

# ‘Occupy Wall Street’: The U.S. Indignados

by Diane Sare

Sept. 22—On Sept. 17, a crowd of about 1,500, mostly young protesters assembled under the banner of “Occupy Wall Street,” at the infamous Merrill Lynch (Wall Street) Bull in New York City. Simultaneous occupations were launched in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and elsewhere in the United States, joining the peaceful international movement of “Indignados” (Indignant Ones) in Spain and Greece, who had called an international day of action, and gathered in the tens of thousands.

What is universal about the protests, is the opposition to bone-crushing austerity against the poorest and weakest members of the world’s population, while the London and Wall Street financial interests continue to receive bailout upon bailout.

Happily, the reinstatement of President Franklin Roosevelt’s Glass-Steagall Act is listed as one of the demands of “Occupy Wall Street,” but because the gathering is officially not a unified group, the statement of mission usually reads, “most of us support ... a return to Glass-Steagall,” among a list of other desired financial regulations.

LaRouchePAC organizers participating in the San Francisco and New York occupations found a great openness to “heavy ideas” among the demonstrators. In San Francisco, there was intense interest in the work of LaRouche’s Basement Team on science, as well as a strong response to a distribution of FDR’s Second Inaugural Address, which one person read out over the bullhorn.

## Education and Song

In New York, LaRouche candidate Diane Sare was joined by a choral contingent from Boston, led by Jennifer Getachew. This chorus of *bel canto* voices had a profound effect in the entire area. Crowds of demonstrators and tourists stopped to listen, and in some cases, sing along, or even conduct along, and always applauding at the end of pieces. A favorite was Haydn’s canon “To a Greedy Person,” but the American patriotic

songs also caught people’s attention, especially because some of the protestors haven’t figured out that the United States is *not* an empire. In front of the chorus was a large banner with pictures of Washington, Lincoln, and FDR, and the words: “The Pressure Mounts: Save the Republic, Glass-Steagall or Die—LaRouche PAC,” as well as a NAWAPA poster, and an “Obamas-tache” poster.

Also in New York, an economics teach-in was held with a group of about 100 occupiers in a park. Both Sare and Myles Robinson of the Boston LaRouche movement were among the five official speakers. While one of the speakers, an author, made a useful point about the relationship of debt to empire, and called for a debt moratorium, only Sare and Robinson addressed the civilization-threatening nature of the current crisis, and how to solve it.

Sare, after identifying herself as affiliated with Lyndon LaRouche, and a candidate for U.S. Congress in New Jersey, briefed the gathering on Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner’s insane mission to Poland to attempt to convince the European finance ministers to adopt more hyperinflationary bank bailouts, and the urgent necessity of Glass-Steagall; Robinson delightfully provoked the crowd with an attack on the Second Law of Thermodynamics (one of the other speakers had published a book on entropy!), and attacked environmentalism for what it is: a British imperial plot to reduce world population. Both speeches sparked lively questions and debate, particularly around the issue of the Earth’s presumed “carrying capacity,” a popular fraud of the people-hating environmentalists.



Diane Sare addresses the Wall Street “Indignados” rally; Myles Robinson is to her right.

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*One of the demands of the “Occupy Wall Street” coalition, shown here at the Sept. 17 march and rally, is the revival of Glass-Steagall. But the group needs leadership to counter the liberal/greenie tendencies.*

Throughout the day, the only negative response to the LaRouche presence came from a disheveled old Boomer hippy with a large, scruffy beard, a cane, and a NORML (National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws) button, who tried to rip down the banner. Several of the demonstrators approached him and told him to stop—that this was unacceptable behavior, and the occupation was inclusive of all. No one had an interest in his anti-LaRouche ravings.

### Prospects

As of this writing, several hundred occupiers remain camped out in a park near Wall Street. They are garnering a great deal of support and international media attention. They are holding daily assemblies to plan their actions, marches, and teach-ins, and plan to stick it out for weeks, or longer, if necessary.

Unfortunately, since the United States has been through 40 years of post-Kennedy-assassination, Congress of Cultural Freedom brainwashing, the legitimate demands of the occupiers (see below) tend to be buried in a morass of liberalism and environmentalism, which doom them to failure. To solve the global crisis, a deep appreciation of the American Revolution against the British Empire is required, which means mastering Alexander Hamilton’s work on credit and economy, and a solid commitment to scientific progress involving nuclear power and a revived space program, to say the least.

It remains the case that the LaRouche movement globally is the most effective organizing force in the

Solar System, and only we have put forward the necessary program to ensure mankind’s long-term survival, starting with the removal of Obama from office, the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall, and a Russia-China-USA partnership to drive a global economic recovery.

Whether the Wall Street occupation portends a Shelley moment: “an accumulation of the power of communicating and receiving intense and impassioned conceptions respecting man and nature,” or a “Schiller tragedy”—“A great moment has found a little people,” depends on the rapid growth of the LaRouche movement worldwide.

## The ‘Occupy Wall Street’ Demands

The tentative list of demands of the Occupation, which, as of this writing, have *not* been endorsed by the group’s General Assembly, but are being put forward for endorsement, include:

- Halt home foreclosures for the unemployed, sick, and elderly
- Increase funding to public services by raising taxes on the richest Americans by 1%
- Forgive all student loan debt
- Reinstatement of the Glass-Steagall Act in order to control speculation
- Work with the other G20 nations to implement a 1% “Robin Hood” tax on all financial transactions and currency trades
- Ban high-frequency “flash” trading and bring sanity to the markets
- Break up the “too big to fail” banks that threaten our future
- Arrest the financial fraudsters responsible for the 2008 meltdown and bring them to justice
- Ordain a Presidential Commission tasked with ending the influence corporate money has on our elected representatives in Washington