

## Editorial

### *The post-Reagan era has begun*

In the second issue of 1986, *EIR*'s editorial promised that this would be a "tumultuous year." Today, we survey a world panorama, as the first quarter of the year draws to a close, that more than testifies to the accuracy of that forecast.

As President Reagan's foreign policy speech of March 16 established, the post-Reagan period definitely began with his second inauguration. The truth is, that Ronald Reagan is essentially working under license from Soviet party boss Gorbachov, in a deal worked out at Geneva. He probably does not know all the details of the deal, but that does not change the situation. He wants to impotently throw American support behind a gang of drug pushers and mercenaries, against the Sandinistas, that nest of Soviet-Cuban power which Jimmy Carter brought to power in Nicaragua.

The irony is that Reagan has done the same thing in the *Philippines* as Carter did in Iran, and he is in the process of destabilizing the government of *Panama*, which is only hanging on by a thread.

This is the situation which "Jimmy Reagan" has created, and is creating around the world. *Mexico* will be destroyed within three months, because President Miguel de la Madrid is doing the International Monetary Fund's bidding, while taking self-righteous pride that he is "incorruptible." *Colombia*, as an article in this issue details, has between 120 and 180 days to survive as a nation.

AIFLD, the State Department-funded American Institute for Free Labor Development, which promotes the drug-trafficking mafia and the dirty work of Fidel Castro's protégé Robert Vesco, has several operations going in *Argentina*. AIFLD will move in on *Peru* once it has been isolated.

The U.S. government is about to overthrow the government of *Tunisia*, whose prime minister, M'zali, represents the stability and continuity of one of the few real allies of the West in the southern Mediterranean, and an actual democracy. If Tunisia is toppled, the whole of Africa goes.

Part of the new "Reagan doctrine" is also to destabilize *South Africa*. Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker designated the African National Congress, a Soviet-controlled terrorist organization, as "freedom fighters," just as the South African government took steps to fulfill its pledge to end apartheid.

We may even be at war with the Soviets by the end of this year, because of another war between North Korea and *South Korea*, set off by the stupidity of "Jimmy Reagan's" policies. A State Department official told the New York *Daily News* on March 2 that the State Department will carry out toward South Korea the same policy it did toward the Philippines—that is, aiding the destabilization of the country. The opposition NKDP party in the Republic of Korea makes no pretense of hiding its overriding aim to overthrow the government of President Chun Doo Hwan; and it is tied to an emerging anti-government student agitation which is boosted by North Korean infiltrators.

Under the tutelage of "heavy metal rock" fan Richard Burt as U.S. envoy to Bonn, the United States is preparing to give *West Germany* away to the Soviets. The outcome of the French election March 16, in which the opposition led by Jacques Chirac won an absolute majority, and the March 12 referendum in Spain, in which the majority of Spanish voters expressed a pro-NATO view, represent opportunities to stem the tide toward the "decoupling" of Europe from the United States.

This can only occur if the population is transformed into a republican movement that sees the world as a whole from the perspective of making history. We must become, as Peru's President Alan García addressed the challenge to the parliament of Argentina during his speech of March 14, "the protagonists of our historical destiny."

We believe that the United States, and the world, are ready for such a change. To achieve this, there is no alternative to the rapid growth of the number of subscribers to *EIR*. The next weeks will be decisive.