

LaRouche, in New York, warns of new ‘Pearl Harbor’

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FLASH! Please see the statement released by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. on Dec. 9, on p. 76.

After less than two weeks since his return to the United States, Lyndon LaRouche, who is seeking the Democratic Presidential nomination, has delivered a political barrage that is reshaping the terrain on which the battle for the top spot on the Democratic ticket is being fought. Soon after returning from Germany, where he was recuperating from an illness, he travelled to Baltimore, Maryland, to deliver a historic address before the nation’s leading constituency group representing African-Americans: the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) (see *EIR*, Dec. 10).

On Dec. 4, the Presidential candidate travelled to New York City, where he spoke to about 550 citizens at a town meeting that was broadcast live on his increasingly popular campaign website (www.larouchecampaign.org).

LaRouche’s New York speech began with a discussion of what he has referred to as “the Pearl Harbor effect”: the profound and fundamental change that swept the people of the United States, when the “unthinkable”—the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor—occurred.

LaRouche told his audience, “We’re now in that kind of situation. Not that anyone at this moment is prepared to drop bombs on Pearl Harbor or New York City. But, nonetheless, we are on the verge of an experience, an emotional-psychological experience, a political experience, which very much resembles what happened on Dec. 7, 1941. In a sense, this has already begun to happen.”

The Presidential candidate and physical economist went on to survey the full scope of the global strategic and financial crises, and their immediate impact on the lives of Americans. “Contrary to the conventional lies with which most people are saturated, this country, in terms of 80% of its personal

households’ income, today earns less in physical income—50% less—than it earned at the end of the 1960s.”

Hospitals, schools, and every aspect of the nation’s infrastructure is in far worse shape than they were 30 years ago, he said. “We’re going to hell, and it is getting worse rapidly. Now, the reason it is getting worse, is because the citizens are getting worse. The citizens have become more and more despondent, more and more pessimistic. They don’t search for the truth. They search for what to be overheard saying, which might be to their advantage, or not to their grievous disadvantage.”

LaRouche asserted that the situation outside the United States is “a nightmare,” a situation increasingly dominated by the outbreak of war, and of genocide.

‘A sudden change in values’

But, he told the gathering, things are beginning to change. “One day soon, this system is going to collapse. And then, if it’s not too late, the American System will react. The American people will react to the collapse of the financial system as they reacted to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. There will be a sudden change, a sudden change in values, in political values, in behavior, based on the recognition that what the American people have believed, what they have condoned, what they have gone along with all these years, especially the past 30 years, was a terrible mistake, and we’ve got to go back to things which, in our earliest national experience, worked.”

LaRouche cited recent events in Germany where, during November, demonstrations swept that nation, as citizens demanded that the Schröder government act to save one of that nation’s largest construction firms—and with it, some 70,000 jobs—from bankruptcy. Despite loud protests from the British, and others, Chancellor Gerhard Schröder did what his people demanded. “At that point, the German Chancellor ac-

ted to save Germany. What they did, is they said, ‘To the Devil with globalization! End globalization! We have to go back to rely on protection, and upon the sovereign nation-state as the only source of survival for Germany and for Europe.’ LaRouche explained that it was that same impulse—the impulse to save the sovereign nation-state—that sank the World Trade Organization summit in Seattle.

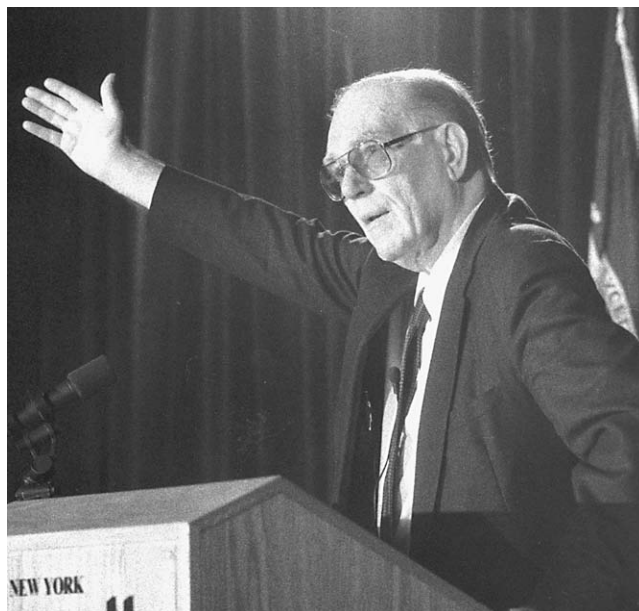
LaRouche made an impassioned appeal to the audience to do what they have, up to now, been unwilling to do. “It’s called thinking,” LaRouche told them. He asked people to think of themselves “in the endless span of eternity, or the eternity of human existence . . . representing a continuity, a timeless moment in eternity.

“If we can think of ourselves living so, then we can achieve true happiness, and we can think as being citizens in the highest sense,” he said. “To be a nation, which among nations, is making that kind of continuing contribution, throughout all of eternity, both in honor of generations past, and for the active benefit of generations to come: That is thinking.” LaRouche concluded that if people are willing to join with him in doing that, in organizing others to do that, then “we can win what people would have thought impossible a few years ago. Let’s try.”

LaRouche also set a new standard, one that most commentators doubt the other candidates will even attempt to respond to, with the long-awaited release of a two-and-a-half-hour videotape, “Storm over Asia,” produced by *EIR*, and directed and narrated by the Presidential candidate. The tape is described as a detailed assessment of the present proliferation of crises, from the Caucasus, to the Balkans, to the Indian subcontinent, which, unless resolved, could bring about a general war. LaRouche provides an in-depth historical appreciation of the best tradition of American foreign policy, dating to the period of John Quincy Adams, and goes on to outline how a revival of that American System of diplomacy can provide us, today, with the key for war avoidance.

Uphold the Voting Rights Act

All of this occurs while LaRouche is engaged in a ferocious battle against a policy of racism and lying by a section of his own party’s Democratic National Committee. That racist wing of the DNC, that refused to admit duly elected LaRouche delegates to the Democratic National Convention in 1996, and which would like to exclude LaRouche from the 2000 Presidential race if they could, has been thrown into a defensive frenzy, as LaRouche delivers on his vow to drive them out of the party. Beginning on Dec. 7, an Open Letter, authored by former South Carolina State Senator Theo Mitchell, and signed by more than 350 elected officials and civil rights and labor leaders, demanding that the DNC repudiate an ongoing effort to nullify the 1965 Voting Rights Act (see *EIR*, Dec. 10, p. 69), began appearing as a paid advertisement in African-American and Hispanic newspapers across the nation. The ad’s appearance, and the fight against any rollback of the achievements of the civil rights movement, dominated much



Lyndon LaRouche addresses supporters in New York York City on Dec. 4.

of the discussion at the NBCSL convention in Baltimore.

As the uproar increased, rather than acting to nullify the position taken by DNC attorney John Keeney, Jr., advocating overturning what most consider the greatest achievement of Martin Luther King’s movement, the DNC’s top bureaucracy has sought to cover up those racist actions through what LaRouche has referred to as “a bodyguard of lies.” Until very recently, those lies were circulated via oral communication. But, following the first appearance of the ads featuring the Mitchell letter, a limited, largely private, circulation of these lies, in the form of a DNC memorandum, began. Sources close to the DNC say the memorandum was never intended for publication. But, on Dec. 5, the Virginia Democratic Party, and a notorious figure of the local Loudoun County Democratic Party—its outgoing chairman, David Whitmer—released the lying statement both via their websites, and via a mass e-mail, and in Loudoun County, via a direct-mail campaign. Whitmer, true to his past reputation as a pathological liar and LaRouche-hater, added what LaRouche’s campaign committee has identified as “lunatic filth of his own” to the DNC’s lies.

So far, despite the fact that a majority of DNC members were never made aware that arguments against the Voting Rights Act were made in their name, and despite the fact that most have admitted that they find the action reprehensible, they are, in effect, condoning what they know to be both the racism and the wild lies of a small faction of the DNC behind these actions, by failing to move quickly and publicly to repudiate them. And, there is a growing fear among Democratic leaders across the nation, that if this doesn’t change, and change quickly, the end result will be catastrophic—both for the Democratic Party, and for the United States.