

Editorial

IMF demands new Russian empire

The International Monetary Fund has imposed a new condition which must be met in order for the nations of the former Soviet Union to receive credit. In effect, this is the demand that Russia create a new imperial structure. This is the logic behind the IMF demand that the Central Bank of Russia become the sole issuer of currency throughout the Community of Independent States (CIS).

The purpose is to deny nations such as Ukraine the right to control their own economic policy. It means that no credit can be issued anywhere within the CIS, without the approval of the Central Bank of Russia—which in turn would be directly controlled by the IMF. Thus instead of a czar, the new Russian empire would have at its head a bankers' dictatorship; and the great resurgence of national movements, based upon recognition of the dignity of man, would be crushed.

It will be a devastating blow not only to the peoples of these nations, but for all of us. The kind of Russia which the IMF hopes to create, is intended to become a tool for the imposition of a new tyranny upon the peoples of the world.

Czarist Russia played precisely this role in the pre-Bolshevik period, when it was known as the policeman of Europe, and deployed itself in aid of British efforts to assert its hegemony over Germany and the rest of continental Europe.

In 1983, Lyndon LaRouche assessed the hysterical response of the Kremlin to Ronald Reagan's proposal for a Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), as an indication of the triumph of a Russian imperialist policy choice from within the Soviet leadership. At that time, the Andropov group vehemently rejected LaRouche's perspective for world peace, which was based upon a perspective of a massive infusion of productivity into the world's economy. They went so far as to denounce the LaRouche-influenced SDI as a potential *casus belli*.

The development of technologies at the frontiers of physics (such as the x-ray laser—which were demanded in order for the SDI to work) were key to this. Under pressure at home from forces around Henry Kissinger and other representatives of British interests, and also

from the Soviet leadership, Reagan backed down from his original conception of the SDI, as proposed by LaRouche, and instead went with the ineffective half-measures and off-the-shelf technologies popularly known as Star Wars.

The LaRouche perspective could have led to a process of peaceful reform within the Soviet Union on a sound economic basis—especially had the Soviet leadership been willing to accept Reagan's proposal to share SDI technology developments by U.S. scientists and engineers. Andropov and his handpicked successor Gorbachov instead went down to destruction as their economy steadily eroded.

This was the backdrop for the development of the condominium between Thatcher-Reagan and Gorbachov. As LaRouche warned, perestroika was not a policy for peace nor for genuine freedom within the Soviet Union, but instead a cover for an Anglo-American/Soviet agreement to establish a new, double-headed Roman empire, with an eastern and a western capital.

History did not work out precisely according to that blueprint because an unstoppable resistance emerged in East Germany, and throughout the former Soviet bloc. One by one the nations which had been under the Bolshevik heel were liberated; but today their brief moment of freedom is at risk. Mikhail Gorbachov and his crew have been forced out of power in Moscow, only to be replaced by the IMF carpetbaggers from the West—Gorbachov's cronies.

No nation can remain sovereign that does not, in the words of Alexander Hamilton, "pronounce upon the objects, which concern the general welfare, and for which under that description, an appropriation of money is requisite and proper. And there is no room for a doubt that whatever concerns the general interests of *learning*, of *agriculture*, of *manufactures*, and of *commerce* are within the sphere of national councils *as far as regards an application of money*."

Just as these principles were wielded to defeat the British Empire in the young American Republic, the same policies are required to defeat the new world order's tyranny today.