

# Cheminade: A Mandate To Lift Europe From Crisis

*Jacques Cheminade, leader of the Solidarity and Progress party in France, and an associate of Lyndon LaRouche, used the words of Gen. Charles de Gaulle to declare, after the “no” against the financial oligarchy, “the harsh joy of taking responsibility.” Cheminade, who played a major role in catalyzing the mobilization of the “no” vote, headlined his May 30 statement with this slogan from de Gaulle. The statement follows:*



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The rejection by the French people of the European referendum-ultimatum brings to a halt 35 years of neo-liberal drift and promotion of unemployment. We have received a mandate to bring life to Europe so that it can face up to the world crisis. By providing an overview, we will be able to mobilize the people. The international circumstances lend themselves to this. In the United States, between May 21-23, Democratic and Republican lawmakers stopped a coup d'état by George Bush, Vice President Cheney, and Karl Rove, aimed at imposing a Presidential dictatorship. The imperialists and neo-conservatives have been weakened. The Franklin Roosevelt tendency, revitalized by

Lyndon LaRouche, has been reinforced. The coup, and with it the effort to impose a preventive nuclear war strategy in foreign policy, has been temporarily halted.

There remains, however, both here and there, the need to give positive content to the Resistance. In the world, the crisis in the hedge fund and real estate markets, will reveal, over the June financial deadlines, the extent of the crisis in the monetary system. This will be the moment to rise up for change. This will be the moment to again found Europe, but not on the basis of diplomatic arrangements and bureaucrats.

We propose:

1. To re-establish a program of research and heavy investments able to create 20 million skilled jobs by devoting 10% of our GDP;
2. To create the conditions for financing this, beyond taxes and borrowing, via mobilizing public productive credit issued by a system of national banks, accountable to the citizens;
3. To build a Europe of fatherlands and citizens via a Eurasian Land-Bridge policy, integrating Iraq and China, with Turkey and Russia as the links.

Any thought of forcing France to vote a second time, or to implement the Constitution only in those countries which ratified it, or to renegotiate the rejected text, would be all insults to the universal right to vote. Let us re-read the “Edge of the Sword” of de Gaulle, and “The Modern Republic” of Mendes-France, Leibniz and Carnot, Friedrich List, and the text of the Treaty of Westphalia. Europe needs reference points and enthusiasm and a movement that can change the conditions of struggle on a world scale; it needs to bet on the future and not on this odd petty institutional fix.