

LaRouche movement mobilizes to ‘Stop the Confederate Coup’

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In response to Lyndon LaRouche’s warning, that the outcome of the ongoing “Confederate coup” against President Clinton will determine the fate of the United States and the world, the movement he heads internationally launched an all-out international mobilization to stop it. On New Year’s Eve, a million-run flyer, titled “Stop The Coup Against President Clinton,” began circulating nationwide in the United States, in English and Spanish, and in English and French in Canada; thousands more are being distributed internationally, especially in Europe and Ibero-America, where LaRouche is widely viewed as America’s leading economist and statesman (see box).

The leaflet outlines the strategic nightmare confronting the world, likening the ongoing coup in the United States—with the same British and Wall Street backers—to the 1932-33 coup in Germany which brought Adolf Hitler to power. It calls on citizens to “mobilize as you have never mobilized in your life! Let a thunderous chorus sound in all of the United States, in the meeting halls and in the streets, so that the fear of God is put into the treasonous slaveowner-mentality Confederates and their lackeys, so that they don’t dare to sell out this country. Stop the coup against President Clinton! Your life depends on it!”

A second, key piece of ammunition in the fight, which is also receiving nationwide circulation, is a Special Offprint of LaRouche’s two recent *EIR* articles, “Al Gore and Adolf Hitler” and “Why Expose Gore’s Record Now?” accompanied by background material. With the coup aimed to bring Vice President Gore into the Presidency, LaRouche activists are mobilizing to get this crucial documentation on Armand Hammer protégé Gore, into the hands of every leader. On Jan. 7, a copy of the leaflet and offprint was hand-delivered to every mission at the United Nations in New York City.

LaRouche activists have gotten the leaflets and offprints to Americans across the nation, at street-corner rallies, union halls, city halls and state legislatures, and at press conferences, and town hall meetings. Associated Press put out a national photowire of the rally and banner in Sacramento, California on Jan. 7, and the wire was picked up in a daily in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The most positive response is from

African-Americans and trade unionists, who are fed up with the Confederate coup, but in both cases, the question of Gore’s role is often hotly debated—until people really digest LaRouche’s writings.

Shaking up nation’s capital

About 50 anti-coup activists, from up and down the East Coast, held an aggressive rally on Jan. 6, the day the Senate opened, on the East Lawn of the Capitol Building, and followed it up by descending on Senate offices to lobby. Despite U.S. Park Police attempts to cordon off the rally into a fenced area, demonstrators spilled through the fence and surrounded the media sharks who had gathered in front of the Capitol for the impeachment proceedings. The demonstration had been well publicized in that morning’s issue of the *Washington Times*, whose “Inside the Beltway” column featured a picture of Gore with the caption, “Vice President Al Gore’s possible ascendancy to the Presidency has some people alarmed,” and a short blurb advertising the rally.

With sound system blaring and huge banners screaming “Don’t Let Gore Coup Clinton,” the demonstrators quickly attracted the media’s attention, and also attracted a lot of supporters, as well as detractors, among the onlookers. They then took off to confront Senators from New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, demanding that the elected officials hold town hall meetings in their districts to listen to their constituents—who *don’t want* Clinton impeached. The Senate trial must be about “finding out who is behind this coup,” not Bill Clinton, they told their Senators.

‘Get Bill Clinton exonerated’

Two days earlier, on Jan. 4, an explosive press conference was held at the New Hampshire state capitol in Concord. With a full press corps in attendance, former New Hampshire State Reps. William McCann and Roland Hemon, both Dover Democrats, and Roger Ham of the Schiller Institute, presented a compelling call to stop the coup against President Clinton. The press conference received widespread, straightforward coverage in both electronic and print media.

Representative McCann, who is an executive board mem-

ber of the New Hampshire Service Employees International Union and president of SEIU Chapter 41, spoke first: "I'm very concerned about the coup d'état going on in our nation's capital. I agree with my friend [U.S. Rep.] Tom Harkin, that it's time to stop talking about censure, and time to get Bill Clinton *exonerated*." (Iowa Democrat Harkin received wide labor support in the 1992 Presidential campaign in New Hampshire, and has been speaking out forcefully against impeachment and censure.)

"This farce has been brought to us by the Republican Party and is a disgrace to our country," McCann continued. Referring to the "Confederates" who lead the GOP in the House and Senate, McCann charged that they are "trying to remove a popularly elected President, the first Democrat since FDR to be re-elected President. These Republicans claim they are upholding our nation's Constitution, but are they? . . . I fully support a full trial, like Senator Harkin, and our own Sen. Bob Smith," McCann said. After reviewing the long

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The following leaflet, dated Dec. 31, 1998, is being circulated by the hundreds of thousands in the United States and around the world. Its title is. "To The Citizens of America! Stop The Coup Against President Clinton!"

The despicable coup attempt in the treasonous tradition of the Old Confederacy against the American people, against the U.S. Constitution, and against the U.S. Presidency must be stopped, or else everything you have worked for during your entire lifetime, and everything the Founding Fathers, Abraham Lincoln, and Martin Luther King worked for, will have meant nothing. There will be no United States if the impeachment, or even censure, against President Clinton goes through.

The world is on the verge of going to hell. We are now in the process of the systemic disintegration of the world financial system. The real intent of the British-steered coup against the Presidency is to destroy the possibility, once and for all, that the President of the United States can take steps to overcome the financial crisis and the Depression, as President Franklin D. Roosevelt did. The British and their Confederate allies in the House and the Senate want to turn the republic into a British-style parliamentary system. They want to turn America back into a British colony.

It gets worse. We are right now on a course toward thermonuclear war. As a result of the manipulations of "Mad Bomber" Tony Blair, the British Prime Minister, working in cahoots with Republican Party agent Al Gore, who presented President Clinton with the *fait accompli* of the strike against Iraq while the President was in the Middle East, the world is now confronted with nuclear Russian roulette, where the use of Israeli nuclear weapons could become the trigger point for a general nuclear war.

Against that reality: What a farce is the threatened trial

against President Clinton! All charges against him are totally fraudulent in character. It all started with a British Intelligence operation around scribbler Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, well-documented in 300 pages of documentation by the White House about the so-called "Media Food Chain." Then the Whitewater scandal led to the Paula Jones scandal, which led to the Monica Lewinsky scandal, which now is supposed to lead to the destruction of the U.S. Presidency!

The whole world knows that this is a coup, and is agonized because this unfolding tragedy has the most far-reaching strategic implications. If the United States is destroyed in the middle of this global crisis, what will happen to the rest of the world?

If you understand the full historic and strategic dimension of the tragedy—the immediate danger of a meltdown of the financial system in the coming weeks, the danger of a rapid degeneration into World War III—it is obvious that Al Gore, a close friend of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, is de facto an agent of the same forces who put Hitler into power in 1932-1933. As a matter of fact, the British are running the same kind of coup against the United States which they ran against Germany in 1932-1933 by toppling the von Schleicher government and bringing in Hitler. In the middle of the new depression of 1999, the result would be rapidly the same, and worse.

Have you ever said or believed in the famous "Never again!"? Are you an American patriot? Will you stand up and defend your country at a moment in which a war of aggression—which is what these despicable impeachment and censure threats are all about—has been launched by the British enemy?

Then mobilize as you have never mobilized in your life! Let a thunderous chorus sound in all of the United States, in the meeting halls and in the streets, so that the fear of God is put into the treasonous slaveowner-mentality Confederates and their lackeys, so that they don't dare to sell out this country.

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history of the attempt to bring down Clinton, McCann urged citizens to call their Senators and demand that a full trial be conducted, and that there be no censure vote.

Representative Hemon, who is president of VOCALS (Victims of a Corrupt American Legal System), spoke next: "The impending impeachment trial in the United States Senate is the result of a lynch-mob, Ku Klux Klan psychology of the U.S. House." He called the House impeachment process unconstitutional, because Clinton was deprived of his rights against self-incrimination, and reviewed why the actions which Clinton is accused of, do not rise to the level of impeachable offenses. He referred to the impeachment as the "disenfranchisement" of Americans who voted for Clinton, and called for a Federal class-action suit for civil rights violations under the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, against Congressmen who voted for impeachment. An audience member immediately offered Hemon \$25 to be part of the suit, which requires only \$125 and five participants to be filed in New Hampshire.

Roger Ham then detailed LaRouche's analysis of the history of the coup, comparing it to the British-instigated coup that brought Hitler to power in the 1930s. He concluded by outlining the policy alternatives LaRouche has presented, in the proposals for a New Bretton Woods and development of the Eurasian Land-Bridge.

Meetings, lobbying stir to action

Town hall meetings began Saturday, Jan. 3, in New York and Washington, D.C., with dozens in attendance, and have been growing every since. Activists are also covering many newly opened state legislatures with literature.

In Norfolk, Virginia on Jan. 5, fifty people heard Portsmouth Central Labor Council president Steven Whitehead and Schiller Institute spokeswoman Suzanne Klebe address the crisis and LaRouche's proposals for action. Whitehead affirmed that Clinton "did nothing wrong and nothing should be done to remove him." Clinton was elected with a mandate to build industry and infrastructure, Whitehead said, and although he has failed to do this so far, he has the capability to do it, and his Republican opponents will never do it. "You should make sure there's no impeachment, so Clinton can act on his mandate," Whitehead said. He also noted that Clinton is getting the kind of treatment usually reserved for trade unionists and African-Americans in this country. Klebe's presentation, demonstrating the parallel between the Gore coup and the Hitler coup, provoked a wide-ranging discussion.

An Austin, Texas town hall meeting Jan. 4 was followed by a full lobbying day at the state capitol on Jan. 5. Every legislative office and all the statewide and Federal elected officials were delivered the anti-coup materials; organizers reported that both Democrats and Republicans received the literature with great interest.

Former Nebraska State Sen. Don Eret, who ran a feisty campaign as the Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress in

1998, joined a team of activists to lobby the opening of the Nebraska legislature on Jan. 6, sporting big red stickers reading "Clinton—yes, Gore—no." They got anti-coup materials to more than half the legislature and all the statewide elected officials.

In Minnesota, two individuals braved below-freezing temperatures on Jan. 4 to leaflet the crowd gathered for the inauguration of the new Governor, Jesse Ventura.

The largest-ever attendance at a Baltimore weekly chapter meeting of the LaRouche movement—57 people—jammed into the office to hear LaRouche's national spokeswoman Debra Freeman give a rousing presentation on the content of LaRouche's paper, "To Defeat Impeachment, You Must Defeat the New Confederacy" (see *Feature*, in this issue). Freeman's presentation was videotaped for "The LaRouche Connection" cable broadcast. Afterward, people took 30,000 leaflets to distribute during the week.

In Philadelphia, a town hall meeting on Jan. 6 with about 50 people, including several Democratic committee members, was addressed by State Rep. Harold James (D-Phila.), who is also chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus, and by Schiller spokesman Phil Valenti. After Valenti delivered a strategic briefing, drawing on LaRouche's latest paper, Representative James elaborated on the theme of a "New Confederacy."

"They haven't accepted the results of Clinton's election today, just as the original Confederates didn't accept the results of the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860," James said. Reviewing the broad fight to save the Presidency, James noted that even such developments as the mid-term election defeat of Conservative Revolution Republicans and the subsequent resignation of Newt Gingrich, were not sufficient to stop "this minority that is determined to overturn the election."

He also urged the audience to subscribe to the LaRouche movement's weekly newspaper: "In this battle . . . the *New Federalist* played a crucial role, providing accurate information and news to grassroots community leaders and elected officials, who otherwise would be at the mercy of the mass media."

In Detroit, on Jan. 8, State Rep. Ed Vaughn (D-Detroit), a member of the Legislative Black Caucus and chairman of the Constitutional and Civil Rights Committee in the Michigan House, was joined by prominent Flint civil rights attorney Max Dean and Detroit attorney Bill Lewis for a press conference, rally, and march to Cobo Hall, where President Clinton was speaking.

Other town hall meetings and press conferences planned for the first part of January include: In Washington State, former State Rep. Dennis Dellwo (D-Spokane) addresses a Seattle emergency town meeting Jan. 11. Nevada Black Caucus chairman Sen. Joe Neal (D-Las Vegas) keynotes a press conference on Jan. 13 in Las Vegas. In Cleveland, leading civil rights attorney Stanley Tolliver will speak to a town hall meeting on Jan. 14.