

## Editorial

# *'Busholini' Rushes Toward Downfall*

President George "Dubya" Bush, in his national tour to whiplash the Congress into immediate passage of his inflationary tax cut, has escalated into whiplashing the labor movement as well. The manner in which Bush made the escalation, combined with his rigid insistence on protecting the super-profits of the Texas-based energy conglomerates, shows Bush charging straight ahead toward both a Mussolini-styled fascist regime, and toward the early wreck of that regime in the swamp of economic depression.

The Ides of March are come. Lyndon LaRouche warned in his Jan. 3 webcast, that if Bush's nomination of John Ashcroft as Attorney General were not stopped, a swift transition from "conservative" to fascist would threaten, as the economy collapsed. LaRouche described how Hitler's first Chancellorship in Germany made that rapid transition, under depression conditions, between early January and late March 1933. He also forecast that by this Ides of March, "Dubya" would already be wrecking his administration on the rocks of the plunging U.S. economy.

In making a public, "campaign-style" declaration of war on the airline unions, Bush clearly intended to play to the image of Ronald Reagan's destruction of the air traffic controllers' union in 1981-82. It is a sign of the disastrous, underlying axioms of thinking which Bush shares with many American citizens, that he regards this as part of Reagan's "success." In economic policy, President Reagan "succeeded" only in hastening the ballooning of huge budget and trade deficits, junk bond and derivative disasters, and the deregulation and destruction of the U.S. industrial economy begun by Jimmy Carter and Paul Volcker. Bush senior, as President, further exacerbated that process.

But, "Dubya," inheriting an economic crisis of awful dimensions which he clearly does not want to understand, and basing his administration on the likes of Ashcroft's support, is repeating Reagan as a farce. He is stumping manically and mindlessly, to force through his inflationary tax cuts immediately, pass anti-

industrial and anti-labor legislation, and now to use "emergency powers" to eliminate the right of the airline unions to strike against the constantly growing airline conglomerates. He is insisting on more radical deregulation of energy industries, which are already in an inflationary blowout because of deregulation.

The airline "emergency powers," announced by a "hyped-up" President in a North Dakota stump speech aimed against Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.), are a particularly ominous new step. Bush announced them as an arrogant "blank check" protecting the airlines against any and all future strike threats. There is clearly no threatened airline "strike emergency." Bush's announcement does not address the inadequacy of air traffic control facilities, the ongoing disappearance of once well-known airlines into the maw of the few remaining giants, or the escalation of fares. The sole purpose of the President's announcement was to "project power" against the Democratic opposition and the working population, power to ram through and/or "declare" measures which are worse than useless in the face of the economic collapse. (Bush's own political-financial links to Northwest Airlines, the immediate beneficiary of his "emergency order," are more than a footnote.)

The only useful thing the President could do in this crisis would be, in a sense, what Herbert Hoover finally did—to admit failure and to cooperate with a Democratic leadership guided in principle by FDR, to undo the damage of failed policies and rebuild the economy from the wreckage.

Bush will not do so willingly. What the Democrats must do, is accept the leadership of the one figure to whom this economic collapse is a complete vindication, and who represents the Rooseveltian path out of it—Lyndon LaRouche. In a March 21 webcast from Washington, "The First 60 Days," LaRouche made it clear how the Democratic Party has to fight, under his leadership, to cure "Busholini" of his illusions, and stop a complete economic disaster.