

Greetings From Iraq's Dr. Ahmed al-Kubaisi

Sheikh Dr. Ahmed al-Kubaisi, founder of the Iraqi United Patriotic Front and a leading Islamic scholar in Iraq, sent this message of greeting to the conference. It has been translated from Arabic.

In the name of Allah the Merciful and compassionate, first of all we send our warmest greetings and deepest appreciation to Mr. Lyndon LaRouche, for his efforts to establish peace and justice and equality among all nations. But most of all, we appreciate his efforts to save the United States from the forces threatening it from the inside.

Secondly, we greatly appreciate his stands on the issue of the occupation of Iraq, and his objective and deep insight, and also his caring, for not only the interests of the United States, but also of the people of Iraq.

We as an Iraqi people, will have no problems with America, if it brings the true representatives of the Iraqi people to represent them, in talks with the United States.

We will not accept U.S. attempts to appoint spies and intelligence agents, as partners, presenting the case of the Iraqi people to the U.S. government. We are deeply concerned about the future of Iraq under the current policy. The most important, and sensitive issue now, is that Iraq should remain a unified single country, one Iraq, as it has always been, with no differentiation among its people on the basis of religious, sectarian, or ethnic background.

We were brought up with the idea that the United States was the ideal for establishing a human, humane, prosperous, and just society. This conviction was further strengthened when President Eisenhower made the great American stand in insisting, in an uncompromising, unhesitant, and firm manner, that the British, the French, and the Israeli armies should get out of Port Said, Egypt, in 1956. Eisenhower did this, in spite of the fact that Egypt's President, Gamal Abdul Nasser, had deep disagreements and disputes with the U.S. administration. Eisenhower was acting to defend the honor of America, and its philosophy and mission.

If America had kept to that course, the oppressed nations of the world would have voluntarily asked the U.S.

to come to their aid, without war or occupation.

Here, I would like to recall an anecdote, which was commonly known in the Arab world in the 1950s and '60s. It goes like this: People of a poor and divided Yemen had had enough of the oppression of the tyrants ruling, and of poverty. So they met together to find a solution. They finally came to an agreement, to call on the U.S. to come to their aid, and rule them. But one of them asked: "What if the Americans refuse to come?" They replied: "Well, we would launch a war against them, so we can force them to come here and take care of us."

The same person asked again: "But suppose we won the war? Suppose we defeated them. What would happen then?"

And everyone said, "No, no, no. We have to make sure that we lose. We can't afford to support all those millions of Americans."

America was the ideal for many of us Muslims and Arabs, but it has fallen. It has fallen on the altar of Israeli tyranny and the fabricated lies used to justify the occupation of Iraq. This has forced people to reconsider their previous convictions about the United States. The officials in America should know, that there is not one single nation on the face of the planet today, which trusts and respects the United States today, and what those officials pronounce as their love for freedom and justice.

This collapse of the United States saddens us, as Arabs and Muslims, probably more than it does Americans. But we are hopeful. We are hopeful that change will come soon.

The cry which has been issued by Mr. LaRouche, will resonate and echo everywhere, despite all of the pressures and opposition he has been facing. It will definitely reach everyone, and make them respond.

We, like Mr. LaRouche, believe in the dialogue of cultures and faiths. We believe that monotheistic religions all agree on the same basic principles. To be sure, there are differences, but in Islam, we say, difference is a virtue. We should not compete around faith. We should work together to reach the intended goal set for us, by the Creator of the Universe: Peace, justice, and prosperity will inevitably become the norm in this universe.

We pray for your continued good health, Mr. LaRouche, and may Allah help you, and make your efforts, and those of the people with you, a success.