

Editorial

Looking at the record

The action of a cynical bipartisan coalition ratifying the North American Free Trade Agreement, underscores the fact that the ruling elites of virtually all nations, with the possible exception of France, are in total disarray. They lack any policy alternatives to the looting of the real economy, which is the essential feature of NAFTA.

Free trade and shock therapy have already brought disastrous effects upon the real economy of the world. For example, eastern European countries such as Poland are producing only about 30% of what they produced in 1989. The situation is little better in Russia. The economic crisis is now hitting western Europe; outright and hidden unemployment is endemic in the United States. Concomitant with this has been the decline in competence at the top of the ruling institutions, not only of government, but of those people who are running corporations and financial institutions.

In the face of a general global breakdown crisis, their only "solution" is to try protect the financial system at all cost—certainly not the lives of the millions of people who are the victims of these policies. More and more individuals throughout the world are becoming aware of the tragedy of their lives. They feel rage at the betrayal of their hopes for their own and their children's futures.

Such a response is understandable, but when rage becomes the driving force of politics, it turns into the kind of mindless expression of impotence that plays directly into their oppressors' hands, as we see from the historical example of the fascist and Bolshevik movements. In a period such as the current one, the historical record becomes of critical importance. For that reason, the role of Lyndon LaRouche as the only senior statesman in the United States with political and moral credibility must be grasped, if western civilization is not to be destroyed.

The continuing judicial persecution of LaRouche and his associates is a clear sign of the fear which he instills in the hearts of his enemies. It is also a mark of the political degeneration of the United States in the 30 years since the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and

the judicial coverup of the conspiracy behind it.

The same grouping which killed Kennedy and tried to kill Charles de Gaulle, is trying to silence Lyndon LaRouche. LaRouche and his associates were prosecuted at the behest of Soviet leaders, in particular of Yuri Andropov and then Mikhail Gorbachov, as part of the price to be paid for the Thatcher-engineered "condominium" to rule the world, during the second Reagan administration. LaRouche is in prison today, and numbers of his associates have been locked up, as part and parcel of a similar capitulation to the British policy of supporting Serbia and establishing Boris Yeltsin as the dictator of Russia.

The death of Kennedy ushered in the rock-drug-sex counterculture as an alternative to the technology-vectored policies represented by the New Frontier and the Apollo program. Thirty years ago LaRouche warned that the counterculture—now flourishing under the guise of the New Age—was a greater danger to civilization than even the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. Today we see, with the introduction of outcome-based education (OBE), an attempt to simply obliterate any knowledge of the Christian alternative to New Age ideology.

Coupled with a program for manned colonization of Mars, the kind of Strategic Defense Initiative program which LaRouche proposed a decade ago—which would have employed the most advanced directed-energy capabilities—would not only have guarded the West against a Soviet nuclear first strike, but would have provided the impetus to reverse the descent into the hell of a new dark age.

There are no easy, cheap solutions to the current crisis. It is time that people wake up to the fact that, ultimately, they themselves are responsible for the plight of the world. Lyndon LaRouche and the movement which he has built have a unique authority. For 30 years, the record shows that they have been right on every major issue. There is really only one fight to be fought today and that is the fight for truth. The intellectual and moral authority of LaRouche must be recognized.