

LaRouche: The SDI is very much alive

Lyndon LaRouche made these comments on May 24, in his weekly radio interview with Mel Klenetsky, "EIR Talks with LaRouche."

EIR: Not too long ago, Russian President Boris Yeltsin made an offer to the United States to jointly develop a ballistic missile defense system. Not too long after that, Defense Secretary Les Aspin announced the closing of the Strategic Defense Initiative Office. What is the status of the SDI at this point? Is it a dead issue?

LaRouche: It is not dead, by any means. What was announced by Defense Secretary Aspin, which the news media presented as proof that the system was dead—particularly CNN, which led in that kind of hoax—was that the *name* of the SDI Office, or the SDI function at the Pentagon, had been *changed*, and that henceforth, the system would concentrate on what is called "theater tactical-strategic ballistic missile defense," and things of that sort. It really is the same thing. They were just arranging money at the time, but you'll find that in black boxes, in secret places, the SDI is very much alive.

Remember the case of cold fusion. The 1989 report by two of the world's leading electrochemists, Prof. Martin Fleischmann and Prof. Stanley Pons, that they had achieved cold fusion, was greeted initially with enthusiasm; then a tremendous attempt to libel the professors and to call the experiment a hoax was unleashed.

Today, the proof is in the pudding; [cold fusion] is fully proven. And the people who attacked it, who derided it, including *Nature* magazine, *Science*, and so forth, are fakers. But then we find corporations like General Electric doing fake studies to assist in trying to discredit this experiment, even though it is now proven, around the world. We find the U.S. Defense Department and Energy Department being turned against it. And you say, "Wait a minute! If this is not fake, and these guys are saying it's fake, why are they doing that?"

That's because the cold fusion—or better called "solid-state fusion"—experiments touch upon an area which is directly related to the most sophisticated type of potential weapons systems. If this had not been suppressed, in their view, then Third World countries would get in on this technology. . . . Secondly, they are trying to keep their secret research under wraps. The physical principles involved in

solid-state fusion bear upon some very relevant military potentials.

Now look on the Russian side. The Russian military-industrial complex, which is the part of the Russian economy which is still functioning, contains the most advanced and most skillful assembly of scientific potential anywhere on this planet, vastly greater than that of the United States. And since the take-down of the aerospace industry in Germany, and its cutback in France, and its virtual shutdown in Britain, excepting Japan, the scientific and military potential of Russia and, in a certain sense, also Ukraine . . . is greater than the United States and its immediate allies combined.

What the Russians exposed in that April 2, 1993 offer, is what I said they were doing years ago. I said this in 1983. We published it again in 1985. They have at Krasnoyarsk, not a phased-array radar system, but a phased-array microwave capability; a phased-array microwave capability can create a kind of contained ball lightning-style electronic storm in the upper atmosphere, which can destroy missiles.

They also came up with this powerful optical laser idea, which is what you have to do to steer this big ball-lightning thing, with millions of volts per centimeter. It's tens of millions of volts per centimeter. This is a very powerful weapon. That area of plasmoid research is a very important, advanced field.

The problem with the Russian or the Soviet economy, in former times, was that they could not get scientific research out of the laboratories and out of the military sector into general civilian applications. That had to do, not with the military sector, but with the political and sociological and other problems inside the civilian sector generally. But that capability is there. Now, since we are destroying the economy and scientific capabilities of western Europe and the United States and trying to destroy Japan's as well, we are becoming weaker and weaker and weaker. So although Russia is becoming much weaker as a result of what's happened recently—since 1989 and earlier—we also are becoming weaker at a much more rapid rate.

But I assure you, the fact that the lid was put on cold fusion in that way, is absolute scientific proof that behind the walls, in the secret laboratories, the kind of work I suspect to be going on, *is* going on; and all this public talk about SDI is simply just that. It is simply a political adjustment at this time of budget and other considerations. . . .

Only if I am in the picture, can we turn this around. Remember, the Russians know that I was put in prison because Gorbachov demanded a show of good faith from the Reagan-Bush administration, and Bush *enthusiastically*, along with Henry Kissinger, accepted the proposal of putting me in prison, in order to show good faith with a Gorbachov who knew that my design of SDI had led to, because of the Russians' refusal to behave themselves, the collapse of the Soviet system. They wanted me out of the way. They thought they could still save the Soviet system if I were out of the way.