

## Harriman's "U-Boats" Surface Among the Soviet Leadership

WIESBADEN, April 6 (IPS) — U.S. Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche commented on the interview with Soviet spokesman V. Zagladin published in the current issue of the pro-Atlanticist weekly *Der Spiegel*. "That interview represents a major tactical blunder on the part of the Atlanticist forces," he emphasized. "Taken together with current statements and activities of Zagladin's factional ally, G. Arbatov, Zagladin's remarks have the effect of publicly exposing the most crucial Atlanticist political intelligence penetration of the Soviet party leadership. This might well create a crisis for the combination of factional forces grouped around Party Secretary Brezhnev. The worst fears of the Harriman-Ball faction, a strengthening of the Soviet political 'hard line' faction, could possibly result from the *Der Spiegel* interview."

"Ordinarily," LaRouche emphasized, "I don't think that the Atlanticist political intelligence establishment would have permitted such a blunder to occur. Imagine, they have spent decades building up channels of influence into the top Soviet circles, using the most elaborate maneuvers, and now with a single tactical blunder, they blow the whole affair publicly in the West German press. I cannot imagine that Suslov, Gretchko or key responsables in the KGB would overlook the significance of the Zagladin-Arbatov operation after this blatant incident."

LaRouche qualified his knowledge of the case. "As far as Zagladin and Arbatov personally are concerned, we don't have anything beyond what is available from the Eastern press and Soviet publications themselves. All we know is that personally they are politically softheaded, and that Arbatov has a genius for smuggling the influence of known Atlanticist agents into Soviet and related publications, especially during the recent period. We have no direct indication that either is an agent of Atlanticist intelligence networks in the strict sense of that term. If they are not agents, it would not be the first time fools have ingorantly presided over a foreign intelligence penetration of their operations. What is known with certainty is that Arbatov's U.S. studies section is one of the principal Atlanticist intelligence conduits into leading Soviet policy-making processes, plus the fact that official Soviet statements on the USA internally have been almost consistently nonsensical for some time."

"The significance of the Zagladin incident is that the facts have been openly advertised, with the aid of *Der Spiegel*, so conspicuously that the proper conclusions would be immediately drawn by a half-political Soviet cosmonaut using a low-power telescope from Mars."

LaRouche stipulated that while the *Der Spiegel* interview represented a massive Atlanticist blunder, such blundering should not be viewed as accidental. "We have a current situation in which there is considerable friction among various parts of the Atlanticist establishment. The British, with excellent reasons, consider certain leading factions in the USA to be stupid. The Ball-Harriman faction rightly considers Rockefeller and Kissinger to be behaving like half-crazed political imbeciles and on economic questions all factions are lying to one another with utter abandon. The monetary system is in a state of collapse, the Gaullists have refused to be crushed so easily, and Luxemburg was a fiasco for Secretary Simon's boys — the fish got out of the safety net, despite all the conspiring done around that from the time of the Paris IEA meeting (International Energy Agency).

"For all three principle Atlanticist factions, the strategic game they are playing depends upon both their wishful illusions concerning the Soviet majority faction and their openly-leaked desperate commitment to strengthen Brezhnev's leading coalition against the so-called hardliners. Put the general situation of the Atlanticists together with their various, slightly opposed views on the Soviet leadership's political character, and you have the circumstances in which the *Der Spiegel* blunder easily occurs."

LaRouche recommended a glance at the immediate background to the *Der Spiegel* flap. "First, we had the open bragging to the effect that the wave of 'White Communism' would lead to growth of 'pluralist' influences within Eastern Europe. Second, after Harriman, Ball, Kennedy and others propose to negotiate new global 'spheres of influence' with the Soviet leadership, a desperate Henry Kissinger proposes his own version of such negotiations, to 'negotiate' the internal relations within the Warsaw Pact, an insane provocation. It is in this context that *Der Spiegel* directly intervenes, publicly advertising key Brezhnev hangers-on as virtual U.S.-NATO intelligence agents. The *Der Spiegel* interview is obviously a case of emotionally unbalanced strategic wishful thinking run amok. In Stalin's day, such puffing of Soviet figures would have been sufficient to send legions of Soviet officials into sudden physical therapy absences from their former assignments."

LaRouche summed up his estimate. "It is difficult to pre-determine the exact short-term effect of the *Der Spiegel* interview, but there will be some significant repercussions. Otherwise, the fact that this interview represents a monstrous blunder from the Atlanticists' standpoint should be taken as further indication of the desperate bungling permeating the ranks of those financiers and their allies."