

Editorial

A plot to make Al Gore president?

Violence was done to the American Constitution and Presidency on Dec. 19, 1998, when the House of Representatives' Republican majority pushed through articles of impeachment against President William Clinton. As a result, the global crisis already caused by the failure of the U.S. President to act decisively against the worst financial and economic collapse in centuries, will rapidly intensify in the days and weeks ahead. And the only way in which the escalating series of crises, resulting in a New Dark Age, could be avoided, is if patriots and world citizens mobilize rapidly behind the ideas of U.S. statesman Lyndon LaRouche.

In the immediate future, the American public is faced with the bizarre and dangerous possibility that, with the aid of the Republican jacobins, Vice President Al Gore will be thrust into the position of President.

Over the last several weeks, there has been increasing evidence of a plot to make Gore President. The acceleration of the impeachment proceedings, despite the rejection of the pro-impeachment Republicans in the November Congressional elections, and then the insane instigation of air strikes against Iraq, both point in that direction.

With the passage of the Articles of Impeachment, which were rushed through the lame-duck Congress in an effort to ensure success, there will inevitably be an increased clamor for President Clinton to resign. Leading Republican spokesmen during the floor debate, and in statements to the media, have left little to the imagination. Repeatedly, they have said: Let Gore take over. Whereas at one time Republicans appeared to consider the rabid environmentalist Gore a greater enemy than Bill Clinton, they are now seeking to put him in the nation's highest office.

Why? For one thing, his accession to the Presidency would seem to ensure his winning the Democratic nomination for the year 2000. And, if there's one thing the Republicans think they know, "Cigar-Store" Al Gore is unelectable in a contest with virtually anyone, especially George W. Bush.

The renewed warfare against Iraq, an action which

Vice President Gore did his best to promote (see *International* lead), also points to a plan to get President Clinton out office immediately. The backfire effect of the President launching this effort, in the midst of impeachment and over the opposition of major international partners, is visible already.

In effect, a process of managing a "transition" from President Clinton to a President Gore has been put into effect.

Two individuals who participated in manipulating President Nixon's resignation, rather than submitting to a trial for Watergate, have recently come forward to talk about such a "transition" for Clinton. The first came from Sir Henry Kissinger in mid-October, when he floated the proposal for a secret group from the National Security Council and the Congress to take over work on foreign policy — a group such as he had devised during the time Nixon was being convinced to resign. The second came from one Clay T. Whitehead, who described his role in forming a "secret committee" to plan for Gerald Ford to replace Nixon, in a Dec. 15 article in the *Wall St. Journal*.

Whether admitted or not, whether formal or not, a "secret committee" is clearly operating to try to thrust the bipolar Al Gore into the U.S. Presidency.

The devastating implications of such a shift were spelled out in Lyndon LaRouche's feature article on Gore in our last issue. As Gore signalled when he "came out" during the APEC meeting in Malaysia, he is a serious danger to U.S. national security, who is committed to asserting his irrationality, and the more so, the closer he is to a position of power.

The national interests of the United States, as well as the rest of the world, depend upon President Clinton refusing to resign, and finally beginning to listen to "the wise words of Lyndon LaRouche," as former Mexican President López Portillo recently said. It's high time that statesmen throughout the world, and citizens throughout the United States, realized that they must rally around LaRouche — or face a devastation the likes of which the world has never seen.