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Interview: Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

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## The ideas of the Renaissance are Italy's most powerful weapon today

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On this eve of the U.S. presidential election which Bill Clinton is preparing to win triumphally, we publish the second part of the interview granted to us from the federal prison in Rochester, Minnesota, by the fourth candidate, after Bush, Clinton, and Perot. In many ways he is a symbolic candidate, given that he is a political prisoner. Lyndon LaRouche, while waiting for a verdict from the Commission for Human Rights of the U.N., responds here, chiefly, to questions about the influence of the American superpower in Italy and in Europe, with particular reference to the strategy of the Masonry, a theme of great relevance today, given the offensive under way on the part of our magistracy against the "secret lodges" which have poisoned (through international connections and through contacts with organized crime) the social life of our peninsula. He dwells on the "Pike" rite, which is also the name of a covert lodge being investigated today in Calabria.

**Q:** Let us turn to Italy. You were talking of the bubble of the U.S. public debt; here in Italy we have a super-bubble, created, for example, by Treasury bonds. What course should Italy follow, in your opinion? It is clear that with this mountain of debt, Italy cannot be truly sovereign. Last April 21, in a memorandum addressed to Italian politicians, you called for the formation of a government of national unity, of the kind attempted by Aldo Moro, in order to give a solid

base to an independent and sovereign political strategy. You wrote that it was necessary to create this national alliance immediately, otherwise Italy would be destabilized. Five months later, we must say that you were a prophet. As an economist, and as a politician, what is your recipe for our country?

**LaRouche:** Let's start with the financial question, although it depends ultimately on the solution of the political question. As I stressed in the 1975-76 period, in discussions with various political leaders and other leading figures, Italian and other, a debt reorganization needed to be carried out at that moment, both in Italy, which was subjected to the conditionalities of the *International Monetary Fund*, and in other countries, of Central and South America, Africa, and so forth. What I feared would happen if Italy submitted to those IMF conditionalities, has now happened. Italy has been bankrupted, primarily by submission to the IMF, in a way analogous to what happened in England on account of that bubonic plague known by the name of Margaret Thatcher.

Hence, with regard to Italy, we will have to take drastic measures similar to those which I have proposed for the United States. We are going to have to freeze the debt, and we must create an economic expansion based on investment in scientific and technological progress, the construction of infrastructure, and the development of industry and agriculture. Only in this way will we be able to rapidly create the revenues capable of driving the economy forward year after year and putting it back in order before we can think about the repayment of the debt. So we must freeze a large part of the debt, of the financial debt. Not cancel it (though a part could be), but freeze it, deferring payment of interest for a couple of years or so, until the economy begins to recover.

There is no alternative to that, in the present situation. This is not the opinion of a foreigner; it is a fact. Italy's national sovereignty has evaporated, and cannot exist as long as this approach is not taken. Now, the problems of the political sovereignty of Italy come from the outside and from the toleration by Italy of this outside interference. Historically, the destabilization of Italy has come from Great Britain. Just think, for example, about the anti-papal, anti-Christian

organization of Giuseppe Mazzini, which was deployed under the direction of Lord Palmerston. It was a British operation aimed at destroying Italy, focusing on destroying the Catholic Church. Today the operation is similar, except that the center of the problem has shifted somewhat to the United States, which is in the hands of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Freemasons [based in Washington, D.C.].

**Q:** Mr. LaRouche, your electoral campaign is conducting demonstrations almost every day demanding the removal of the statue of Confederate general Albert Pike, the founder of the Ku Klux Klan and one of the great idols of the Southern Jurisdiction. The statue was erected by the Southern Jurisdiction in front of the district court of Washington in 1901. Many people from the political and cultural world, including the mayor and the former mayor of Washington, have signed a petition supporting your initiative. The city council of Washington has officially put on the agenda a motion to remove the statue. Only the Masonry still defends General Pike. Your vice presidential candidate, the Rev. James Bevel, former leader of the youth movement of Martin Luther King, is reorganizing, by way of this anti-masonic campaign, the leaders of the civil rights movement, and the demonstrations against the Pike statue are becoming a rallying point for a new movement. On the other hand, ironically, one of the secret Italian lodges being investigated these days by the prosecutor of Palmi Calabro, Agostino Cordova, is the "Albert Pike lodge" of San Mango d' Aquino (Calabria).

**LaRouche:** Yes, we have launched wave after wave of demonstrations in Washington. I must say that, in fact, our demonstrations against that statue have much to do with the most crucial features of the internal politics of Italy. Why? Because the said statue represents those forces which today are involved in an attempt to once again break up Italy into several different parts, the Lombard region, Sicily, the North, the Mezzogiorno, etc. That 50-foot-high statue celebrates one of the most evil traitors to his country, a man who was literally satanic. Pike was a former Confederate general, hence, one of the leaders of the attempt to split the United States. He was also the Supreme Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite of Masonry, and the founder of the KKK. He was a war criminal who was about to be arrested by his own army; an open Satan worshiper, as it is clear from his writings; and a disgusting racist. Pike is the author of *Morals and Dogma* a book still widely used by the Masons here. We have asked for the removal of that obscenity from Washington, where a large part of the inhabitants are black.

The Pike issue is forcing through a historical, and also a political, clarification. For example, it turns out that one of the forces associated with the KKK is the *B'nai B'rith* [officially a Jewish masonic organization]. The *B'nai B'rith* in reality is not an organization of Jewish Americans; it was in fact created in 1842 as part of a British operation to destroy

the United States by provoking the secession of the pro-slavery South. The vast majority of Jewish Americans fought with Lincoln against slavery, but a minority, today associated with organized crime and with sectors of the banking world, was instead implicated in the assassination of Lincoln. The *B'nai B'rith* was created as an organization of racists and traitors. The *B'nai B'rith* says: We fight against the KKK. But in reality, if we look at history, it has been allied with the KKK, just as the Scottish Rite was the mother of the KKK. It is important for Italians to understand the connection between the Masonry of the Southern Jurisdiction, the KKK, and the *B'nai B'rith*, about which we have written a lot and of which it is necessary to inform the European public.

Now, all of this is crucial to understand how the foreign interference takes place in Italy, to understand the kidnaping and assassination of Aldo Moro. These are the forces which ultimately used the *Red Brigades* and the *Baader Meinhof*. Today the Masonry in America is intervening in Italy to prevent an authoritative and united government. And Italy will have to fight against these forces. Not only Italy. If we look at the rise of the neo-Nazi movement in Germany and get to the bottom of it, we will find the American KKK as the principal factor in the creation of these movements. Elements of the KKK have been deployed *en masse* with large amounts of money into Germany in the last few years, and this is the story of the Nazi skinheads.

**Q:** Recently the historian of the Italian Masonry, Alessandro Mola, declared that the Propaganda-2 (P-2) lodge was not secret or separate, but that it was officially a part of the *Grand Orient* (the official Masonry in Italy—*EIR*), and its role was that of fighting communism for the Anglo-Americans. The Italian Masonry, Mola maintains, had been re-created for this reason by the Americans after the war. Today there is no longer a communist danger, but the new danger, for Mola, would be Germany. Hence, this historian announced that the Masonry will have to restructure itself to help the Anglo-Americans in the fight against German influence in Europe.

**LaRouche:** To understand these phenomena, it is necessary to understand the role of people such as James Jesus Angleton [the director of the American Office of Strategic Services in Italy just after the war, and then number two of the CIA]. Angleton was the son of an admirer of Mussolini, who when he went to work at the OSS, put on his uniform with a decoration given to him by Mussolini. Let's observe carefully the Anglo-American group which came from London to take control of Italy, including the young Angleton. These people put together a system known as the P-2. From 1966 onward, this group consolidated. The problems for Italy come principally from the Anglo-Americans, the destruction of the country can be laid at their doorstep, and Angleton exemplifies the American part of the problem. That is why, if we identify the people who worked closely with Angleton, perhaps believing that he was an American patriot, it is possi-

ble to bring to light a large part of the problem.

The only true antidote against these destabilizing plans is that the Europeans once again take their economies into their own hands. It is necessary to do what I proposed in 1989, the "Productive Triangle," a concentration of productivity in the heart of Europe in the zone outlined by Paris, Vienna, and Berlin, such that this becomes the productive pole which will launch an economic renaissance in Europe. The history of Christian Europe begins economically with Charlemagne. He originally started the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal, which could become a reality now if we succeed in getting the Serbs under control, and thence to utilize the Danube adequately. That industrial policy of Charlemagne led to the development, continued and broadened, for more than a thousand years, of the geographical area which extends from Paris through the region we call the Ruhr up to Berlin through Prague and, in the south, to Vienna. This is the reason why I have called this program the Productive Triangle.

What we must recognize is that the British and the treasonous faction of the United States—that linked to President Teddy Roosevelt—launched two world wars to prevent continental Europe from economically developing Eurasia. Because the British knew that if the European continent were developed, it would have developed along this Franco-German economic line toward the East. And this would have been the end of the British Empire and of any Anglo-American world system whatsoever.

Now Italy has often been induced to become the enemy of Germany, just as happened with France. This anti-German tradition has signified the blocking of the development of the continent of Europe and hence its independence. This is the tradition of the Republic of Venice, which deployed to the North, in the Netherlands and to England, the so-called "Giovani" or "Case Nuove," while the "Case Vecchie" remained at their posts to destroy Europe from the inside.

**Q:** But how can we favor a true European unity? Some people think that the Maastricht Treaty, even if inadequate economically, nonetheless represented a means to create this unification and this independence.

**LaRouche:** The best program for European unity is that proposed by Gen. Charles de Gaulle when he was leader of the Fifth Republic. That would have been desirable. Maastricht has no resemblance to that program, it is the opposite! Maastricht would mean the disintegration of Italy. Hence, it is the worst thing that could happen to Italy. Nations today need protectionism in their economies, perhaps a cooperative protectionism, but still protectionism. An intelligent use of protectionism is necessary for cooperation.

**Q:** But if Maastricht fails, won't that mean that collaboration between Italy and Germany will become harder?

**LaRouche:** No. It means simply that Germany itself must

change its policies in the direction proposed by two courageous German businessmen: the president of the *Deutsche Bank*, Alfred Herrhausen, assassinated by terrorists in 1989, and Karsten Detlev Rohwedder, president of the *Treuhand*, also assassinated. They were assassinated because they were putting into effect the right policies. A policy of development outside of the diktats of the IMF's usurers. To promote a good policy is dangerous, but is also the only hope. Only if we can push the countries of Europe to implement the policies of Herrhausen and Rohwedder, and in general the policies of the Productive Triangle, can there be some hope. Otherwise there is no basis for cooperation, and in those conditions no cooperation would work.

**Q:** But what can be done if Germany itself applies pressure to go in the direction of Maastricht? What can your associates, whose European center is in Germany, do to clarify things?

**LaRouche:** We are probably, in spite of our limited means, the only force in the world which could carry out this work of clarification. But there are some problems. First of all, in Germany, we are under a very severe attack by the Anglo-American apparatus, especially by its Masonic ramification. This tends to minimize our ability to do what must be done. I am being held as a political prisoner in the United States. I do what I can, but I am limited. My collaborators in Germany do what they can. They have put the facts on the table. But the point is that Germany so far has not had the courage to render justice for Herrhausen, who was a personal friend of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, or for Rohwedder. They continue to tolerate the lie that the murder was committed by the *Baader Meinhof* under direction from the East. That is false. Herrhausen and Rohwedder were obviously killed by the West because of the policies that they were implementing, which were totally overturned after their deaths.

During 1989-90, I thought that Kohl had an idea of what to do, but after those assassinations, it was gone. A recovery in Germany is not possible in the immediate future if things continue like this. So my function in the American elections is that of presenting a voice of competence that repeats that which is necessary to do when no one else knows where to start. The plan to resolve the crisis is clear. But the policy of the "Productive Triangle" has been defeated for the moment. If no one does anything there will be no hope for any European country. Countries like Italy will disintegrate, and great suffering will befall the population. I do what I can, but I am not free to work. We need support to be able to do what potentially we could do and certainly want to do.

**Q:** A person who is very close to you, a collaborator of Martin Luther King's, Amelia Robinson, was in Italy in August. She addressed the Meeting in Rimini of Communion and Liberation and the Unità Festival in Fiuggi. What do you think Italian political forces can do to keep you from

continuing to be a political prisoner?

**LaRouche:** Some of them have already done some things. I appreciate that very much. But the most effective action is to broaden the effort that we are carrying out, to gather a major number of forces behind our program. As the crisis deepens, who knows? . . . Many things can happen. We will continue to fight in the same direction. I think that the visit of Amelia Robinson in Italy was important not just for my friends and for me, but also for Italy. One should not underestimate the importance of the reception that Amelia enjoyed at both events, especially in Rimini. It seems that Italy is beginning to take in its hands, in some form, its internal politics and to take a position of dignity and sovereignty internationally also. Probably not since 1976 has there been a visible gesture of this type.

I would like to add a reflection. Last Oct. 12, the world, or at least the civilized part of the world, celebrated the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. All people of good will celebrated that event. We know that that discovery began in Florence many years before, at the time of the Council of Florence. Then, by the year 1480, Paolo dal Pozzo Toscanelli had constructed the map which guided Columbus. The discoveries in the fields of astronomy and navigation developed largely under the impulse of the Council of Florence (thanks to the outstanding figure of that Council, Nicolaus of Cusa) made possible these voyages and the discovery of new lands. And the purpose of this discovery was evangelization, the idea of bringing the best fruits of western Christian civilization to people in distant parts of the world. Many travesties were done by money-hungry men, by the usurers, but this is the essential thing.

The point which I wish to emphasize is that if this principle of *imago viva Dei* is the creative power of human thought—that spark of creative power that casts man in the living image of the Creator—then this is the greatest force in all of history. And when Italy identifies itself with Christopher Columbus, not because he happened to be of Genoese birth, but because he was an instrument for carrying out a scientific project—a policy of civilization conceived in Italy—then Italy discovers a reflection of its true nature. Just as we, in denouncing the true nature of the Scottish Rite and of the B'nai B'rith, through the campaign against the statue of Albert Pike, perhaps succeed in communicating to the people the truth that lies in history and the truth that is in people's minds. And I think that the great ideas of the Italian Renaissance are the most powerful weapon in the hands of Italy today. Just as our campaign against that statue intends to communicate to the American people an image of the true nobility which lies within the American nation.

**Q:** Mr. LaRouche, we hope to be able to interview you very soon in our offices in Rome.

**LaRouche:** *Eccellente, grazie.*

# Revival of Friedrich apace in Israel and

by Mark Burdman

On Nov. 13, the London *Times* printed a lurid attack on the late Malcolm X and the Nation of Islam by author Ben Macintyre, written on the occasion of the release of the new Spike Lee film on the assassinated black leader. Macintyre accuses Malcolm X of expressing "racial intolerance" similar to "the fulminations of the Ku Klux Klan"—the white-supremacist terrorist gang created by the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Freemasons and elements of the B'nai B'rith. Macintyre also portrays the ideas of the Nation of Islam as similar to those of the "early German anti-Semites whose racial fantasies laid the groundwork for fascism."

The truth is that Malcolm X (in total contrast to the Klan) believed in the dignity of man as created in the image of God, and was neither intolerant nor anti-white, but simply pro-black. Nor did he ever encourage the lynching of anyone based on skin color—actions which the Klan not only called for, but carried out. Probably not coincidentally, Macintyre's line comes amid a wildly defamatory media campaign attacking the Nation of Islam by the Anti-Defamation League, television, and others in the United States.

What makes the labeling of Malcolm X and the Nation of Islam as fascistic particularly smelly is that Macintyre himself is at the forefront of an effort to clean up the image of the late-19th-century philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, whose ideas were an important inspiration for fascists of all nations, Italian, German, British, and other.

## The whitewash

Macintyre is the author of a book entitled *Forgotten Fatherland*, an account of his visit to the "New Germany" colony in Paraguay that was set up around the turn of the 20th century by Elisabeth Nietzsche, Friedrich's sister, and her husband Bernhard Forster. Macintyre documents the rabidly anti-Semitic ideas of the Forster couple, and the ties of Elisabeth to the Nazi inner circles, which were so intimate that Adolf Hitler came to her funeral in the 1930s.

All that is evidently interesting enough to have merited a two-part BBC-TV documentary. But Macintyre has gone way beyond the contours of his historical travelogue, to engage in special pleading for brother Friedrich. He insists that evil sister Elisabeth systematically distorted her brother's