

## Eye on Washington by Nicholas F. Benton

### Italian senator wants LaRouche free

*Christian Democrat Vincenzo Carollo charges that LaRouche is a political victim for opposing U.S.-Soviet condominium.*

Senator Vincenzo Carollo, now retired after serving four terms in the Italian Parliament as a member of the Christian Democratic Party, came to Washington March 21-24 to meet with U.S. congressmen and high government officials here to assert that the jailing of former U.S. Democratic Party presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche is the result of "political persecution," and that he should be freed.

In a press conference at the National Press Club March 21, the senator and former president of Sicily's regional government, denounced the dangerous collusion between powers in the East and West. "The persecution of LaRouche occurs at a time in our history when powerful forces are committed to creating two poles of global power, with the role of Europe subordinated and made dependent," Carollo said. He warned that the national interest of the U.S., Canada, and all the NATO countries would also be subordinated to this new arrangement, in which the Soviets controlled one pole, and financier/banking interests in the West the other.

The senator was a member of the steering committee of the Christian Democratic Party's Parliamentary Group from 1972 until his retirement, and is awaiting the publication of the latest of his four books warning of the dangers of Communist expansion, entitled, *Perestroikas: History and Prospects*. It exposes how Gorbachov's *perestroika* reforms are not a new phenomenon in the Soviet struggle to expand the global influence of Communism.

In his press conference, Carollo stressed that the next 10 years will be characterized by economic warfare, pitting the U.S. and Soviets against the rest of the world. "Gorbachov states in his book, *Perestroika*, that humanity has entered a new phase of economic interdependence," he said. "The question is, who will pay for the new U.S.-Soviet economic cooperation that will permit the Soviets to conquer the hungry countries of the Third World?"

Carollo answered his question, saying, "Europe is supposed to pay the bill for all of this." This, he said, is "a worldwide political goal, a single goal, although no one is willing to admit it." Therefore, it should not be surprising that Europeans react to this emerging arrangement by trying to preempt it with economic deals of their own with the Soviets. "Why should anyone be surprised to see the Europeans trying to make their own deals with the Soviets to try to undercut the U.S.-Soviet arrangement," he asked. "What should Italy do? Should it build 1,000 more Fiat plants in the Soviet Union?" He said, "If Europe has to pay the price for this U.S.-Soviet global arrangement, then we should let Europe negotiate what it will get."

He said it is a particularly ominous sign that Gorbachov has asked to be seen by the Pope in Rome and invited the Pope to Moscow. "This suggests that there is no longer a threat of becoming a victim of atheistic Communism," he said. "As a result, Marxist-Leninist ideology will creep into Western Europe because there will be no theological or cultural resistance to

it." He asked, "Is it the intention of the U.S. to have Western Europe become a member of the Comecon?"

Carollo said it is LaRouche's opposition to the bipolar power-sharing arrangement being worked out between the Soviets and financial powers in the West which made him the victim of political persecution. "I am motivated by bitterness having to do with the arrest and jailing of LaRouche," he told reporters. "The dramatized charges against him are nothing but a pretext."

He said that LaRouche "has explained and illuminated these issues" of the new bipolar global arrangement. Therefore, he said, the Soviets "are not happy with certain kinds of news circulating into Eastern Europe coming from LaRouche." Likewise, "Financial and banking circles and politically powerful persons in the U.S. are not happy about the news and facts that LaRouche has been circulating, and want to see this activity come to a halt." In the Soviet Union, he noted, such activity is dealt with simply by sending the perpetrator straight to jail. In the West, it is done through persecution, led by the media.

"Financial groups control the press in the West and control the information that flows through it. They impose their will with this asset through political blackmail. In the case of stopping LaRouche, he said, "There was total agreement between the financial powers in the West and the Soviets.

"LaRouche is being persecuted in a way that would never be possible in Italy, West Germany or France."

Carollo's three earlier books on the threat of Communism are *The Revolutionary Bourgeoisie for Communism*, *Marxist-Leninist Peace and Christian Peace*, and *Democracy, the Bourgeoisie and the Working Class*.