

without President Bush:

“After the Republicans successfully ‘won’ the Presidency, in the wake of Florida’s controversial elections, extremists in the new administration have become increasingly disappointed with the new President’s failure to show leadership or to adopt violent action. . . . A relatively small number of individuals in the military-industrial complex and on its fringe have found themselves increasingly losing influence on the Presidency. They are also furious at Bush’s ‘weaknesses.’ The new War on Terrorism will grant these networks unexpected decision-power and juicy budgets. The faltering U.S. economy will profit, unemployment will fall.

“Military-linked industries will increase production. . . . Funds for secret services and for the Pentagon will be generously handed out. Frantic ‘hit ‘em advisers’ and a war-loving specialist as Paul Wolfowitz, will see their influence increase, ultra-conservative and fundamentalist think-tanks and other nasty side shows of the right will prosper. So will the Zionist lobby.

“Public opinion, fuelled by horror and national shame and anger at the perpetrators, will support these forces and increase the Christian fundamentalist influence. Xenophobia will grow as will white supremacist militias in backward areas. Anti-Arab feeling will spread Zionism’s theses. Inside the U.S. and in the world, repression and authoritarianism will increase hugely.”

‘Independent’ Investigation Needed

I&P then calls for the formation of “an *independent* investigation of the possibility of domestic-initiated terrorism” (emphasis in the original). The call states: “Independent and official researchers would do well to start by asking themselves which American pilots might conceivably have participated in the hijackings. Lists of Gulf War veterans linked to the militias should be particularly looked at.

“The investigators [must] ask themselves the classic question: Who profits from the crime?”

The publication calls for investigating government, political, industrial, banking, and secret service circles for traces of a possible conspiracy. Also, individuals with links to militias and Arab terrorists. “The most rabid ultra-Zionists should also be investigated. Help should be obtained from lucid, sane, Israeli and Zionist circles as well as from army and intelligence officials inside the U.S. Establishment, from all those in America and elsewhere who stand opposed to a right-wing takeover of the United States.

“To conclude this first analytical response to the terror attack on the American people. The truth must be revealed, entirely, fully. Nobody should be immune to investigation. The real culprits must be identified and removed. And when this is done, the U.S., together with the rest of the Western world, must rethink its politics of global development, and wage a war far more important than the one against terror: a war against the causes of global despair.”

For Many Arabs, LaRouche Is U.S. Voice Of Reason

by Hussein Al-Nadeem

From the very first hours that followed the murderous attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, Arabic news outlets and newspapers were waiting to hear what “The American” Lyndon LaRouche had to say about the attacks. Arab journalists and observers, who were shocked by the attack and, at the same time, disgusted by the lying “clash of civilizations” propaganda served up by Cable News Network (CNN) and its like among American and British mass brainwashing media, were waiting for the “American voice of reason” to comment.

LaRouche’s statements to American and other radio stations on the subject were rapidly translated for publication in Arabic media. Arabic newspapers and web-based news services, including *Al-Arab International*, Middle East Online, and Islam Online, published LaRouche’s statements on their front pages. On Sept. 14-15, *Al-Arab* published parts of LaRouche’s interviews highlighting the fact that “the intention behind this operation is to drive the U.S. into a war against the Arab and Muslim world in a ‘clash of civilizations.’” LaRouche was regarded as the only American statesman who had the ability to respond with calm and wisdom to these horrifying events.

To promote the true American tradition of statecraft, as represented by LaRouche today, an Arabic website for the LaRouche political movement and *EIR* was established during the same week as the attack, to provide Arabic readers with the antidote to the “clash of civilizations,” and to unite Muslims, Christians, Jews, and others in the fight against this alien evil.

A Stark Contrast

At the same time, the contrast was becoming clear between the moral stand taken by LaRouche to avoid a catastrophic reaction by the United States against innocent nations in the Muslim world, and those who were raving about revenge. Of course, many people around the world were already becoming suspicious about the repeated CNN broadcast of an incident where a few Palestinians were shown allegedly celebrating the Sept. 11 attacks — which proved to be a hoax. Similarly, the British Sky News television network had broadcast shots from Libya’s Sept. 1 National Day celebrations, claiming that this was the Libyan people’s reaction to the U.S. attacks.

Former Tunisian diplomat and current Professor of Media and Information at the University of Qatar Ahmed Al-Kedidi, in a signed commentary in the United Arab Emirates daily *Al-Bayan* titled “The U.S. Has To Adjust Its Size To Its Historic Mission In The World,” writes that the attacks on the United States represent “a dangerous earthquake, which is going to shake the foundations of the old, unjust New World Order that was created in the aftermath of the Gulf War by known and covert forces. These forces have determined the fate of mankind and enslaved poor nations to satisfy their whims and to benefit the major financial interests.”

However, Al-Kedidi emphasizes, “voices have emerged from within the United States” to put things in order. “This is the voice of Dr. Lyndon LaRouche, the celebrated economist and Presidential candidate, who said on the very [day of the attacks] on U.S. radio stations and his own Internet site, that the intention behind this operation is to drive the U.S. into a strike against the Muslim and Arab world to realize the clash of civilizations of Samuel Huntington, who instead of calling for reconciliation with the great cultures, wants the U.S. to destroy them, especially the Islamic and Chinese cultures.”

Al-Kedidi cited LaRouche on his view that “this operation is very big, and is beyond the capabilities of a merely terrorist group, because it requires months of training and logistical support. There are people who want to drive the U.S. into a war with the Arab world behind the Israeli Defense Forces.” He also cited LaRouche’s warnings that “the international financial system will collapse, and we have to remove the real causes behind this crisis, and establish a New Bretton Woods system.”

Al-Kedidi went through the facts about the Anglo-American creation of the bin Laden and Afghansi operation in the 1980s, Iran-Contra, and the Gulf War. He attacked “globalization” and its effects on the nations of the world, and the resistance that has emerged against this policy. He concludes: “Of course, Washington must be aware of these drumbeats of hatred for America, but also those calling for justice, in order for America’s gigantic power to cohere with its new cultural mission in the world. Of course, we denounce terrorism and consider it a criminal action. We also sympathize with America’s shock. But, we also believe that a military reaction without regulations or legitimacy would be just another act of terror.”

Al-Kedidi lauded Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak as “a wise Arab, Muslim voice, who realizes the implication and dimensions of this dangerous moment. But are there people in Washington who are listening?”

A Debate In Egypt

On Sept. 22, the main Egyptian satellite TV channel featured a debate on the issue, assembling some very prominent journalists and experts. Dr. Mohammed Al-Sayid Selim, Chairman of the Asian Studies Center, Professor at Cairo University, and an advocate of the Eurasian Land-Bridge, was

among the participants on the program. Dr. Selim characterized the Sept. 11 attacks as a strategic covert operation against the United States, to launch a war. He said that there was no proof linking bin Laden to the events, and recalled the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, which was carried out by Americans.

Dr. Selim, who reportedly had a file of *EIR* and LaRouche material with him, said that this was all in the public domain, so why aren’t CNN, BBC, et al. reporting on it? Selim shaped most of the discussion, starting with geopolitics and the significance of Central Asia. He said that the Sept. 11 events present a big opportunity for those who want to play geopolitics. The main goal would be to control Central Asia and Afghanistan—the old Halford Mackinder idea, that he who controls the heartland of Eurasia, controls the world. There have been reports of diminishing American influence in the region over the last three years. There was diminishing U.S. aid; these countries realized that their economic and strategic interests lie with Russia, so they created a number of alliances, to cooperate with Russia. A large number of oil and gas agreements were concluded, including between Turkmenistan and Iran. The United States will seek in this crisis to rearrange the whole region, and regain U.S. influence. As examples of increasing Eurasian cooperation, Selim cited the Russian-Chinese agreement and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and said, there’s a new balance in the world order, which the United States wants to shift. He referred to U.S.-China crises, such as the May 1999 bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade and the American spy plane incident earlier this year. Now the United States is mobilizing public opinion to achieve this goal, to regain influence in Eurasia.

Other participants put forward the thesis that to prevent the clash of civilizations, Muslim countries must participate in Washington’s “war against terrorism,” and Israel must be excluded. Arabs could use this, to solve the Palestinian issue, they said, citing the Gulf War, which was followed by the Madrid peace conference. Selim said: No. This is a completely different situation; Arab countries so far have shown no desire or capability to participate in this war. Israel’s exclusion from the Gulf War led to its enhanced strategic role after the war. There is no political deal the Arabs could make with the United States, so they shouldn’t play that game. Selim asked, how Arab or Muslim nations could support an attack without any evidence? First, we should know what the target is, and then we must gain international legitimacy.

This is becoming the view of many Arab nations, especially Egypt. The magnitude of the U.S. military and political mobilization, is leading Arab leaders and intellectuals to suspect that Washington’s plans far exceed the targeting of bin Laden and the Taliban regime. Therefore, many Arabs are hoping that the kind of wisdom and courage which has been expressed by LaRouche, would prevail in the way America deals with the crisis, to prevent the world from plunging into a new global conflict.