

Editorial

The Real Threat to Civilization Itself

A wave of near-panic and disbelief spread worldwide last week, as news of the latest *New Yorker* special by veteran investigative journalist Seymour Hersh went out over the wires. Hersh's report was on the danger of a Bush Administration attack on Iran. Based on sources from within the Administration, his report featured the fact that the White House was considering the use of *nuclear bunker busters* in a military adventure.

Lyndon LaRouche had two comments in response to the Hersh exposé. On the one hand, there is no question but that the author is correct about the murderous intentions of the pro-war crowd in the White House. On the other hand, the substance of his report, including the potential use of nuclear weapons, contains *nothing new*, nothing which had not been revealed in LaRouche's "Guns of August" press release of July 27, 2005.

Thus, to focus on, and wring one's hands about, the horrifying details of what the Administration is planning, is worse than a waste of time. One might as well be staring with fascination at a cobra preparing to strike. The focus of attention for patriots has to be on how to *stop* the chief individual who is in place to carry out such an attack—Vice President Dick Cheney.

But that's nothing new, our interlocutors might respond. Indeed. The removal of Cheney from office falls under the category of unfinished business, which LaRouche put on the agenda already in the Summer of 2003. And it's about time that people stopped changing the subject from that agenda. Nothing worthwhile is going to happen if it's not accomplished.

While the task of removing Cheney has remained the same, the strategic situation which is impelling him toward launching an insane flight-forward against Iran has not. Back in July 2005, LaRouche said that one piece of compelling evidence of Cheney's "Guns of August" plan was the pattern of eyewitness reports of Cheney's state of mind, reports which testified to the fact that he was basically living the mental life of a "Hitler in the bunker." With that mentality, Cheney was lashing out at Republican Senators who had dared to resist his mad tirades, and accused anyone who failed to follow orders, including senior members of the Senate, of being "traitors."

Today, the evidence shows that Cheney's state of mind

is much more desperate—and dangerous.

Just think back to all the Republican revolts against Cheney's diktats, from the anti-torture amendment to the Federal budget, to Cheney's lies on the war, over the past eight months. The Vice President is still the butt of jokes for shooting his hunting buddy in Texas, under still unrevealed circumstance. Cheney still wields enormous power, but he is seeing the political ground eroding underneath him.

Most important, however, is the shift in the global financial situation, which has gone onto a fast track toward implosion in the immediate weeks and months ahead. The Synarchist bankers who control Cheney, are facing the blowout of all the accumulated bubbles which their so-called magician, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, created over his tenure. Hundreds of trillions of dollars of derivatives and other debts cannot be paid, and it is becoming increasingly clear that the system cannot be sustained. The facade of a functioning financial system, is about to go "poof"!

Faced with such a systemic blowout, Synarchist bankers reach for the same "solution" they always do: Spread chaos and war. The result is to *prevent* any sane national forces from taking the kinds of measures LaRouche has laid out in his New Bretton Woods proposal, measures that would save the people, rather than the banks. The bankers want Cheney to start a war, precisely because it will destroy the United States, and ultimately, civilization itself.

The threatened use of nuclear weapons is a kind of barbarism which points to the strategic threat, but it does not define it. Should Cheney's plans go ahead, we are looking not only at spreading religious war, but the propelling of the entire world into economic and financial and physical collapse, of the sort only properly described as a New Dark Age. Indeed, the Europe of the 14th Century, with its Black Death, will pale besides the global destruction we face.

What's at stake in the battle over the weeks ahead is nothing less than the survival of a human way of life, in which every individual has the hope for a decent life for him or herself and his or her posterity. It is from that standpoint that you, as a political person or leader, must wage the fight—beginning with the removal of Dick Cheney now!