

Editorial

American patriots must defend the German state!

Few Americans have yet taken notice of it, but that must change very quickly. Whether they know it or not, Germany's existence as a sovereign nation-state, is being rapidly destroyed, day by day, from late December 1999, through today. And whether Americans know it or not, the destruction of Germany is now a major strategic threat to the United States.

What began late last year with revelations of violations of German campaign-financing laws by former Chancellor Helmut Kohl, has now spread to involve an ever-growing number of politicians, most from Kohl's Christian Democratic (CDU) party, but some from the ruling Social Democrats (SPD). Formerly respected and other politicians are falling like ninepins, since most of those accused of "corruption" try to defend themselves by denouncing others. There have been many resignations, and at least one apparent suicide. The process by which every mass-based Italian political party was destroyed in the early 1990s, by corruption charges from British-dominated, so-called "Clean Hands" magistrates, is being repeated in Germany, but far more rapidly.

Why is Germany's collapse a strategic threat to the United States? Because the only exit from the world's present dead-end course into financial implosion and war, involves rebuilding the world's physical economy, centered in Eurasia, under a reformed international monetary system: Lyndon LaRouche's "New Bretton Woods" system. Doing this will require reactivating the machine-tool and high-technology potentials, not only of the United States, Japan, and Russia, but most importantly, of continental western Europe.

Germany is the heart of the physical economy of continental western Europe, as it has been since the time of Charlemagne. If the German economy and German state perform their historic role as a dynamo of high-technology export to the rest of the world, then continental western Europe functions. If Germany does not function in this way, western Europe does not function.

If Germany, and thus western Europe, continue to be prevented from exporting capital goods into Russia and other former Comecon states, what does this mean for world peace? Look at the leadership successions in Russia, from Brezhnev to Putin. The failure of U.S. policy throughout this entire period, is propelling Russia into an irratio-

nal, barbaric, "Third Rome" cultural matrix, as LaRouche has warned since 1983. If now the German state is castrated, and the door is closed forever on the prospect of mutual-interest economic development of Eurasia, then the world is set on the path into World War III. That war may not come tomorrow, but come it will. Because without a functioning Germany, we will have lost the possibility of war-avoidance through development of LaRouche's "Eurasian Land-Bridge," which China's government and others call the "New Silk Road."

Cui bono? Who was it who tried to prevent the unification of Germany into a peaceful economic giant in 1989? It was the British, with the aid of their co-thinkers around Presidents George Bush and François Mitterrand. Kohl began to reveal this in 1998, and Helga Zepp-LaRouche put the whole picture together for *EIR* readers and others that summer.

Who was it who wrote the 1983 party-funding laws, which Kohl and so many others are now accused of violating? It was the occupying powers, led by the British and their friends among American Anglophiles; the same ones who wrote the Italian party-funding laws, which made it impossible for any mass party to function in Italy without technical violations of those laws. They set the trap years in advance, and then they sprung it when they needed it.

What was it that immediately preceded the orchestrated launching of these scandals? Germany was pulling itself together in defense of its national sovereignty, against the imperial overreaching of the British-dominated European Union, as in the case of the threatened Holzmann bankruptcy, and the threatened takeover of Mannesmann by Britain's Vodafone.

And what are the British saying? The *London Times* wrote on Dec. 29, that "the entire Kohl legacy will come under the microscope. . . . Was German unification bought, for how much and to whose profit? And, if Herr Kohl's proudest historical legacy is found to have been tainted, it may be asked whether he also resorted to illicit means to secure his other grand dream, European political union." The *London Guardian* wrote Jan. 4 that the "criminal investigation of the reunification Chancellor" has begun, which may mean that Germany's Christian Democrats "follow Italy's Christian Democrats into shameful oblivion."