

Editorial

Many Strategic Threats, One Cause

Virtually every week's issue of *EIR* is compelled to report yet another serious provocation against the national sovereignty and peace of nations, instigated by London and Wall Street pulling Anglo-American government strings.

This week, it was the forced cancellation of the trip of North Korea's entire delegation to the United Nations Millennium Summit in New York — an outrageous and deliberate insult, and a torpedo aimed at the crucial negotiations for unification and peace, which are bearing fruit between the two Koreas.

This followed by less than a month, the eruption of the U.S.-Russia crisis over the sinking of the submarine *Kursk*, a crisis which is still unfolding. Then came Russian revelations of proof that British Special Air Services (SAS) troops, under a flimsy cover, have been directly aiding Chechen rebels fighting the Russian government — one of a wide range of provocations and war threats around Russia's borders in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Last year's intentional bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia was the same sort of extreme provocation, met at first with disbelief as well as anger, because no sane motivation could be imagined for such open war threats.

Now British assets are openly calling for a new war against Iraq this Fall, and are threatening another Balkans war around the Serbian elections in late September. Also, the United States and the United Kingdom have openly demanded for months to overturn the recent Peruvian elections and force out President Alberto Fujimori.

These provocations will go on, aggravating the current world's strategic crisis, until their cause is removed. That cause is the ongoing blowup of the "globalized" financial bubble, by orders of magnitude the largest financial bubble in history.

We warn our serious readers, as they hear these developments confusedly reported — when reported at all — that they focus their attention and shape their actions against this cause. As *EIR*'s founder, Lyndon LaRouche, recently expressed this, "Beware of a ten-

gency, induced by fear, to strain at a gnat while ignoring a rampaging bull elephant."

Do not interpret individual incidents, such as the *Kursk* sinking and the atrocity against the North Korean diplomats at the Frankfurt Airport, as events in themselves. Recognize that the Anglo-American financier oligarchy is currently in a state of increasing hysteria and desperation, caused by its certainty that its existing world financial system is doomed. All such strategic atrocities, such as the bombing of Sudan, since the Summer of 1998, represent that pattern of growing hysteria and thrashing about by that oligarchy.

Wall Street, in collaboration with London, is in an escalating pattern of operations bringing the world ever closer to total warfare of some kind. They act through their assets in the U.S. military, British military, and NATO, and through agents in the U.S. Treasury and Department of Justice.

Do not puzzle over the details of the mystery of the possible motivations, for such an outrage as this latest, the forced strip-searching of an entire North Korean diplomatic delegation, as if they were criminals; nor about the resulting cancellation of President Bill Clinton's planned meetings with the Korean delegations about peace and reunification.

As in the case of the sinking of the *Kursk*, the strategic threat lies in the fact that those rentier-financier and related interests behind the corrupt institutions involved, are reacting with hysteria to the imminent doom of their globalized economic and monetary empire.

That is the essential strategic reality which provides the context for understanding the facts of these senseless strategic provocations. They are reminders that no strategy for avoiding war will succeed, save that which is based on a New Bretton Woods, on moves by nations to put this bankrupt IMF system into orderly bankruptcy. Those leaders who fight these provocations effectively, do so by moving on the flanks of the reckless financier oligarchy, and rapidly creating the sane alternative to their insane financial bubble.