

Lyndon LaRouche: ‘We Have the Ability to Change the Character of Man’s Destiny’

Feb. 1—*The following remarks are excerpted from the [Jan. 28, 2016 Fireside Chat](#) with Lyndon LaRouche and the [Jan. 30, 2016 Manhattan Town Meeting](#) with Lyndon LaRouche. In these two dialogues, Mr. LaRouche defines the crucial issue of the U.S. Space Program, and the role taken by LaRouche PAC leader Kesha Rogers. He presents his comments both as a means for breaking open the U.S. Presidential election, as well as a larger peace-winning strategy for creating a new future for the human race.*

First, from the Jan. 28 Fireside Chat:

Question: Yes, good evening Lyn. It’s Alvin, here in New York. . . . And I’m taking note that you are intervening directly on this, and advising O’Malley, helping him as to how to deal with this situation immediately, and to “keep his focus” as you’re putting it, on his policy directly. So we have but a few days to go; people are putting in long hours to get this done and organize more people. But there’s a real sense of optimism in doing so. They’re really happy. . . .

One of the things you talk about in your recent leaflets the “element of a tactical surprise,” and I was wondering if you could help us think more clearly if that’s actually what we’re doing in this process? And what else should we be doing?

LaRouche: Well, first of all, let’s straighten some things out, because there’s some doubts and some confusion about exactly what we are accomplishing and what we are planning to accomplish.

Now first of all, the point is that we have the two ostensibly leading Democratic candidates for consideration, but the fact is that our conscience and our intelligence



Lyndon LaRouche in a recent Fireside Chat.

tells us that the two so-called leading candidates for the position are bums. That is, they should not be elected.

Now, I’m not pushing the O’Malley election campaign as such. What I’m simply doing, is stating that I believe—and I know that other people believe—that what we have to do, is to actually get a correction, to indicate that neither Hillary Clinton nor her rival, are fit to be President of the United States. It’s simply that statement: It’s a negative thing; we’re saying that this is not acceptable. Hillary Clinton is not acceptable! She’s a bum, in political terms. She’s not an honest person; she does a lot of lying; her immediate rival is a question mark: he’s not a man, he’s a question mark.

And so, therefore, what we’re doing is we’re trying to say, “let’s open the gates.” We’re not pushing the idea that we’re pushing O’Malley as such; we think

O'Malley probably should be considered for the Presidency. But we're not pushing him as a candidate. What we're doing is we're opening the gates to say that we have two guys running now, for the Presidency on that ticket, and we say neither of them is fit to be in that position. So therefore, we say we're organizing people to step out and join those people who recognize that we have to replace these two characters. We have to dump them. . . .

That's exactly the way to put it; we are now looking down to Texas and other

areas, we are looking to—take one case: Remember what Obama did early on: He shut down the space program! He crashed the space program! Now the space program was actually the basis for the physical economic development and maintenance of the progress of the people of the United States. So Obama, by attacking the space program and trying to crush it, destroyed the rights of the American people.

Now we had a lot of people out there who voted for Obama. They would crowd up to vote for Obama. That was a *terrible* mistake. It was also an *evil* mistake! Obama never should have been elected.

Now, we've got a chance to dump him. And therefore, we've got to ask, who is qualified to be a part of the leadership of the United States government? Our opinion follows, logically, we have to really go back to the implications of the benefits which were inherent in the space program.

Now, China has a space program. It's going for the back side of the Moon; it's a very important program. There are other things like that in the world. So we're going to have to reorganize the system of Earth; we're going to have to make changes in the Earth. We're going to have to go back to the space program. The space program is the secret, and we're going to do the space program, and we're going to do all the other things that Obama tried to destroy: We're going to bring 'em back. And I think we should look at it that way.

Question: This is from a guy named C—, who is a



China launched its first round-trip mission to the Moon (unmanned) on Oct. 25, 2014. The launch rocket is the Long March-3C.

retired construction worker. He says, "Mr. LaRouche, as I am sure you are aware, the President of Iran has been in Italy and France this week signing big agreements for trade between Iran and these nations. This has included buying 118 new aircraft from Airbus, oil agreements, automobile agreements, etc.

"My question is I think this is a ray of sunshine for the world. It's much better than all the wars and threats of more wars we have had recently. What is your take on this? Is this on the level or is something else going on behind the scenes?"

LaRouche: You have to take two views of this matter. First of all, there's a policy which should be our policy, "us," shall we say. And that means, that we would be developing a program of the type that would be a resumption of the legacy of Franklin Roosevelt.

Remember that the Republican Party actually began to crush Franklin Roosevelt's Administration, and there was a deterioration under the various interests, the FBI and so forth, which destroyed, corrosively destroyed the rights of the people of the United States, dividing them by classes and classifications, putting some people down, and putting some people who shouldn't have been promoted, up; that sort of thing. It comes back to a point where we have to actually go back to the standpoint of President Franklin Roosevelt, who was my hero in 1930s and beyond; and he remained a hero for me, up to the present day.

So we're going to have to rebuild all of this. That's the way you have to go at it. We can do it; we have, right

now, if we go with the space program, the space program is a crucial thing. Remember, what happened with the space program: Obama shot down the space program; and Obama also destroyed most of the things which were worthwhile defending, under Obama himself. There were a lot of other scoundrels involved, but Obama has been practically the borrowed Satan of today's society.

He's sort of a little Satan, but a nasty little Satan, you know, who kills—they have meetings on Tuesdays, under his direction, and they will take innocent members of the United States, and assassinate them, on Tuesdays! And it was the most momentous assassination, cumulatively, of citizens of the United States, killed and murdered by Obama!

So therefore, the point is, today, we have to get rid of the Obama problem. We've got to end the assassinations of the innocent members of our own population, and others as well. So therefore, the time has come for us to think about not only inside the United States itself, we have to think about other parts of the planet and say, we're going to take action to bring about a reasonable form, not only in the United States, but throughout the planet.

China and Russia Are Exemplary

Now, what's going on right now? The greatest degree of success is coming from China, and also Russia, and some other nations associated with them. In great part, the future of mankind depends upon the role that China, Russia, and their associates represent. That development is what is necessary to give the people of the United States, its citizens, the mechanism by which we can change the policies from what's been going on recently to what they must become.

In other words, for example, let's take the number of people who are suicides, and the suicide rates in the United States among the population is *great*. So therefore, we have to rebuild the population so they don't kill each other or don't commit suicide, which is what's happening; or killing themselves by the disease of taking dangerous drugs. So we have to make these changes in that way, and for that purpose. And we are also going to have to go back, and restart the space program. Because the future of mankind depends on the space program, not only for the United States, but for the planet as a whole.

You know, we live in a system which is not just an Earth system. The Earth system is something which is

inside the Solar System. It's inside the water system of the Galactic System, and beyond that. And so therefore, mankind is going to have to exert influence and control over the water systems, for example, of planet Earth and beyond that.

And so therefore, we have a challenge, to recognize these scientific facts, and we have to assemble ourselves to develop the skills which are necessary to realize the benefits that that program represents. So we need a new future for mankind. It's not in some kind of screwball new future, it's something which is implicitly already there. We just have to unleash it. And I think China and Russia are exemplary elements, partially, of these people today.

We have to think from that term. We have to think of mankind as in the Solar System, eventually. And we have to think in new ways; we have to think about the future of mankind in new ways, ways that we should have caught onto a long time ago. But, now we have to soon begin thinking of those new ways.

Question: This is R— from Brooklyn. I just wanted to comment on the Dump the Trump rally; I was there with Alvin and the other people, and I feel we did make some progress and we did get people consciously aware that Bernie and Clinton were not acceptable. And we got quite few of the Dump the Trump leaflets out, and people were taking them, and there was less resistance. It seemed to be fairly effective. I just feel you should know about this.

LaRouche: Yes. It's true. But, I think, what I'm seeing now, in terms of what I'm getting, you know, advance indications which I'm getting myself in this connection, there is a very, shall we say, a surprising, immediate impulse to support our new candidate, or our new prospective candidate. And this thing can go very fast.

One of the factors is, of course, the space program. You know, there are people in Texas, and other areas, because the space program was very much built in that area. And we find that the space program was shut down by Obama.

Now, what we need, if we're going to deal with some of the problems of the United States, for example, and other areas, we're going to have to really rebuild the space program. It can be done. It can be done by cooperation with China, which is going in that direction, and Russia has always had an interest in that direction. Other nations are going into that direction—not in that direction but *into it*. So all these things are at our

disposal, in principle. We simply have to make our wishes more efficiently known.

That's your mission; that's my mission. We must think in a global way, of how we're going to reverse the degeneration imposed on people of the United States; the mass death at a high rate imposed on the people of the United States, throughout much of the United States! We're going to have to fight, to build up that kind of reconstruction, that we had in the time of Franklin Roosevelt.

And I'm all for it, and I'm ready to go! I'm one of the most ancient men on the planet right now, and I'm ready to go!

Question: Hi, this is T— from Lake Arrowhead. I've got a couple of questions. The first one: I listened to an interview with the former Finance Minister of Greece, Yanis Varoufakis. And remember, as of last July, there was the heroic struggle of the Greek people against the European central banking system, and what happened is, after over 60% of the Greek people voted to defy the central bank by a referendum, but then immediately, the very next day, I believe, the central banks closed the banks and the head of the party, Alexis Tsipras, caved in. And Yanis Varoufakis resigned, immediately.

And Varoufakis is now calling a conference; he said in this interview that Greece could not take on the trans-Atlantic financial empire all by itself, and there has to be a pan-European movement for Glass-Steagall. And he is calling a conference of European progressives, to all unite in solidarity against the central banks, the progressives from every European country. And he has invited them all to come to this conference that he's calling which is in less than two weeks; it's Feb. 9.

So I wrote him—I'm not the only one that's said this to him, I'm sure a hundred people have—but he not only needs a pan-European conference, but it should



"What China is doing is a miracle!" Shanghai street scene in 1930 (left). The maglev train (maximum speed: 268 mph) leaves the Shanghai Pudong International Airport, 2006.



include representatives of the FDR/New Deal movement from the United States. We must all unite together against this financial empire. And I'm wondering if it wouldn't be a good thing to send one of our representatives to that conference—maybe Helga, since she more or less specializes in Europe. I think that might be a very worthwhile use of our time.

So that's just a suggestion. What do you think?

LaRouche: Well, if we want to win, which I think is implicit in your argument, if we want to win, for the Greek people and for other people who are also afflicted similarly; look at all the people there who are from Northern Africa and so forth, who are *dying* by being drowned in the Mediterranean Sea, drowned! Killed! In other ways! So it's not just the Greeks. There is a larger population which is subjected to mass-killing. And the nations of Europe, by more or lesser amounts, the proper nations of Europe, have failed. Russia has not failed; Ukraine has failed, miserably. It's been a murder operation, not because of the Ukrainian people, but because of the Nazis! And

because the Ukrainian organization is dominated by Nazis, that is, actual heirs of the legacy of Adolf Hitler; and that's a problem.

But the problem, of course, is that there is no effective organization in Europe now to secure any part of the proper European nation. None.

So therefore, our object has to be to look at the whole picture, and how we can solve this problem. We have people coming, crossing the Mediterranean Sea, the whole area, and they're dying; they're dying *en masse*. They're being killed *en masse*. Yes, the Greeks are being killed; but what's happening to the Greeks is something that's happening to other parts of that community. Africa, same thing.

So therefore, what we need is a more comprehensive view, of how we're going to do that. Well, we've got a chance there. For example, we have two areas. You have the trans-Atlantic area, and we have the Russia-China area. As to the Russia-China area, China is really a very powerful force right now. What has happened to Russia, Russia has undergone a reconstruction which is very impressive, and the problem is, we have to bring together those forces which are positive, as a united force throughout much of the planet. That can be done!

And put simply, that can be done. What China is doing, is a miracle! What Russia is doing, despite the damage that was done to Russia in earlier periods, is also moving in that direction.

So we have the option, if we decide to do so, to create a global process of economic recovery throughout the system. We can do that. So I think the point is, we have to—rather than looking at things from the negative side as things that have to be beaten down because they are negative things—we actually have the ability, if we organize properly, we have the ability *to change the character of man's destiny* in a positive way. And that's not just some part, it's the whole business.

And the space program, the reconstruction of the space program that Obama destroyed, is the key to working with China, with other parts of the world, to bring about a *rapid economic development*, which is needed so desperately, now.

What Makes a Real U.S. Citizen?

Question: We have another question which came in from the Internet. It's from a young gentleman named

— He's kind of searching for words here, so I'm going to characterize it a bit, he says, "Mr. LaRouche, I am a 31 year old man who has come to realize he is ... a modern day serf." Then he cites various things from U.S. history and he's basically asking, where is the nail in the coffin for the original intent of the United States? He's trying "to piece together the real story" of our nation and he greatly appreciates our movement and our "quest for the truth."

So, he's asking you to say something about what the core is of what makes a real United States citizen, as opposed to what we have today?

LaRouche: I can give you an example. First of all there was a whole period, Franklin Roosevelt had a great achievement; when the Republican Party took over the control of Franklin Roosevelt's organization, then there was a degeneration in general. And the FBI was the institution which became most prominent, as a destructive force, to destroy the productive powers of labor, in all senses of the United States. ... I was privileged to be brought into a key role of the Reagan Administration. It was an arrangement; it happened before Reagan was actually installed. But I was involved with another scientist, a major scientist; I was involved, and the two of us were the center for a space program of a very special kind. And we had got to the point, where one of my roles was in particular, at that point, to get Russia to make an agreement on the use of nuclear weapons; that is, to end the conflict of nuclear weapons usage between the United States and Russia. I did that. And other people backed that up.

President Reagan did very well, because he was building up his organization at that point. And at the point that I was involved in doing the supporting role, for his development of his organization.

This was what we did then, and it's what we can do again, maybe not the same way, not quite the same thing, but the idea, the principle of that exists. And that's the way to look at it.

We had a great chance. But then Reagan himself was subjected to an attempted assassination, from which he suffered for an extended period before he was able to get back to full force. And shortly after that, I was dumped into prison, too. So I've been through that kind of thing, I know this kind of thing; I've experienced it, I've seen it. I've seen it around the world. I've had fun all around the world, in things I've done in various parts of the world. So I'm fully aware of these things. ...



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Will we be zombies, or inquirers and builders? Yes, we can change the character of man's destiny. Above, photographer Michael Bentley captured what he called "Zombies watching TV." Right, students at McKinley High School in Washington, D.C., study chemical reactions.



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I've been out of prison for quite some time, and I'm probably one of the oldest surviving men still functioning today! But the issue is, what I've known and what I do know, will solve the kind of problem which is most urgently needed not only for the United States but for the population of the planet as a whole.

We're going into space. We're going into space more than what people would understand as "space." We're going to move great masses of water, floating out there, outside the passage of Earth. We're going to go into larger areas of the Solar System, and we're going to do that. We can and we shall do it. It's an extension of the space program; we'll do it. And what we have to do is say, "well, there's only one thing you can do, do that. Do that, and then all the good can become available to you."

From the Jan. 30 Manhattan Town Hall Meeting

Lyndon LaRouche: We're going through a crisis of the nation which has no precedent, so far. And we're going to have to deal with things we're not accustomed to, and we're going to have to adapt ourselves to it very quickly. So, let's get into it, because I'm sure that those things that I just indicated, will appear as factions and fractions on the discussion we're going to conduct today.

Question: Hi, good afternoon everybody. Lyndon LaRouche, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity. I spoke to you before. My name is M—T—, and I worked as a liaison engineer at the Grumman Aerospace Corp., between ground support equipment and the vehicle. And, I'm very interested to see that we're going to have another space program like we had with the Lunar Excursion Module (LEM).

At one time, Grumman was hoping to get the Space Shuttle, but apparently Rocketdyne had a little better proposal; and secondly, Nixon was President at that time, so Nixon, being from California, it went to California.

So, I would like to ask a question: are we going to have another space program, like we had with the LEM program at Grumman Aerospace Corp.?

LaRouche: That was a very convenient thing for you to say, because that's exactly what's on my mind. The point is that, remember Obama destroyed the space program. He was the one who purposely did it. And people became stupid because they didn't have a space program. We had an inspired people in the United States earlier, and also internationally, with the space program. *And Obama shut it down.* And, it shut down the minds of people; it shut down everything of optimism in life.

And we see the results that have happened to the people of the United States today. Look at the number

of people who are committing suicide-directly or indirectly—they're going into suicide; and children, young people, are going *into* suicide, and that is exactly what affects the United States right now.

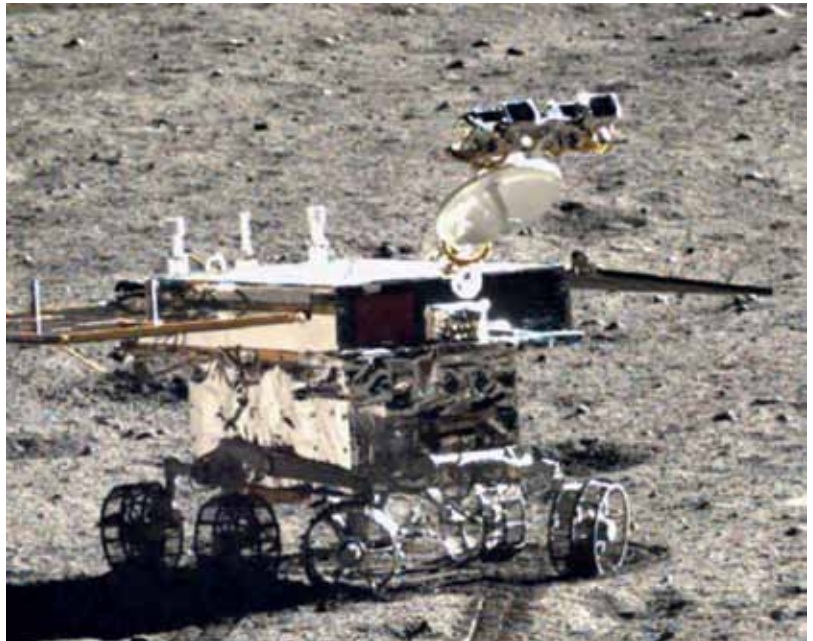
And, therefore, one of my leading issues is the space program: Why? We have a member of our organization (Kesha Rogers), whose feature [?] is Texas. And, she is an excellent person, a very skilled person. And, she's back on the picture. Because now we're bringing in the question of the space program, again. And the space program is the secret of the mechanism by which we could bring the United States, and other parts of the world, into a recovery.

Question: Hi Lyn, it's Alvin, here in New York, as you know. Over the past few days you've been talking about how we should be shaping the institution of the Presidency. That's how I'm understanding the work we are doing now, around knocking off the two useless potential Democratic candidates, and moving and thinking that it has to be done in those terms.

But what I'm thinking about over the past couple of days, is how to get rid of Obama, because there's no guarantee we make it to 2016. And two, I just read that Senator Murphy, a Democrat from Connecticut, spoke recently at the Council of Foreign Relations. While he put it in diplomatic terms, he very carefully laid out the involvement of the Saudi monarchy and the murderous campaign they're doing in Yemen. . . .

So this has to do with the 28 pages. The heat, you keep pointing out, is building up, that the Saudis are running into problems. How significant are Senator Murphy's remarks, even though, Obama is never, unfortunately, mentioned by name? So is this movement continuing to grow? Is there anything we can believe in that? Or just in general, what do you say about what I've just laid out.

LaRouche: I would say we have to get rid of Obama, and I would say that one of the factors of the process, which will do that, is we have a member of our organization who played a leading role in her own earlier life, and we are now going to recreate the space



The Chinese plan to mine Helium-3 on the Moon, anticipates its use in nuclear fusion power plants. Here, the Chinese Yutu rover on the Moon's surface in December 2013.

program. Obama shut down the space program. Obama's shutting down the space program caused the most catastrophic effects on the population of the United States ever since that time. Now she was very active in terms of the space program, defending it, and she's still there. And she understands that program. So, my view is, we have people who do have those kinds of credentials, that they have devotion to causes, which are essential to the people of the United States in general. And that's what we are doing. She's going to get back into that thing.

Before the space program was shut down, she was very influentially active supporting it in that area. As a matter of fact, her achievement of recognition was largely a result of her role in dealing with the space program. And she was part of the center of concentration on the space program at that time. She was a member, a voter, a supporter of it. But she played a very important role, and she was promoted to a relatively high rank, as a candidate, as a result of this operation, the relationship she had to the space program.

Now, my concern is that we have to get the space program actually going. Why? For many reasons—many essential reasons—it's not just one reason. What we have to do in order to get rid of Obama; the way to

deal with it, is to deal with the space program business.

And maybe we can get some other Texans to come back to their senses and do something about that. We are relying on her to do what she has been trained to do, to be a supporter of the promotion of the space program. And the space program is a crucial part of the global policy of the United States. And that's the way I'm looking at it.

Question: Hi. R— from Brooklyn. As I reported to you on Thursday night, we were doing a Dump the Trump campaign on Wednesday, and we also put heavy emphasis on restoring Glass-Steagall, as well as the need for a more extensive space program, and the New Silk Road program. I'd like to know if there are some more irons you would want to put in the fire.

LaRouche: Yes, sure. Let's take one. There are many particular instances for this case. There are many parts of this issue. All right, one of the things that's happening is in the space program. Now China has a space program, and this program was to build up a Moon policy, that is, to develop the Moon. And this is very active still, today, in China. It's crucial, not only in China, but is crucial internationally.

And, when you go into this area, and finally not only does the United States go into space, but it goes into space with a very specific purpose, which is to understand what the other side of the Moon is. Now that has never been done before, except for certain experimental attempts. But that program of the space program, which is the Moon policy, and which is planted already as the intention of China—if that goes to work, once the landing of people or equipment substitution for people gets done on the back side of the Moon, you're going to see the beginning of a real revolution in space. So let's do it!

Question: Good afternoon, Mr. LaRouche. New York City hot spots, replacing our public telephones, that you can see from 34th Street to 14th Street on Third Avenue, are going up. And they are called LinkNYC, and although they are called "municipal," yet they are privatized, taking about \$10,000 monthly, to allow advertising.

The question is, can LaRouche Democrats look into the privatization that makes us peasants, and the public assets that makes us patriots?

LaRouche: Well, I don't see any problem here. I'm

all for it, the results. And I will do everything I can to get rid of the bums who stand in the way of progress.

See, the problem here is to understand mankind. And people talk about what human beings are, what they mean and so forth, a lot of it's a little jazz. It is not the real point. I mean, because mankind is not what most people think mankind is.

Mankind actually has to be a creative force which does what no other species can do, with the creative powers of the human individual. And the problem is that the creative powers of the human individual are being suppressed, and have been suppressed. And what we have to do is get our rights back again in that thing: the ability to take charge of progress. Like the Moon shot. We don't know what we're going to find on the Moon. We have some intimation as to what may come on the back side of the Moon, but we haven't actually looked at it. We know some of the things that happen from there. We know some of the relations, which happen between the two. But we've never seen it, at least not to my knowledge.

And therefore the point is that mankind, by achieving the goals of the space program, which include, crucially, the role of the back side of the Moon, opens up the gate for mankind to discover the fuller meaning of the Solar System. And that's the freedom of mankind.

Overcoming Fear

Question: Hi Lyn, this is — in Manhattan. It was actually suggested to me, but it makes sense, I think, to talk about how most of America, in a way—and I guess by extension, it's really the world—is living through a Shakespearean tragedy of the likes of *Hamlet* right now, where the question is, as we've posed, everybody's learned FDR: "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself. . . ." If in fact we are able to understand the universe, understand humanity, understand history in the sense that we can overcome our fear of doing what needs to be done, that then solving the problems themselves is not all that daunting.

And one of the examples that was suggested to me was Joan of Arc, the idea that she was betrayed, that she was subjected to the greatest amount of physical pain, that she was betrayed and more than that the humanity of the citizens of France were betrayed. And yet the idea is that she was in no way tragic, but she was truly human, truly heroic.

Now, in terms of thinking about that, I also reflect



Dennis Speed: With the scientists, musicians, and teachers who are coming around us, we have the capability to build the kind of organization that you, I believe, want to see in Manhattan. But doing it definitely takes your way of thinking.

on the tragedy of *Hamlet*, wherein, at the beginning of Act V, Shakespeare shows us the graveyard scene, Hamlet picks up the various skulls; he talks about Alexander the Great, he talks about Julius Caesar, he talks about his friend Yorick when he was young and he comments, looking at the skulls, about all the great things they did in their lives, for all of the impact they had on society while they were alive, asking: Is this all they are now? Enough dirt to stop up a hole in the wall or a beer barrel. And I think Shakespeare's showing us that Hamlet has no conception of the true definition of humanity, which is the complex domain which is fulfilling a mission in terms of what lives on after you; what you accomplish through what you contribute to society that creates a better future while you are alive.

And so, it seems that maybe it would be ideal for you to comment on that, because it seems like right now there are, for all of the tragedy that we're experiencing and for all of the opportunities for disaster that we have in front of us, we also have even more opportunities for success if we can just get past this idea of thinking about our physical lives right now, and saying, "what is our mission as human beings, and what is our mission as humanity as a whole?" So I would appreciate it if you could comment on that.

Thank you, Lyn.

LaRouche: If you go back in history, and you had a great composer of science in 1377, and he actually created, almost out of himself, the greatest discovery in physical science that had ever existed to my knowledge during that period. Here he was, surrounded by people who were great pretenders, and he would just invent everything; he produced everything. And then he died in the course of time.

But what happened was that the legacy of Brunelleschi, his legacy was one of the most powerful forces in the creation of modern science. And therefore, you find that in the course of life there are people who are sometimes able to contribute more or less greatly, in discoveries of things. And what I'm talking about is the fact that most people who are practical, people who have deductive methods, who have mathematical methods in the ordinary sense, they usually are failures.

Brunelleschi was not such a failure. He was intrinsically creative. And then, in the course of life, he died. But those who followed him, including Nicholas of Cusa, who was one of the followers of this kind of work that he had done, opened the gates for a great triumph. But what happened at the beginning of a new century, evil came in. And what Shakespeare was involved in, was trying to fight against that evil. He understood that evil. And he was fighting against it. And what he did, and what followed from that, from other sources in the same thing, this was the basis on which, the progress of mankind was created by *some people*—by some people, when most of the people, were incapable of accomplishing anything very useful.

And therefore, we have to depend on developing people, young people, and other people, who are intrinsically creative, and who will see through the folly of popular opinion. And popular opinion is the greatest threat to the existence of humanity on that account.

Question: Hello, Mr. LaRouche, this is H— from New York, and we did have some fun this week making fun of Donald Trump, who could have about as much corruption as you could have in one person! And I was also thinking, in reference to the space program, about the corruption of Obama, in that he gave the space program money to this billionaire from the Amazon corporation, this fellow Bezos, and another billionaire formerly from PayPal, Mr. Elon Musk, from South Africa or something; and they got the space program and totally messed up. Then when they mess up nobody seemed to care.

Another thing: this week I got a reaction from a friend of mine in Guatemala. There's a certain article in the *Washington Post*, but this is about a certain situation in Venezuela, which is not exactly our idea of a good government; but on the other hand this *Washington Post* writer seemed to have such sadistic joy in the way Obama and other people are destroying Venezuela and destroying the government and creating chaos.

So I think what's more interesting than Venezuela, is the mentality of these people in the *Washington Post* to just get such joy in destruction. I don't know if you would comment on that.

LaRouche: I can only make one economic statement on this subject: What's happened is mankind has been reduced into folly. Folly is a nice term for that, it's a polite word. I won't use the other word, but you can imagine for yourself what that might be. And the problem is we have whole nations in which the dominant forces in nations, the dominant cultural trends in nations, are degenerate. Europe is full of degeneracy; France is degenerate. Italy has been driven into degeneracy. Spain is degenerate, Portugal is degenerate. Much of the whole region of Europe is degenerate.

Now, what's the point? The point is, what're we going to do about it? And the question is, who can we find who will actually take the action *needed*, to eliminate those follies which threaten humanity now? It means you have to commit yourself to devotion, to *changing* things to get the evil of the stupidity out of the system. And the problem is, most people are so afraid that they won't undertake that mission. They would like to enjoy the mission, but they don't have the guts to do it.

And that's my experience in life. A lot of things I've tried to do, but I find very few people in society, who are willing to fight the *guts* issue, which I am familiar with.

Question: Good afternoon, this is Jessica from Brooklyn. And a little bit in line with what H— just said,

I was thinking about the idea that you were proposing concerning this whole thing being part of the population issue, taking away the population, a genocidal program. And I think if we really see it in that light—a lot of us still don't see it that way—but the entire thing is to depopulate the entire world. And it shows itself up this

week in Michigan; they had a situation where they're taking, or most of the water supply that, I think, used to be from the lake, now they're trying to get that water supply from the river, which is polluted. And this is something that they knew was going to happen, and then they act surprised that there's lead in the river, and people are starting to get sick!

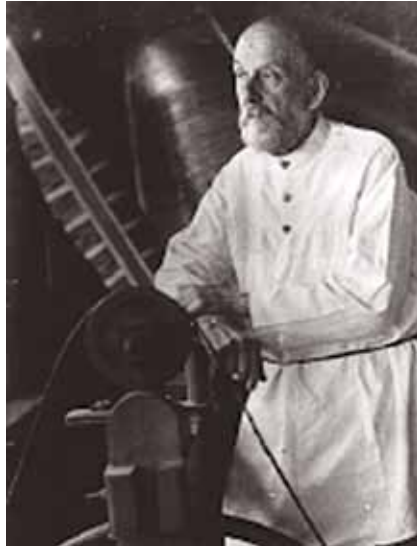
So we see that there are various things going on that are already known about, but people go along with these programs and don't know exactly what's going on, or why they're doing it, or why would you switch it in the first place. So if we really understand that everything is connected to the genocidal policy, almost all the things that are going on, are to depopulate. So we have to get Glass-Steagall in there, in order to make it clear to people that there are these connections;

that if we *don't* change the way these things are going, none of us will be alive, even before they blow us up, you know, in the nuclear thing. [laughter]

So, if you could comment on that?

LaRouche: OK, well, I understand exactly what you're saying, and I'm sympathetic on that question. But at the same time, I'm more devoted to fighting, knowing that you have to fight, fight to achieve things that are needed by humanity. And I've spent most of my life fighting against people on that basis, on issues. And the only thing I think I've really ever accomplished has been to recognize how stupid most of my fellow human being have been. And I try to cure them of that stupidity.

Speed: During the course of the first 20 minutes, I was thinking of the space program, and I realized that you were saying something which we can actually immediately act on. Because, as you remember, back in September, when we had the press conference over at



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the United Nations, Tom Wismuller was there, we started a whole fight. . . .

Now, then, we have the music program that you keep emphasizing in Manhattan. And I wanted to say something here, because while we had that discussion on Sunday, you referenced something—you didn’t say it exactly, but I want to say it—John Sigerson and Diane Sare, the combination that we had with that, and the musicians that have come together around this, represents—because of the work that was done, specifically that you inspired around the *Music Manual*—the whole question of the issue of tuning, this was a position on behalf of truth, a scientific position on the question of beauty as well, but the point is, we have that as a core. We have a process. . . .

So, between the scientists who are beginning to come back into play, the musicians, and some teachers, it’s clear that if there’s a clarity about what you’re talking about on the issue of the Presidency, Obama, and what we’ve got to do now, we actually have the capability to build the kind of organization that you, I believe, want to see in Manhattan. But doing it definitely takes your way of thinking. And I’ve experienced, now over six months, seven months continually, this process where there’s a correction, correction, correction—and as that happens, things happen.

So I don’t know if you want to comment *per se*, on what I just said, but I wanted to say that, and certainly ask you, given our assembly here today, and things we are all committed to, if you have anything either in

comment on that, or a conclusion for us here, now.

LaRouche: All I can say is, that everything I do in this connection, everything I’m proud of doing, everything I think is worthwhile that I’ve done, is all based on that conception. And it’s to try to contribute to mankind, to get mankind to *grow up*: that is, to realize what mankind can mean, what the future of mankind can mean.

And the only principle is there, you know, we all die. Everyone dies. So the question is, what can be the result.

Let me just explain something in this thing, because it is very special: Mankind is of a different nature than most people imagine mankind to be. You know, most people think of people growing up, getting born, growing up and so forth; well, that’s a nice story, it’s a

nice fable, but there’s something else going on. It’s the development of the powers of mankind, of the human species, the powers of mankind, to create the future—by whom? By people who have not yet been born. And it’s the development of little children who have almost no knowledge of anything, but somehow under certain conditions the children that we give birth to can impart, create the future beyond anything that mankind has accomplished hitherto. And that is the peculiarity, of mankind.

The true peculiarity is, that if you can generate in a child—who’s born but who you never knew—but this child actually made a contribution to the future of mankind, *that* is the purpose of mankind; is to discover born children, who succeed even beyond their own parents’ achievements, to create something new for humanity, through their self-development. And this is the real genius of mankind.

No animal can do that! No animal can do it. Only children, and not all of them, but at least a few them. And that’s what mankind depends upon. That’s the principle of mankind, that we have the future in our hands, from children who will outwit us, in terms of their achievement. Sooner or later, they’ll come around to it, like Einstein. Einstein’s a perfect example of this case. He was a creative person who died probably prematurely in a sense, from various considerations. But Einstein has been the model of the child who grew up. [applause]

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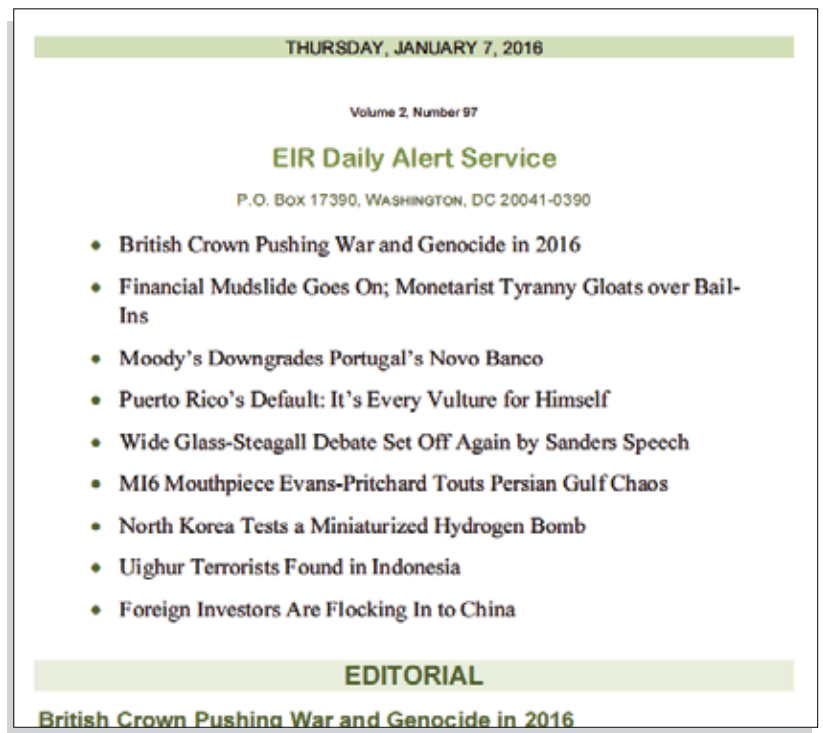
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