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Tribunal exposes rise of fascist state in U.S.

More than 200 people from four continents and many walks of life gathered in Crystal City, Virginia on Feb. 25-26, for a meeting of the international Martin Luther King Tribunal on Crimes Against Humanity. The conference constituted a united front to prevent the consolidation of fascist police-state rule in the United States. Attending were representatives of constituency groups under attack—farmers, minorities, the military, East European emigrés—plus international guests.

The central focus of the proceedings was the effort to free Lyndon LaRouche and six associates, who were imprisoned on Jan. 27 on orders from a “secret government” apparatus operating through the U.S. Justice Department. In the speeches to the tribunal which we publish in this *Feature*, you will find documented the shocking story of how Henry Kissinger and his cohorts threw out all the protections and guarantees of the U.S. Constitution in order to jail LaRouche. You will also find the call of Helga Zepp-LaRouche for an “Operation Florestan,” a worldwide campaign to free her husband and his colleagues, on the model described by Ludwig van Beethoven in his great opera *Fidelio*.

The conference documented how the legal system of the United States has been subverted and twisted, to allow such travesties as the 15-year jail sentence for LaRouche, who was never charged with any overt crime, but only with “conspiracy.” If the treatment of LaRouche is allowed to stand, then no American is safe from similar treatment. And if America enters such a Dark Age, what other nation has a chance?

Other presentations to the tribunal showed why LaRouche was targeted, and how other groups and individuals are under similar attack:

Peruvian Senator Josmell Muñoz, secretary of the Peruvian Congress and a member of the ruling APRA Party, reported that because LaRouche has represented the ideas of development, and has fought for the Third World, all of Peru is on its feet in support of the movement to free him. “Ideas cannot be jailed,” said Muñoz, but “can reach out, like light, through the prison bars. . . . Do you think they will be able to silence LaRouche? No! That’s why we’re here. There is no American politician who is concerned so much about the fate, not only of the

INTERNATIONAL MARTIN LUTHER KING ON CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY



International panelists Gen. Friedrich Grunewald (ret.) of West Germany (left) and Senator Josmell Muñoz of Peru, with Renate Müller-DePaoli of West Germany seated. Following the tribunal, General Grunewald and Senator Muñoz visited Mr. LaRouche in prison, and Muñoz vowed to raise the issue of LaRouche's mistreatment before the Peruvian Senate.

U.S., but of all of this hemisphere." The Bush administration "must either pardon LaRouche or be branded as a government against freedom, democracy, and life."

West German Gen. Friedrich Grunewald (ret.) pointed to LaRouche's role in developing the Strategic Defense Initiative as one of the major reasons the Establishment wanted to put him in jail.

Dr. Jean-Michel Dutuit, a paleontologist from the Paris Museum of Natural History, said that LaRouche's ability to "energize our passion for knowledge," as an "antidote against all forms of control of the human mind" may be why he's been put in jail, and whether or not mankind enters a new epoch of slavery may be determined by the outcome of his case. He said that LaRouche's enemies "are trying to lock up ideas," because "LaRouche has been an awakener."

In a panel on "The Fight for Dignity and Third World Development," presentations were made by **Davison Budhoo**, former official of the International Monetary Fund; **Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole** of Zimbabwe; **William Nezowy**, president of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations; **Dr. Geza Eles**, Director of Communications for the World Hungarian Federation; and **Dr. Frederick Wills**, former foreign minister of Guyana. Dr. Wills called on the audience to mobilize to prevent a descent "into the darkest of ages, into an unimaginable winter." Rejecting any idea of "reforming" supranational financial institutions like the International Monetary Fund, he called the IMF "the chief instrument of Satanic forces."

The threat of fascism to all Americans was brought powerfully home to the audience in the panel on "The Administrative and Juridical Witchhunt Against American Constituent Groups and the Defense Industry."

Farmers **Larry Young** and **Mr. and Mrs. Gary Keller** told how the Farm Home Administration is driving farmers out of business for the purpose of reducing food production, while violating farmers' fundamental rights. **State Senator Andrew Jenkins** of New York described how black politicians all across the country have been subjected to witchhunts and FBI frame-ups.

Civil rights leaders **O.G. Christian** of Philadelphia and **Amelia Robinson** of Tuskegee, Alabama, a close colleague of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, compared the courage the civil rights movement needed, with what is required to free LaRouche, and save America from destruction, today.

Graphic case studies in police-state methods against the defense and intelligence community were given by **Kevin Zondervan**, an aerospace engineer, and **Commander Richard Marcinko**, a retired founder of the Navy Seal program. **Air Force Col. Fletcher Prouty (ret.)**, who ran special operations for the CIA up until 1964, described in a videotaped presentation how LaRouche's prosecution because of his ideas, was similar to that of Socrates.

In a panel on "The Fight Against Satanism," expert testimony was presented by **Diane Daskalakis** of Plymouth, Michigan, founder of Citizens for a Better Education; **Constance Combey**, author of *The Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow* and *The Planned Deception*; and **Dr. John Grauerholz**, a former medical examiner.

The tribunal unanimously passed two resolutions, one to Pope John Paul II, calling on the Holy See to intervene on LaRouche's behalf, and the second to governments, parliaments, and jurists, warning of the imminent danger of a fascist police state in the United States.