.
15 Italy adopts executive order to make AIDS subject to mandatory reporting.
17 French government sets up special crisis unit to deal with escalating conflict in Chad.
17 Guillermo Cano, publisher of the Colombian daily *El Espectador*, assassinated by mafia hitmen.
18 Colombian President Barco orders new crackdown on narcotics traffickers.

- 6** Raid by nearly 400 agents on companies in Leesburg, Virginia associated with LaRouche. Ten individuals are indicted, along with companies and political committees.
27 Reagan signs omnibus anti-drug bill.
29 First Fidelity Bank of New Jersey and LaRouche campaign committees reach settlement of ongoing lawsuits.

- 4** Elections bring Democratic majority in Senate and House; key issue is economy.
20 California attorney general raids office of supporters of Proposition 64.
25 CIA Deputy Director Robert Gates details Soviet SDI build-up, in a speech in San Francisco.
25 U.S. Attorney General Meese reveals that profits from illegal arms sales to Iran went to Nicaraguan Contras.
28 U.S. scraps SALT II Treaty with deployment of cruise-armed B-52 bomber.

- 2** Frank Carlucci named national security adviser, to replace Adm. John Poindexter, who resigned because of his role in Iranian arms deals.
2 Attorney-General Meese says he will seek an independent counsel to investigate "Irrigate."
3 Defense Secretary Weinberger tells reporters President Reagan was given "bad advice" on Iran arms deals.
4 *EIR* press conference exposes Justice Dept. coverup in "Irrigate."