

# British Empire Tries To Ban LaRouche From Australia

by Allen Douglas

A collection of the British Empire's assets in the nation of Australia have launched a crusade for sweeping state and federal "electoral reform." Its stated intent is to "eliminate corruption" by outlawing all private contributions to political parties, in favor of public funding alone. But their real motive is to wipe out the associates of American statesman and physical economist Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. in Australia—the Citizens Electoral Council (CEC) and the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM). A mass-based political party, the CEC is funded entirely from private, mostly modest contributions from individual Australians who see LaRouche as the only hope for their nation and for the world; and who, for instance, since July 2007 have funded and distributed 2 million copies of the CEC's newspaper *The New Citizen*, featuring LaRouche's webcasts and writings, in this nation of 21 million people.

For a look at *real* corruption, by contrast, Australia's two "major" parties, the ruling Australian Labor Party (ALP) and the Liberal Party/National Party Coalition, exist only on financial life support from the country's British-tied banks and large corporations, for which they have rammed through the British imperial agenda of globalization, privatization, and deregulation, which has devastated Australia. Aside from eliminating LaRouche's associates, "public funding" means the British-tied financial oligarchy will no longer have to subsidize its ALP/Coalition flunkies, but will force the public—the average citizen who is getting looted—to pick up the tab, in the form of the taxes they pay.

Beginning in January, the CEC and LYM unleashed a political firestorm by organizing thousands of local government councillors to put pressure on the federal government to pass LaRouche's Homeowners and Bank Protection Act (HBPA), in a nation wracked by a more severe housing and foreclosure crisis than even that of the United States. But, disruptive as those efforts clearly are to the British controllers of Australia, the present attempt to ban LaRouche's associates Down Under, like all the similar attacks over the past two decades, don't stem from anything inside Australia. They flow from a single strategic reality: that LaRouche is spearheading a New Bretton Woods-centered grand design to defeat the British Empire's present plans for war, genocide, and a global fascist dictatorship.

In the current "showdown" environment, defined by the collapse of the global financial system and London's determination to crush the nations of Russia, China, India, and the United States, in all of which LaRouche's influence has either reverberated, or, as in the U.S.A., often been decisive, the British are more enraged at him than ever. As previously, they have chosen LaRouche's associates in Australia as one "target of opportunity" to strike back at. Australia, after all, in its political, financial, and corporate structures remains a Crown Colony in all but name, a reality highlighted by the pedigree of those now plotting "electoral reform."

## Murdoch's Media Empire

Under public electoral funding, each political party will be granted funds based upon the percentage of votes received in the previous election. But those votes are notoriously determined by the mass media, dominated by Rupert Murdoch, a protégé of now-deceased British Empire press czar and Hitler supporter Lord Beaverbrook. Murdoch's press empire determines who is "newsworthy" or "credible," and thus, largely shapes the outcome of elections, a matter of bitter complaints in Australia for decades.

Under the proposed public funding tyranny, no new political force could ever emerge in Australia, nor, more to the point, could the entirely privately funded, LaRouche-associated CEC survive. According to ALP national secretary Tim Gartrell, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's ALP federal government is "studying" the public funding option in its upcoming "Green Paper" on electoral reform, while the Greens party issues almost daily harangues on the subject. Some major corporations have just announced that they will withhold funds for the ALP and the Coalition, to force such legislation through. Since both parties are shells lacking an actual mass base, they could be quickly stampeded into passing it.

The man leading the charge for this "reform" is New South Wales Premier Morris Iemma, who is now trying to enact such legislation in his own state as a national precedent. Iemma owes his political career to the Anti-Defamation Commission (ADC) of B'nai B'rith, nominally, a Jewish civil rights organization, but actually, a front for Her Majesty's Privy Council, the ruling body of the British Commonwealth/Empire. The ADC has sponsored every attempt to drive LaRouche's associates in the CEC out of Australia over the last two decades, in at least one of which Iemma personally participated. The ADC's ruling board bespeaks its royal ties, being largely composed of former governors general—the Queen's personal representatives in Australia, one of whom sacked the popularly elected nationalist Prime Minister Gough Whitlam in 1975—and former prime ministers. The three most senior of the lot hold the rank of privy councillor: ADC advisory board chairman, the Rt. Hon. Sir Zelman Cowen, former governor general, and knight grand cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (one of the highest of the Crown's "chival-



## Only LaRouche's Homeowners and Bank Protection Bill Can Save Australia

April 12—American statesman and physical economist Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. checked his international webcast audience on July 25, 2007, when he proclaimed that the world monetary system was already then crashing, and that nothing short of reorganizing the entire system could stop that process.

"The world monetary financial system is actually now, currently, in the process of disintegrating," LaRouche told his listeners, among whom were members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate and their staffs, along with many state and local elected officials. "There's nothing mysterious about this; I've talked

mental and sudden change in the world monetary financial system will prevent a general, immediate chain-reaction type of collapse. At what speed, we don't know, but it will go on, and it will be unstoppable!" Within two weeks of that webcast, the so-called "subprime lending crisis" exploded, followed by existential crises in one sector of the global financial system after another. By year's end, no reasonable person could deny LaRouche's assertion that the entire system itself is finished.

LaRouche, or the City of London?

To deal with this otherwise uncontrollable, chain-reaction

a Federal agency to place the Federal- and state-chartered banks under protection, and to freeze all existing home mortgages; 2) it freezes all foreclosures, and permits homes to be retained with monthly rent-equivalent payments to designated banks; and, 3) it gives state governors the administrative responsibility for implementing the program, while the Federal government provides the necessary credits and guarantees to ensure the transition. (See p. 7 for full text.)

Any attempt to bail out the tens or hundreds of quadrillions nominal value of mortgage-backed securities (MBS), asset-backed commercial paper (ABCP), collateralised debt



Lyndon LaRouche, Jr. (left) LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) is spearheading the drive that U.S. and in Australia, to stop home foreclosures and to erect a firewall against the global financial collapse. Above: The LYM organizing in Melbourne.

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ric" orders); the Rt. Hon. Sir Ninian Stephen, former governor general, knight grand cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George; and the Rt. Hon. Malcolm Fraser, longtime Liberal Party prime minister. Still another board member, former New South Wales Premier Neville Wran, has mentored Iemma's career.

### A Long War vs. the American LaRouche

Shortly before LaRouche's associates in the CEC opened their national office in Melbourne, in October 1992, ADC spokesman Isi Leibler, supporter of the Jewish fascist Vladimir Jabotinsky, and member of the Order of the British Empire (OBE), warned that the LaRouche movement "would become the most disruptive political force in Australian history," unless measures were taken to stop it.

One such effort was the ADC's attempt over 2001-02 to have the CEC de-registered as a party. ADC chairman Paul Gardner argued in a submission to federal parliament that the CEC should be banned because it is the "unabashed mouthpiece of Lyndon LaRouche in Australia," whose republican "objective is to undermine the very political system that gives it succor." The essential issue, the submission continued, was the centuries-long fight between the British Empire and the United States of America: "In a sense, the whole LaRouche scenario [for replacing globalization with a New Bretton Woods] is a replay of the American War of Independence. It is

up to an America enthused with his ideology and practice to defeat the machinations of the British-led Oligarchy."

Concurrently, Iemma, then minister for public works in New South Wales, testified against LaRouche and the CEC in the New South Wales parliament, spouting the usual ADC line that "LaRouche claims to believe Queen Elizabeth is involved in drug trafficking, Henry Kissinger is a British intelligence agent," and that the CEC is just like the Ku Klux Klan. He also complained, as ADC spokesmen invariably do, that "the LaRouche-affiliated organization, the Citizens Electoral Council, raised more money than the Australian Democrats," then regarded as the nation's third- or fourth-largest party.

Besides attacking LaRouche, Iemma is a fanatic advocate of "public-private partnerships" (PPPs), and is now

involved in a drive to privatize his state's publicly owned \$15 billion electricity industry, against overwhelming opposition from the trade unions and the New South Wales electorate in general. Already, he has declared that the chief beneficiary of the privatization will be the Sydney-based Macquarie Bank, the world's leader in PPP looting (see *EIR*, May 9, 2008). Macquarie was established in Australia in 1969 as an arm of Britain's imperial Hill Samuel Bank, and holds the lucrative concessions for several of Sydney's major tollroads, among other things. The previous New South Wales premier, Bob Carr, Iemma's close friend and longtime boss, is on Macquarie's payroll as a "consultant," for \$500,000 a year.

### The Australian Housing Crisis And LaRouche's HBPA

The City of London-dominated political, banking, and corporate structure of Australia has spawned an epidemic of home foreclosures even more severe than that of the United States. A February study by JP Morgan Fujitsu consultants found that 300,000 "severely mortgage-stressed" Australian families faced foreclosure within the year. Only weeks later, the firm updated its estimate to warn that 300,000 families could be on the streets within *six months*! One hundred thousand Australians are homeless, reported Australia's Welfare 2007 a year ago, and over 1,000 families lose their homes every week. Australian homeowners have a debt-to-income

ratio of 175%, topping even the U.S.A.'s 130%, while the Demographia International Housing Affordability Survey cites Australia as the least affordable nation for housing in the world, given that Australian families spend 6.1 times their annual income for housing (3.6 times in the U.S.A.). Repossession writs are skyrocketing in and around Sydney, the nation's largest city; and across the continent, in Perth, the capital of the "mining boom" state of Western Australia, 10,000 are homeless every night, amid heart-wrenching stories of poverty and hopeless conditions for children, elderly, and those with severe health problems. And, if anything, the crisis is often worse in rural Australia, ravaged by free trade and the government's refusal to build water infrastructure in this drought-ridden continent.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's government has shown only indifference or cynicism. "Australians should resign themselves to the fact that housing will never be affordable," proclaimed the Reserve Bank's recent housing report, while the Bank's deputy governor Ric Battellino told a parliamentary committee that mortgage stress rates are "exaggerated." A Treasury official echoed Battellino, saying that even though the housing crisis is "the worst on record" and 750,000 homeowners will be under mortgage stress in coming months, by paying over 35% of their income for housing, they are "not necessarily struggling." Rudd's pathetic, corporatist solution to the problem is to hand out government subsidies to the private sector to build a measly 50,000 houses over five years (later expanded to 100,000 but over *ten years*), with only 3,500 in the first year.

Into this disaster strode LaRouche's associates in the LYM and the CEC in early January, when they initiated a campaign to contact the nation's 6,500 local councillors in all of its 600 councils. To date, some 4,000 councillors have been contacted and 270 have endorsed the CEC/LYM resolution demanding that the federal parliament implement LaRouche's HBPA immediately. (The HBPA is known as the HBPB in Australia, the final initial reflecting the fact that legislation is a "bill" until parliament passes it as an "act.") Six councils have formally endorsed the resolution and 100 more are debating it.

The LYM has spearheaded the drive, making presentations to council meetings, and in countless individual meetings and discussions. Following one presentation, the council's CEO wrote to the LYM, "On behalf of Council, I take this opportunity to thank you for your deputation on Monday, February 4, 2008. Council was impressed with your presentation and resolved to 'support the Homeowners and Bank Protection Bill of 2008, as initiated by economist Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. to enact emergency legislation to keep people in their homes and avert social chaos.' To this effect, I enclose a copy of Council's resolution and wish you and your colleagues every success in progressing the issue further through the Citizens Electoral Council of Australia."

The CEC escalated the campaign on April 14 by releasing

500,000 copies of its newspaper, the *New Citizen*, under the banner, "Only LaRouche's Homeowners and Bank Protection Bill Can Save Australia!" The paper features the legislation, a list of the councillors who have signed, and maps which depict the action (or inaction) taken by local councils in every state, accompanied by marching orders to pressure local councils and state and federal MPs; to circulate the *New Citizen*; and to contact local media about the HBPB. The paper also carries an "HBPA map" of the United States, to emphasize the international nature of the fight.

### **With America, or with the British Empire?**

There is a strong pro-American System tradition in Australia, beginning with the arrival in 1788 of the First Fleet, many of whose "convicts" were pro-American Irish or Scotch political prisoners; through Prime Minister John Curtin's break with the British during World II to ally with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Gen. Douglas MacArthur; into support for LaRouche, today. The British, on the other hand, aside from looting the country, are using Australia as a base to attack Asian nations. For instance, a Jan. 30 article in the Melbourne *Herald-Sun*, headlined "UK eyes new role in Asia," reported that "Britain will relaunch itself as a power in Asia with the help of its former colony, Australia, under its biggest foreign policy shift since the Cold War. British Foreign Secretary David Miliband said the balance of power in world order had shifted from West to East, placing nations such as China, India and even Australia at the forefront of global influence." Wary of publicly betraying Britain's real schemes, Miliband "stressed it was not about trying to recreate the British Empire of the 19th century"; but, the article concluded, "It is a grand departure for the UK, which in the past has been Euro-centric, with the former Blair government declaring just a single outside 'bridge' to the U.S. The policy shift will see more resources poured into Asia"

Then, British Trade and Investment Minister Lord Digby Jones, on a mid-April visit to New Zealand and Australia, let slip the British strategic goal of destroying the United States, and of dominating Asia. "The 19th century belonged to my country, and the 20th century belonged to America. The 21st century belongs to Asia," he proclaimed, even as he boasted that London is the "world financial capital." He called for Britain to be a major part of Australia's "drive into Asia. Britain is fortunate to have a former colony working so successfully with Asian businesses," he gloated to *The Age* of April 3.

Since he took office in December 2007, the Fabian Society-owned Prime Minister Rudd has been hyperactive, promoting British imperial schemes, including global warming; attempting to oust Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe; expanding the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and offering Australia as a base for British-orchestrated U.S. missile defense schemes aimed at China and Russia.