
Editorial

The Old Economics Are Dead; The New Economics Must Begin

On Jan. 11, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, in the capital of the United States, Lyndon LaRouche is going to address the headlined theme above in an international webcast. With a new Congress, dominated by Democrats for the first time in 12 years, coming into town right after the first of the year, there is a sea-change in Washington, making it ripe for dramatic changes away from the economic and strategic policy which has driven the United States into disaster, changes LaRouche has vigorously championed.

LaRouche's Jan. 11 intervention is being intensively prepared, through discussions with Congressional offices and Democratic Party circles. And as Congress officially opens, LaRouche's associates and the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) will deliver his latest paper, entitled "The Lost Art of the Capital Budget," to every Congressional office. As LaRouche puts it in the opening paragraph of that report, he will be elaborating a vital conception "on which the future existence of our nation now depends."

One week later, as the webcast opens, LaRouche will act to drive an economic agenda into the House of Representatives, just as the "New Politics" was driven by a new generation of voters, led by the LYM on Nov. 7, 2006. The House is going to be much more of a policy-shaping force than the Senate—at least at the start, LaRouche has noted. You have a new generation of members of Congress, and voters, and they are ready for this change. When the Congress returns on Jan. 4, they will already be ready to begin a series of hearings about the economy, about the war disaster in Iraq, and about issues that have been swept under the rug, in the same manner as the massive contracting fraud in Iraq run by Halliburton and others.

LaRouche's webcasts have had a proven ability to shape the environment in Washington, even prior to the ground-shaking LYM role in the 2006 elections. LaRouche's Jan. 3, 2001 webcast sparked a battle among Democrats against the confirmation of Attorney General John Ashcroft, which, although it failed due to the crumbling of the party leadership, taught an invaluable lesson to many.

Even more dramatic was the impact of LaRouche's webcasts following the disastrous 2004 re-election of George W. Bush. The Nov. 9 webcast of that year threw down the challenge for the Democrats, and many who voted for Bush, to do two things: Face the reality of the economic collapse, and orient toward the youth stratum as the harbinger of the future. With such an orientation, capped by the perspective of returning to the economic policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the American population can be turned around, LaRouche said.

LaRouche's initial webcast of 2005, held on Jan. 5, had a palpable effect in energizing the Democratic Party into a fighting mood, both on the question of the legitimacy of Bush's Presidency, and, crucially, on the issue of the Pinochet-style Social Security "reform" which Bush had laid out as the primary objective for his Administration. Under LaRouche's leadership, the Democrats shifted into an openly FDR-style orientation, including a mobilization of the popular base, and stopped Bush's project cold.

While the Democrats in Congress failed to pick up on LaRouche's urgent call, expressed in numerous webcasts, to save U.S. auto capacity, over the course of the next nearly two years, the process went forward which the former Presidential candidate and economist had laid out in November 2004. On the one hand, the Bush Administration's facade of lies fell apart, both on Iraq and on the economy, lifting the scales from the eyes of many voters who had been duped in 2004. On the other hand, crucially, the visibility and momentum of the LaRouche Youth Movement, as a catalyst for a winning fight for a future, took off—and provided the impetus for the dramatic Democratic surge in the 2006 mid-term elections.

Now, on Jan. 11, LaRouche will tell the Democrats how they must follow up—both in economic policy, and with impeachment of Cheney. The indispensable step of winning the elections can't be followed by sitting on one's laurels. American citizens must ensure that Congress takes up LaRouche's lead *now*, in the next few weeks, for a new economics, and a new future.