

Center and the Pentagon were unfolding, Lyndon LaRouche presented the thesis that an operation on this scale, and with this degree of precision, could only have been coordinated by criminal elements within and around the military and security apparatus of the United States itself.

The fact that sources in French intelligence have now not only adopted this thesis, but have begun to elaborate it with a plethora of questions concerning the many features of the Sept. 11 events that simply do not add up, has the greatest possible bearing on the current debate on whether Bundeswehr [German army] troops should participate in military action in Afghanistan. For, if the primary movers behind the attacks are *not* bin Laden and Islamic terrorist circles, but rather are circles in the U.S.A. itself, then, obviously, the entire rationale for invoking Article 5 of the NATO treaty, would crumble to nothing.

More important still: If, as *Reseau Voltaire's* Sept. 27 issue put it ("Informational Note 235-236"), it were to turn out that this attempted military coup was "carried out by American extremists who were capable of provoking a nuclear war," then, obviously, this would need to be thoroughly investigated, and would require a major debate on security policy. An extremely important question in this connection, would be to determine precisely what motivated Russian President Putin, immediately following the attacks, to telephone President Bush to inform him that Russian nuclear forces had *not* been put into a heightened state of alert.

At a time such as today, when it is a question not merely of the vote on whether to deploy the Bundeswehr, and not merely of the future of the Red-Green [Social Democratic Party-Green party] coalition government in Berlin, but rather, of Germany's most vital security interests, it is these matters which must be placed at the center of all discussion. What we urgently require, is a sober analysis of the entire situation, drawing upon the knowledge of experienced forces in our military and security sectors.

Appendix:

Sept. 27, 2001: The monthly French newsletter *Reseau Voltaire* writes on its website (www.reseauvoltaire.com) that "extremist American circles attempted on Sept. 11 to carry out a military coup against the U.S. government." In its full printed text, *Reseau Voltaire's* Sept. 27, 2001 issue goes so far as to state that:

"From 10:00 a.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. [on Sept. 11], U.S. government officials were not thinking that this was the work of Arab terrorists, but rather that it was an expression of a military coup being carried out by U.S.-based extremists who were capable of provoking a nuclear war."

Oct. 16: *Reseau Voltaire* publishes information on secret financial connections between American circles and bin Laden. Among these are mentioned the infamous Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI), which had already been deeply involved in the Iran-Contra affair.

Oct. 31: The French newspaper *Le Figaro* reports on its front page, that official U.S. circles had ongoing relations with

Osama bin Laden up through July 2001. This information is confirmed the following day by the French government-controlled station Radio France International.

Nov. 12: France's leading daily *Le Monde* takes up the threads of the same story, by prominently running an extensive review of the book *La Verité interdite (The Forbidden Truth)*, whose two authors are well-connected to French intelligence and government circles. The review, titled "When Washington Negotiated With The Taliban," reports on how, prior to Sept. 11, the Bush Administration was engaged in intensive negotiations with the Taliban.

What is crucial about these media reports, is not whether they match the truth on every single point; what is crucial, is their intention to halt the process of a surreptitious coup in the United States that began with the Sept. 11 events. There are many political circles—not only in France, but also in other European countries, and in Russia—who know that the attacks on New York and Washington were not a "terrorist attack," but rather a political operation of truly staggering strategic dimensions.

LaRouche Featured In The Arab World

by Muriel Mirak-Weissbach

The views of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., regarding the significance of the Sept. 11 events, as well as broader strategic and economic perspectives, are receiving coverage in leading media in the Arab world. On Nov. 4, the Egyptian national TV Channel 2 and the international Egyptian Satellite Channel, both state-owned, broadcast an interview with LaRouche, hosted by Sanaa Mansour, a "grand dame" of Egyptian journalism.

LaRouche was presented as "the American politician who foresaw the terror attacks in the U.S.," and a Democratic Presidential candidate in the 2004 elections. He was asked about his forecasts of the terrorist attacks, and his explanation of them. He said, "What I expected was some outbreak of major terrorism in the United States, focussed on Washington, D.C.," based on "our knowledge of the preparations, by an international terrorist organization, of the kind of attack on Washington which exceeded what had happened in Genoa, Italy, at the summit there, previously. . . . So that showed us that there was a high-level commitment to produce a terrorist-type disruption of the U.S. government, by late September. That was then called off after the attacks of Sept. 11, but I would say there has to be, ultimately—there is a relationship between the two."

Regarding the perspectives for the anti-terrorist coalition to win in Afghanistan, and to capture Osama bin Laden,

LaRouche said: "It couldn't occur. This thing was a piece of folly from the beginning. It was actually a response, by the U.S. government, to a provocation from inside the United States, by people, obviously, who intended that the United States should join with Israel, in launching war against Israel's Arab neighbors. And by those who, like Zbigniew Brzezinski, are committed to what is called a 'Clash of Civilizations,' as a geopolitical operation in Asia.

"One has to remember, to understand this, that the attacks in the late 1970s against Afghanistan were taken at the admitted instigation of Zbigniew Brzezinski, who called it the Arc of Crisis, which is one of his earlier versions of the clash of civilizations. That was the geopolitical operation then, and is the geopolitical operation now. So what's happened is, you have the bombing of Afghanistan under the pretense of chasing Osama bin Laden, who could not have done what was done—he could not be not responsible for it, incapable—as a way of trying to compromise, so as not to bomb Lebanon, not to bomb Syria, Iraq, and so on, which is what the faction behind this kind of thing, wants.

"They want the Israelis, backed by the United States, as in the Desert Storm war of 1990-91, under the pressure from Israel, to start a clash of civilizations war. And that is what the issue is here.

"If you want to shut down al-Qaeda, you have to shut down the British, American, and Israeli backing of what was called the Iran-Contra operation. They control it. As long as you have people in Britain, in the United States, and in Israel who continue to play with this kind of organization in Africa, in the Middle East, and elsewhere, it is going to continue to exist. Whether Osama bin Laden lives or dies is irrelevant. This thing was created by the Anglo-American interests, with Israeli collaboration, and as long as it continues in operation, it will continue. Chasing one man is not going to eliminate it."

LaRouche concluded, describing the world economic recovery program, which is the centerpiece of his U.S. election campaign, and the role of Egypt in Eurasian development.

On Nov. 7, a well-known Egyptian historian, Dr. Abduladhim Ramadan, echoed LaRouche's views in an article published in *Al Gumhuriya*. The greatest tragedy for the American administration today, he wrote, "is that nobody in the world believes its allegations that bin Laden is the culprit behind the Sept. 11 attacks, for the simple reason that the crime, from the standpoint of planning and preparation, was of a level which is beyond the capabilities of a terrorist like bin Laden." He continued: "The crime, as it was conducted, looks more like a well-prepared war plan, planned by military professionals with a high degree knowledge, competence, and experience." He stressed that "by pointing to bin Laden from the onset, the U.S. administration has covered up the real perpetrators of the crime forever. Even if the current investigations declare bin Laden as not guilty, the administration would not admit that, because its military preparations have gone too far already."

Qatar, Kuwait

On Nov. 8, the Qatari-based Al-Jazeera satellite channel website, which claims 41 million visits per day, ran a review of LaRouche's ideas, as reported in a Kuwaiti publication, *Al-Mujtamaa*. The magazine focussed on LaRouche's assertion "that the perpetrators of these incidents are internal American forces." The article cited "major American politician Lyndon LaRouche, the Democratic Party candidate for the next elections in the U.S.," who said at the end of July, that due to the worldwide economic crisis, "there are forces inside the U.S. and Britain (including Brzezinski) who want to trigger a world war to prevent the new, current shifts in Asia." To stop this war, which would be a "war between Islam and the West," LaRouche was cited saying, "We have to stop such a war before it breaks out. Therefore, we have to stop Sharon in Israel first. And we have to secure peace in the Middle East."

The magazine continued with LaRouche's post-Sept. 11 comments, saying that the attacks had been "set up, created in a period of overwhelming financial and monetary crisis in many countries. This operation was not conducted by any force from outside the U.S. . . . It is possible that individuals from other countries were used in this. But those who conducted this operation are forces from inside the U.S. Their aim is to create a coup in the administration, and to drive the U.S. into war. These forces are prepared to run new operations to reach their objectives. They will provoke the population into pushing the administration to war. We have to stop that."

The paper concluded with a warning: "All that one fears is that this political personality could be targeted for assassination, because he possesses such a level of daring which, without any doubt, is annoying many forces in the United States of America."

Palestinians' Shaath Makes Plea For Peace

by Carl Osgood

The world has changed considerably in the past 14 months, and even more so since the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. One thing that hasn't changed is the desire of the Palestinians to realize their national aspirations, and that was on display in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 9. That day, Nabil Shaath, Minister for Planning and International Cooperation in the Palestinian Authority, delivered an address, at the Brookings Institution, which was an eloquent plea for peace. He called for effective participation by the United States in finding that peace, and for Israel to give up the violent, oppressive means it has used against the Palestinians since the Second Intifada began in September 2000.