

## Editorial

### *The October Model*

Lyndon LaRouche's document, "When Andropov Played Hamlet" (*EIR*, April 21) must be studied intensively by any person who wishes to develop a competent strategic overview of the crisis of competence wracking even the more sentient levels of U.S. establishment institutions, and others, today. At the moment, every section of the U.S. establishment of whose commitments *EIR* has certain knowledge, is committing today the same type of fatal error which he exposed there as the blunders of the 1980s Soviet leadership's response to the SDI offer from President Reagan. They, like the presently disoriented AFL-CIO bureaucracy, are proceeding from the tragically fatal delusion, that no change will occur which is not in keeping with actions considered acceptable among at least a potentially hegemonic ration of the relevant establishment.

The significance of V.I. Lenin's decisive role, in virtually single-handedly orchestrating the 1917 seizure of power by the Soviets, even despite most of the Bolshevik leadership, is the best available lesson from recent history, for illustrating the strategic principle applicable to the presently escalating, global strategic crisis.

Every other set of players of influence in the Russia crisis of 1916-17, proceeded on the assumption, that responses to the crisis must be arranged within the framework of what might be gathered together, through negotiations, as representatives of the existing Russian establishment. The lesson of 1917 is, that all of these approaches failed. Not only did they fail in fact; they failed of necessity, because of reliance upon the pre-doomed method, of relying upon negotiations of agreements among a consenting concatenation of the elements of the pre-existing establishment, or, as is said in today's U.S., "the institutions."

The Russia situation of 1916-17 was already, in and of itself, a classically revolutionary situation. That means, a situation in which pre-existing popular opinion and the overwhelming majority of the relevant establishment groupings, are all, as constituted, incapable of introducing competent solutions for the crisis before them. Although many elements of Russia's society joined the Bolshevik seizure of power in 1917, or relatively soon thereafter, this motion represented a migra-

tion of figures from discredited and destroyed elements of the former establishment, as individual representatives of a Russian intellectual elite, into new configurations of power. In that transition, there was a distinct interval of discontinuity.

One may not admire the Soviet system which, indeed, ultimately doomed itself. However, it was the only option presented, in a circumstance in which only truly revolutionary options could succeed in averting prolonged chaos comparable to the Mongol occupation.

The situation within the world's present financial and monetary system, and within the U.S. itself, is of a similarly revolutionary character. This does not mean, that a Bolshevik revolution is in the wind; it means, that the stubborn clinging, of most among the existing U.S. establishment, to pre-existing arrangements, dooms its every effort, like the present support of Gore's candidacy by President Clinton, to catastrophic failure in the course of the now-unfolding general crisis; he, and the AFL-CIO, are supporting Gore in the way a drowning man clings desperately to the ship's anchor, on which he is relying to save him. This means, that either someone will lead a revolution of some kind, or by default, chaos—even a prolonged, global new dark age—will reign for a coming period of decades.

A revolutionary crisis of this general class, is a time to reshuffle the deck. In such a period, patriotic leading figures from the establishment will, if they are not Hamlets, recognize that a break-up and regrouping of the pre-existing establishment is indispensable for a peaceable remedy for the crisis. Therefore, local loyalties are to be superseded by higher loyalties, that to the General Welfare of the nation, its people, and civilization in general. True patriots will react to such a situation as the 1776 U.S. Declaration of Independence prescribed for then, and also for the future; as the Preamble of the Constitution, including its General Welfare clause, is the highest legal authority, higher than any other institution of government. Leaders, if they are honest leaders, will act for the nation, not for preserving a pre-existing establishment configuration, which, by the very nature of such a situation, has failed as hopelessly as did Russia's institutions of the pre-October months of 1917.