

Editorial

Millennium Decision for Human Beings

One year ago, a strange “Millennium” celebration took place, one in which human beings were, so to speak, compelled to take part, against their better natures. This vast and overblown rite, global and hyperinflated, was as if a celebration of computers, organized and led entirely by computers, for the purpose of glorification of cybernetic devices over human beings—the “Y2K” Millennium.

No human being knows yet, just how many hundreds of billions of dollars were stolen from the human race and expended, on preparing the computers of the world for that demons’ conclave, last New Year’s Eve. No human being knows, though some central bankers were in on the “Y2K” practical joke being played on the human race, to keep the New Economy and its millions of “IT” outfits growing and inflating their assets for one more expensive year.

Looking back, the “Y2K” Millennium appears now with the quality of a nightmare; even its remaining monuments, like the absurd Dome of London, have already taken on a disused and rusting quality. The New Economy of the computer legions, which the human race was allowing itself to worship so disgracefully last New Year’s, is still collapsing, vanishing into the smoke and dust from which it was raised up with the pumping of so many trillions of dollars. And the Great Inflator of the New Economy, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, is “failing and fading” along with it.

Now the turn of the Millennium has actually come, in which the question is, what will human beings do? The globalized economy, now even including its U.S. center, is crashing. The recent decades’ creation of this globalized debt bubble, and the efforts to keep it growing no matter what the consequences, has had terrible effects on the human race as a whole, even to the point of bringing the growth of human numbers virtually to a halt. Every additional 1,000-point increment of the market indices was expressed in worsened health, shorter lifespans, worsened conditions of life

and labor for millions.

Now that the computers and their new economy have crashed, even the London *Financial Times* is capable of seeing, as in its commentary of Dec. 16, that “the only way to go forward, is to go back. But to what? The Dark Ages, or a Renaissance.” A year ago it was not possible for any but the most farsighted to see that the “Y2K Millennium” was indeed a celebration of a disaster.

That Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. saw this clearly and stated it publicly and repeatedly, is a matter of great importance for LaRouche’s announcement of his new Presidential campaign, in the midst of a growing New Year’s panic in financial and political circles over the signs of global systemic collapse. As LaRouche said in introducing his campaign in the first week of January, “In talking about 2004, my immediate concern is not what’s going to happen in the year 2004. My concern is what’s going to happen *now*, and whether we shall ever *get* to 2004 as a nation, or not.”

In next week’s issue of *EIR*, we shall contrast in detail, what LaRouche could see coming during the past year or so’s Presidential campaign, with what neither the “leading” Presidential candidates nor the experts behind them, nor the central bankers behind them, could admit or see. It was the difference between paying obeisance to the great celebration of the “Y2K” practical joke on the human race, or organizing to pull the human race out of the ruins of the disastrous collapse of physical economies all over the globe.

The collapse of that “New Economy” over the past year, the end of the bad dream that the likes of Greenspan insisted would go on forever, is the *opportunity* of the Millennium—to stop a Dark Age, to build a new Renaissance based on the uniqueness of human creativity. To do so, those who want to lead the way have to recognize LaRouche’s unique authority as an economic forecaster, as a friend of the human race, and as a Presidential leader.