

Editorial

The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

The Senate's rejection of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) on Oct. 13, was not a catastrophe because it was a reversal of so-called nuclear nonproliferation. Nuclear nonproliferation is a hypocritical hoax. Nor was it a catastrophe because it hurt the credibility of U.S. foreign policy. Rather, the catastrophe is in the very idea of the treaty itself. That idea could only be accepted among infantile "New Age" Baby-Boomers, who have lost the intellectual and moral fitness to survive. And, the Republican argument against the treaty is almost as looney as the proposals of the treaty's proponents. As Lyndon LaRouche said on Oct. 14, "This must be said and reported with emphasis, and widely, inside and outside the U.S.A. Banning testing of any universal physical principal is a form of lunacy in the same general niche as 'benchmarking.' It may be considered 'Smart,' but it is probably not safe for the passengers lured into riding in it." (This refers to Daimler-Chrysler's computer-benchmarked "Smart Car," which human consumers are properly refusing to buy.)

Banning of testing, in favor of computer simulation, as the CTBT does, is a fallacy in which only a computer nerd could believe. It assumes that we have final knowledge of all physical principles: a nonsensical idea. It assumes, secondly, that all universal physical principles are so absurdly simple, that they can be simulated by a digital computer. Anyone who believes this, effectively believes at the same time, that he himself does not exist. Why? Because, if he does exist, he exists only as a product of a physical process which could never be simulated by a digital computer. That process is the repeated revolutionization of human existence over millions of years, through the human mind's discovery of new physical and other principles—something which no digital computer can ever do.

For cognate reasons, a new physical principle can only be verified through live testing, but never through computer simulation. Only a military commander who is a supremely self-confident knucklehead—suffering delusions of omnipotence because of such fool's triumphs as the success of NATO "smart bombs" in destroying bridges, railroads, and other large, stationary,

civilian targets during 78 days of bombing of Serbia—only such a commander, would perhaps deny his own forces the advantages to be gained through discovery, verification, and use of new physical principles. No "underdog" would ever do so. Nor any other rational person.

As LaRouche demonstrates in the forthcoming *EIR* videotape, "Storm Over Asia," European civilization was developed in the effort to preserve mankind from generalized catastrophes, whether natural or man-made. The arguments of the proponents of the CTBT, and its Republican opponents, show that today's Baby-Boomers are so far removed from that development, that they resemble the legendary chickens, who wander out into the rain, raise their open mouths straight up into the air out of curiosity, and drown themselves in a spring shower.

As LaRouche says in the video, "We educate our children *not* to be thinkers, not to be citizens, but to be cattle, to be human cattle. 'You are going to become a cow. In this school, we will teach you how to become and think like a cow, and be happy about being like a cow. If you don't agree with us, we'll stuff you with Ritalin.' That's our educational system today. We don't teach history any more; we don't teach science any more. We teach 'information,' which is merely a confusion, a scattering of this and that."

How shameful that Americans, whose independent nationhood was organized by one of the greatest natural scientists of that period, Benjamin Franklin, should all be so ignorant of the ABCs of science, as to fall for something like the CTBT.

No one could accept such a depth of ignorance unless he believed that he lived a charmed life; that the dangers which threaten us are only virtual, not real; that it's only television.

If only it were.

In fact, we are in the turbulent boundary-layer of financial disintegration. Individual wars are spreading and multiplying toward general war. Our fellow-citizens' ignorance and stupidity will kill us, if we continue to tolerate them.