

Cheney on the Ropes

When the scandal around the huge British defense firm BAE Systems erupted during the first week in June, Lyndon LaRouche immediately identified this as a story of colossal importance, which could bring down Dick Cheney and the imperial Anglo-Dutch Liberal financial apparatus that stands behind him. A little over two weeks later, we are getting closer to that point. Consider this chronology:

On **Jan. 27, 2007**, Truthout.com reported that Vice President Cheney, during a **November 2006** trip to Saudi Arabia, promised his Saudi interlocutors that he would shut down the official British investigation of BAE's 20-year bribery, to the tune of \$2 billion, of Saudi Prince Bandar bin-Sultan.

On **Dec. 15, 2006**, British Attorney General Lord Peter Goldsmith terminated the ongoing probe of BAE by the Serious Crimes Office.

On **June 21, 2007**, the Federal Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States rushed through approval of BAE's takeover of U.S. defense contractor Armor Holdings.

On **June 21**, House Oversight and Government Reform Committee chairman Henry A. Waxman (D-Calif.) issued a press release stating that Cheney's office has refused to comply with an Executive Order governing the handling of classified information, and had tried to shut down the office at the National Archives and Records Administration that sought to enforce the order. Cheney's office argued that it is "not an entity within the executive branch" (!), and therefore does not need to comply with the order.

On **June 22**, Lord Goldsmith resigned.

Will Cheney be next?

At LaRouche's June 21 webcast (see *Feature*), he outlined the bigger story that lies behind the BAE scandal in this post-9/11 world. There was virtual silence on the subject in the U.S. press, he noted. Until recently, nothing appeared "even hinting at what has been the ongoing reality of this Bush Administration, since before the President was sworn in, in 2001. The world has been living under a system, which is the 9/11 system, which already existed, as I warned at the beginning of

2001, before President George W. Bush was inaugurated for the first time in January of 2001. Where I said: The world system has reached the point, that an on-rushing collapse of the system is now in process. We can not determine exactly when or how this will occur, but we know the following two things: Number 1, we know that this President and this Presidency can not deal with this crisis. Therefore, we must expect that the entire world will be subjected to the kind of thing we experienced in February of 1933, when Hermann Göring, the man behind the throne, the sort of Dick Cheney of the Hitler administration, orchestrated the burning of the Reichstag as a terrorist event. And this terrorist event was used ... to install Hitler with dictatorial powers....

"And I said then, the danger is that something like this *will occur*, under present trends in the United States, and it *did occur*: And it was called 9/11.

"Now, without going into the details of what we know and what we don't know about how 9/11 was orchestrated, we know that the only means by which this kind of thing is orchestrated, is found in *one* location: in a financial complex which is centered in the identity of the BAE. Now, that's the mystery of 9/11. How it was done, the mechanics, that's irrelevant. We'll find out. And everybody in and around government who understands these matters, knows that! And that's where the heat is here."

Later in the webcast, LaRouche elaborated: "I think that the relevant scoundrels in the British Isles will probably do something horrible to Dick Cheney, not because they don't like what he was trying to do, but because he failed to do it." LaRouche concluded: "Cheney is in deep kimchee, and those who don't want to impeach Cheney are in deep kimchee too."

Up to now, elements of the Democratic leadership have ignored the strong wishes of their constituents, and have blocked the impeachment of Cheney—which is already on the table, in the form of a resolution by Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio). The BAE scandal provides the opportunity to quickly correct that egregious mistake.