

## Editorial

### *Hope for humanity*

The emergence of the 15 newly sovereign republics from what was formerly the Soviet Union, is clearly a cause for celebration—but only if the rest of the world takes the opportunity to press ahead to see that the LaRouche “Productive Triangle” proposal becomes an economic reality. Unless the power of the International Monetary Fund is smashed, then the potential of the republics will be destroyed as surely as the economy of Poland is going down the drain.

A first step in creating a climate in which the German and French governments break decisively with the British and American pretenders’ imperial world dominance, is the creation of an international body of influential citizens and organizations, prepared to lend their names to a call for implementation of the LaRouche program. What is needed is a broad, international movement which will set up a clamor for the kind of physical-economic reforms so urgently needed in every country. This is true for Central and South America, as well as for the former East bloc, and for Africa.

In the 1950s or the early 1960s, a proposal such as LaRouche’s for rapid development of expanded infrastructural investment capability would have been the natural orientation of the United States, which was then a powerhouse of capital goods export to countries everywhere. Today, it is the region centered in Germany and extending to Paris on the one side, and Austria and Czechoslovakia on the other, which LaRouche identifies as the area of the Productive Triangle—the region of densest existing concentration of productive capacity in the world.

What must be established is a community-of-interest principle among sovereign states, which is based upon their real national interest. This means that something like the Bretton Woods mechanism for preserving the value of currencies is reinstated upon the basis of gold reserves. Protection of the credit systems of the newly emerging republics, and of nations everywhere, is crucial in order to allow for the maintenance of low-interest, long-term credit for the purpose of trade and

productive investment.

Within the community of sovereign nations, under conditions in which the bankers’ dictatorship is no longer imposing shock austerity on the Third World and the countries newly emerging from the stranglehold of communist dictatorships, an emphasis upon investment in infrastructure projects would naturally emerge. This would have the added advantage—in addition to providing much needed expansion of transportation and energy capacity—of sopping up excess labor.

In the advanced sector, some of this labor makes up the pool of long-term unemployed, but many are misemployed in dead-end, service jobs. On a global scale, there is not enough food being produced. Farmers must be assured a parity price so that they can expect a fair, competitive profit for their labors. Similarly, we need to foster a middle-range state-of-the-art technology sector.

The specific area designated by LaRouche as the Productive Triangle, is unique not only in the quality of labor power which it commands, but in the historical tradition stretching back to the heritage of Charlemagne, which it represents. That is why he has chosen it as the focal point of his global proposal for a massive upsurge in productive investment.

As LaRouche sees it, such a project will develop in phases. Initially what is needed, particularly in Europe, is the development of additional high-speed railroad capability. The labor trained on these projects will then be prepared to move directly into high-technology industry.

We must move quickly to create an effective international movement in support of these objectives. We must educate the peoples of the world to decisively reject the vicious proposals for economic austerity emanating from Harvard University’s Jeffrey Sachs, from the nasty Margaret Thatcher and the present British government as well, and from the Bush administration.

George Bush’s foreign and domestic policies are bankrupt, but we must stop him before he bankrupts the rest of the world.