

America must go nuclear now

In the face of the complete impasse among contending factions in Washington, U.S. presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche issued a call to AMERICANS on July 12 to "go nuclear." Executive Intelligence Review would like to underscore this timely call for our readers, in the expectation that nothing but disaster can result from Jimmy Carter's emergence after the Camp David sessions.

Moreover, considering the perspectives of nuclear energy development being opened by the other "superpower," the Soviet Union, and reported in this issue's ENERGY section, we submit that there is no better foundation for a lasting peace between East and West than the policy outlined by LaRouche. Here is the text of his statement:

"The time has come for the United States of America to make clear decisions for energy policy: nuclear energy is the only acceptable path for this nation. We say that now is the time to mobilize the nation's resources to rapidly move our society toward a fully nuclear-powered economy and also to make this nation the principal exporter of nuclear plants and technology throughout the world. Environmentalist arguments and objections to this necessity are to be shoved aside as pure nonsense and unscientific mumbo-jumbo.

"For this perspective, as immediate preliminary measures, we are promoting legislation for immediate reopening of those nuclear plants that have been shut down, for the completion of all nuclear plants now under construction—including the Clinch River fast-breeder reactor program—and for the immediate launching, in 1979, of construction of an additional 70-100

nuclear reactors for completion in the next 26 to 30 months.

"These immediate preliminary measures are to be carried out with tightening of standard plant security provisions, including additional personnel screening procedures, to ensure that no environmentalist saboteurs and terrorists can gain access to our nuclear plants.

"The time has come for citizens of this nation to inform President Carter that his irrational, fetishistic fear of nuclear energy will no longer be allowed to damage our national development and the future of our nation.

"President Carter must now honor the obligations he undertook at the Tokyo Summit to pursue nuclear energy. This is also the time for Carter to overcome his nuclear submarine experience, which caused his pathological fear of nuclear energy.

"I welcome French President Giscard d'Estaing's recent statement that France today is committed to what is probably the best available nuclear energy program of any

country in the world. I wish to make it clear, however, that where any gifted nation in the world can produce one nuclear plant, the United States of America can produce 50!

"I have given instructions to my associates to establish a presidential campaign task force composed of scientists, engineers, civic and political leaders drawn from the best layers of our republic to present the entire array of legislative packages which are going to bring our nation to the level of utilizing 1,000 nuclear plants by 1990 and exporting more than 3,000 nuclear plants by the same time period.

"I call on the citizens of our republic to take immediate measures through their institutions and affiliations to compel the United States Congress to pass the legislation we are now putting before that body. I also call upon our citizens to get in contact with my representatives, to get in contact with our presidential campaign task force, in order to participate in the nationwide dialogue that will shape the components of this policy.

The Week in Brief

A highly placed diplomat for an important Arab nation has informed EIR of current Arab evaluations that Israel is deliberately seeking to provoke full-scale war with Syria. Daily Israeli armed forces' operations in southern Lebanon, he said, are aimed at depopulating the area preparatory to annexation, while discrediting both United Nations and Arab League peacekeeping forces (the bulk of the latter are Syrian troops).

Simultaneously, the source added, Israel is supporting Muslim

Brotherhood subversion of the Syrian government as well as fomenting conflict between Iran and Iraq, to force Iraqi support away from Syria, to deal with the uncertainty on its eastern border.

Syria, the diplomat concluded, is aware of Israel's plan and will not be provoked, recognizing that a fifth Mideast war is not in its interest. But "we have no choice but to prepare for war" if the policy continues, he added.

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Nachum Goldman, former head of the World Zionist Organization, has proposed "that the United Nations again convene the Geneva conference," in an article in the West German weekly *Die Zeit*.

Commented Goldman, "The approach which Israel has shifted to . . . is false, and condemned to fail . . . The delay in reaching peace has led to a visible demoralization in Israel, a growth of organized crime, of the mafia and of tax fraud. . . . America can no longer establish peace in the Mideast by itself. . . . An American-Russian collaboration as was the basis for the Vance-Gromyko declaration from October 1977, is irrevocable in my view. It would provide an excellent basis for an overall peace settlement but would, unfortunately, be brought to defeat by the Jewish lobby."

Among Goldman's proposals are the neutralization of Israel and its withdrawal to the 1967 prewar borders. He attacked the Camp David pact as "psychologically unacceptable for the other Arab states."

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Both Western and Soviet press have reported that the 1979 "Global Shield" maneuvers, run under the auspices of the U.S. Strategic Air Command, have commenced. Global Shield is designed to simulate a U.S. nuclear weapons strike against the USSR, and is being run without official warning. The Soviet government has previously inquired in its press how it is to establish that the maneuvers, in which most U.S. planes are made airborne against the Warsaw Pact, are not "the real thing."

Simultaneous with the SAC maneuvers, the United States sent a naval task force into the Indian

Ocean, which the Soviets answered with a five-ship naval deployment of their own.

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Failure to ratify the SALT II arms control treaty with the Soviet Union "would be a severe blow to NATO and our allies," said U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, in two days of testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Asked if NATO could survive that blow, Vance replied, "I don't know." He predicted "unlimited nuclear arms competition" and "increased tensions" between East and West if the treaty failed.

Despite Vance's testimony, and subsequent official support for the treaty from the Joint Chiefs of Staff, most Senate questioning has ranged from outright hostility to extreme skepticism, with even purported treaty supporters like Sen. Frank Church declaring it unlikely to clear the Senate without reservations and possible amendments.

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President Jimmy Carter took time out from his Camp David summit on energy policy this week to officially welcome Bishop Abel Muzorewa, titular head of the Rhodesian "internal solution" government established this year by ex-prime minister Ian Smith with the support of the British crown.

Carter reportedly told Muzorewa the U.S. would break UN economic sanctions against the outlaw regime as soon as the new government met certain conditions. Press reports have carried speculation that Nigeria, a leading oil exporter to the United States, might withhold oil supplies as a result of the Carter administration's encouragement for the Muzorewa regime.

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Informed sources in Italy report that Socialist Party leader Bettino Craxi, this week named premier-designate to form a new government, is unlikely to succeed in that effort. Craxi, who "vetoed" a new government by former Christian Democratic premier Andreotti, is being set up, these sources say, to expose the fact that he enjoys no real political support. As EIR's cover story detailed last week, official investigations of Red Brigades terrorism have already publicly deeply implicated Craxi and the entire PSI executive in active political support for terrorism.

A 110-page report issued by the judge in charge of the Moro assassination case has asserted, "We notice, behind the rise and growth of terrorism, a precise political design, run with clear-headed exaltation by a core elite. . . ."

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Skylab's reentry handed one defeat to the warlocks and astrologers this week.

After weeks of manufactured press and broadcasting hype about the "threat of Skylab," the satellite's reentry proceeded without reported injury, some fragments falling over remote sections of Australia. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration was able, as it had previously announced it would attempt to do, to maneuver the craft to prevent its disintegration over a populated area.

Until the last minute, media were attempting to incite panic and anti-technology hysteria. For example, the West German news magazine *Der Spiegel* headlined on its front cover: "Skylab . . . Danger for Mainz?" Australian press lord Rupert Murdoch's *New York Post* was predicting until zero hour that Skylab might fall on Long Island.