

## Editorial

### Total war

From the first days of Desert Shield, we have warned that George Bush could not *win* a war against Iraq. Yes, Iraq could be crushed militarily, but this is not the same as victory for the United States. The reason was clear. Not only was this not a just war, but the United States lacked any clearly defined war aims.

We forecast all too correctly, that Desert Storm would unleash an epoch of warfare more devastating than either the First or Second World War. What was portended was total warfare of the sort that decimated Germany during the Thirty Years' War of the seventeenth century. Let's look at the record.

In the Jan. 11, 1991 issue of *EIR*, as the U.S. and Britain deliberately sabotaged chances for a negotiated settlement with Iraq, LaRouche issued a strategic evaluation. He pointed out that the war in Iraq was the start of a series of conflicts which were being provoked as part of a plan to reimpose Anglo-American imperialism on the world.

He wrote then: "The purpose of this war has nothing to do with Kuwait as such. The war was planned, essentially, back in the mid-1970s—and actually earlier. The long-range policy of this Anglo-American faction then, was the establishment of a one-world government, ruled by the Anglo-American interests by aid of special arrangements reached with Moscow. The prospect then, when the policy was first articulated, was that as soon as the East-West conflict could be brought under control by 'New Yalta' agreements with Moscow, the Anglo-American and other military forces would be directed to new targets: the targeting of military operations which had been through East-West to North-South.

"The purpose of the warfare would be the looting of developing nations, of Central and South America, Africa, Asia, and so forth; and the specific targets would be population and raw materials wars—that is, wars fought by aid of food control and famine, to force reduction of the darker-skinned populations of the planet, and wars fought to put valuable strategic minerals and so forth, such as petroleum reserves, under the control of European occupation forces."

In his message to a March 1-3, 1991 conference

on the economic future of Europe in Berlin, Lyndon LaRouche elaborated the perspective of total warfare, warning that the new imperialists could not impose their version of a Pax Romana, but instead would bring about their own downfall, and a terrible new dark age. He said, "We are headed toward a Thirty Years' War, in the sense that the Peloponnesian War in ancient Greece was a Thirty Years' War. The Thirty Years' War in Central Europe was an echo of the Peloponnesian War, and the period from 1912-45 in Europe, is effectively another Thirty Years' War.

"We're talking about a conflict in every dimension, in every level, spreading, intensifying, and ultimately reaching the point that weapons are used in conflicts among major powers—a general devastation of this planet deep into the early decades of the coming century, unless we stop this.

"Up to now, from at least 1986 on, from 1982 in part, and earlier, it seems that the British liberals—the same fellows who caused the Thirty Years' War of 1912 to 1945, are predominant: They're winning. They're winning, because France acquiesced to them, as earlier it was key to causing wars, and because the world is generally acquiescent to this power, to this liberalism, to IMF conditionalities.

"Unless that trend is reversed, it is *certain* that the new Thirty Years' War period now in progress, will be the rule of this planet deep into the early decades of the next century."

Today, little more than a year since Desert Shield began, Bush is threatening renewed hostilities against Iraq; Croatia is being barbarically dismembered by Serbian troops, in a war which threatens to spread into other republics of Yugoslavia; violence has erupted in Romania; and French troops have now moved into Zaire—with U.S. support—on the pretense of maintaining order there.

We are entering step-by-careless-step into precisely the total war which LaRouche forecast. There is still time stop the process, but only if we drive from power the insane genocide faction, and only if LaRouche's proposal for a true United Nations Fourth Development Decade becomes reality.