

# Ad appeals to Clinton: Free Lyndon LaRouche!

*On Inauguration Day, Jan. 20, a prominent half-page advertisement appeared in the Washington Post's Inauguration Special and in Mexico's leading daily Excelsior, signed by nearly 200 leading figures, which appealed to President-elect Clinton to free political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche.*

*Taken out by the Commission to Investigate Human Rights Violations, the advertisement urges Clinton to act on his pre-election pledge to "bring about a change in American policy," by ending "a crying injustice" and setting LaRouche free. The endorsers identify themselves as having joined "the international coalition to free Lyndon LaRouche." Spokesmen say that they plan more such advertisements, and to make public the complete list of signers, which numbers over 1,000.*

*We publish here excerpts from the ad text, and a sampling of the signers.*

Dear President-elect Clinton:

In the course of your election campaign, and following your election as the President of the United States, you pledged to bring about a change in American policy. We welcome this intent and wish you courage and steadfastness for this difficult task.

We call upon you to take a first step in this direction: To end a crying injustice—see to it that Lyndon LaRouche is immediately set free and exonerated.

Lyndon LaRouche, who is innocent, has been incarcerated as a political prisoner in the federal prison in Rochester, Minnesota since January 1989. He committed no crime; his sentencing and imprisonment were the result of years-long slanders and persecutions by forces of the Reagan-Bush administration, in combination with the media and private organizations, as well as forces of the secret services of formerly communist states. . . .

We are outraged over the arrogance of the Bush government, which ignored all protests and appeals. . . .

We, the undersigned, see ourselves as members of an international coalition to free Lyndon LaRouche. We appeal to you, President Clinton: Give a signal that you seriously mean to bring about change: Act! Take the necessary steps immediately to set LaRouche and his associates free! . . .

## North America

Jim Albright, past state president, Alabama Building Trades Council

James Barnett, chairman, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, N.W. Ala.

Francis Boyle, professor of law, University of Illinois,

## Champaign

George Branch, City Council member, Newark, N.J.  
David A. Collins, City Council member, Buffalo, N.Y.  
Sylvia Cox, executive vice president, National Association of Black Women Lawyers

Joseph Dickson, publisher, *Birmingham World*

Msgr. David I. Dorsch, Archdiocese of Baltimore

Justice William C. Goodloe (ret.), Washington State Supreme Court

Ron Hampton, national director, National Black Policemen's Association

Henry Helstoski, former U.S. congressman, N.J.

Colman McCarthy, syndicated columnist, Washington, D.C.

State Senator Theo Walker Mitchell, S.C.

Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad, minister of health, Nation of Islam

George Perdue, representative, Alabama State House

Vel Phillips, former Wisconsin secretary of state

Clinton Roberson, president, African American Lawyers Association

## Europe

Jean-Marie Alexandre, deputy, European Parliament, France

Haik Babookharian, Yerevan City Parliament, Armenia

Roberto Barzanti, vice president, European Parliament, Italy

Y. Chernichenko, national deputy; president, Farmers' Party of Russia

Janos Denes, Member of Parliament, Hungary

Lissy Groener, deputy, European Parliament, Germany

Hrant Kachatrian, Member of Parliament and Supreme Soviet, Armenia

Carmine Mancuso, Member of the Senate, Italy

Pavlo Movchan, Member of Parliament, Ukraine

Flaminio Piccoli, Member of the Senate, Italy

Joseph Rozier, Bishop of Poitiers, national president, Pax Christi, France

## Ibero-America

Ernesto Amézquita, president, National Trial Lawyers Association, Colombia

Jorge Carrillo, former minister of labor, Colombia

Arturo Frondizi, former President of Argentina

Apolinar García, secretary general, National Agrarian Federation (FANAL), Colombia

J.J. González Gortázar, Member of Congress, Mexico

Elmo Martínez Blanco, former minister of industry and commerce, Panama

Jorge Moscoso, Member of Congress, Mexico

Josmell Muñoz, former Member of the Senate, Peru

Msgr. Alfredo Noriega Arce, S.J., Auxiliary Bishop of Lima, Peru

Dom Manoel Pestana Filho, bishop of Anapolis, Brazil