

Editorial

Listen to LaRouche

The horse-race of the Presidential primaries and caucuses has now begun in earnest, creating a storm of activity of cacophonous proportions. The sad truth is that, as the intensity of the campaign has increased, so has its distance from the reality of the financial and political crisis we face. To deal with that reality, serious patriotic citizens have only one good option: Listen to the wise words of Lyndon LaRouche.

LaRouche will be giving an international webcast on Jan. 17, two days after the return of the U.S. Congress, and right in the midst of the unprecedentedly early Presidential primary season. By that time, there is no telling what damage the international financial crash which hit in July 2007 will have wrought—and what international strategic crises may have erupted. A calm, principled, and no-holds-barred assessment of the options for getting out of a nation-threatening disaster will be called for, and that's what you can expect.

You can't say that LaRouche hasn't warned you about the Presidential campaign. In early August, while prefacing his *Prolegomena to a Democratic Party Platform*, LaRouche bluntly stated that "it were said fairly, that all of the putative candidates, thus far, are treating the future as a continuation of assumed conditions which have ceased to exist, therefore showing little sense of what must be faced, or of what must be done, if our republic is to have a future during even the relatively few years immediately ahead."

Unfortunately, that situation has not changed. But for the one exception of Hillary Clinton's call for a moratorium on home foreclosures, a small nod in the direction of the actions laid out in LaRouche's Homeowners and Bank Protection Act, not a single candidate—Republican or Democrat—has acknowledged the reality of the global financial crash, and the kind of systemic measures required to deal with it. When banks themselves are about to vaporize, just what is the significance of having health insurance?

LaRouche has laid out a precise plan of what needs to be done to rebuild the financial system, and the economy, following the successful FDR approach. The candidates on the stump are still not listening—and they risk facing the utter disgust of the electorate, as reality

crashes down around their heads.

There is, however, another force in U.S. politics that is preparing for the collapse of U.S. economic and political life, a force which is almost declaring that it is planning on the chaos which the lack of leadership from the nation's major institutions will create. This force, of suspected British origin, is surfacing around the prospective "independent" Presidential candidacy of billionaire New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

LaRouche had forecast that, with the wane of the Giuliani candidacy, the Bloomberg option would be pushed big-time. It's already happening. On Jan. 7, former Democratic Senator David Boren is holding an all-day event at the University of Oklahoma, which will feature none other than Michael Bloomberg. The subject? According to Boren, it's a "government of national unity."

The meeting will feature a host of former Democratic and Republican Senators, as well as current Republican Senator Chuck Hagel of Nebraska. Also weighing in will be former Iowa GOP Congressman Leach, Susan Eisenhower (the late President's granddaughter), David Abshire, president of the Center for the Study of the Presidency, and others.

Already, the prospective Oklahoma meeting has called forth an endorsement of a Bloomberg candidacy by Rupert Murdoch's *New York Post*, and a *New York Times* webpage with a collection of its Bloomberg coverage going back to 1995. Also endorsing a prospective Bloomberg candidacy is California's Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

There should be no question as to the purpose of such a candidacy. Bloomberg is a political chameleon whose claim to fame is his money, and his economic austerity politics—just the credentials the London-backed financial oligarchy would like in a would-be dictator of the United States. Many of those attending should know better than to be so used.

It's time to kill this scenario before it goes any further. Tune in to www.larouchepub.com or www.larouchepac.com at 1 p.m. Eastern Time on Jan. 17, and listen to LaRouche. We can avoid the onrushing catastrophe—but we have some serious work to do.