

Editorial

Sovereign Lithuania must be supported

President Bush and other Western heads of state have lagged miserably in offering diplomatic recognition to Lithuania. If President Bush is not careful, the portended bloodbath in Lithuania—all too reminiscent of what occurred in China—will not leave his hands clean.

Already the U.S. Senate has passed a resolution in support of the rights of the Lithuanian people, despite administration pressure to prevent this, and the city councils of Cleveland and Chicago have gone on the record with resolutions of support.

The failure of any Western nation to accord recognition to the duly elected national government is an indication of the degree to which the disease of pragmatism afflicts modern man. It is not merely a case of moral bankruptcy afflicting the administration in Washington, D.C. Yet the Anglo-American policy grouping is most culpable, because every policy which they are supporting, can lead in only one direction—to the creation of further instabilities within the Soviet empire.

These instabilities can precipitate a desperate mood within the Soviet hierarchy. Indeed the threshold for violence has been considerably lowered, within the U.S.S.R., since their recent military intervention against the Azeri population.

Immediately, the lunatic free-marketeers in the United States and Britain, typified by Harvard economist Jeffrey Sachs, are putting out the word, that the Soviets are about to adopt their economic program. The story is that the Soviets are willing to follow the road of the poor Poles, who under the ministrations of Sachs, now anticipate unemployment which may reach as high as 1 million people.

Many of those now gloating understand full well, that adopting the Polish model would result in nothing short of chaos in the Soviet Union. These fools believe that such a situation would be beneficial to the Western alliance, or at least the Anglo-American faction within it. These are the same people who have tried to put every roadblock possible in the way of German reunification. They do not realize that the Soviet response

to such chaos can be the kind of irrational rage which could ultimately catapult us into a third world war.

The Soviet economy is already in a miserable state, even if the military economy is relatively intact. If the economy is further destabilized, the Soviet military leadership will perceive themselves to be in an impossible internal situation.

We can easily imagine them discussing the situation, thusly: "We have an impossible internal situation; therefore, let us use our vast military superiority over the United States, to force an external economic solution: looting, in short, for our impossible internal situation." Such a situation brings us to the brink of all kinds of wars, a general period of wars, leading in turn toward the threat of a general thermonuclear war.

The closest example of a correct policy today being followed by any government, is that of Germany's Chancellor Kohl, who is offering the Soviets inducements to support the reintegration of the German economy. This is essentially a version of the program which Lyndon LaRouche suggested, when he launched Food for Peace as an international movement in the summer of 1988.

The correct war-avoidance policy for the West, which is morally correct as well as expedient, is to immediately accord diplomatic recognition to Lithuania, at the same time that economic help is extended to the Soviets. But this would mean that the ruined economies of the United States and Great Britain would also have to be rescued.

A first step would be to get rid of Jeffrey Sachs's and allied free-market lunacies. Next would be the orientation of the United States and Britain behind the efforts of Chancellor Kohl to create a triangular area of high-technology development and infrastructure, with Germany at its center. Anyone on the Western side, including the United States, who supports what Gorbachov's advisers are saying publicly, to this effect, ought to be shot, in effect: They are the real warmongers. They are the people who are threatening to bring war upon us.