

Editorial

A Cheney Victory Is Unthinkable

“We have a situation in which the nominee, Kerry, must occupy the White House by election in November. . . . We’ve got to get him elected. Because the alternative is unthinkable.”

—Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.
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Many observers are “in shock” that Lyndon LaRouche, who has forthrightly criticized the errors of the Kerry campaign, has decided that he, LaRouche, and his Youth Movement, must ensure that Kerry is elected. These observers either do not understand the stakes in this Presidential election, or they are just not serious about saving this country.

If Dick Cheney and George Bush are re-elected, this world, *and* the United States, are headed for a descent into war and depression of such horrible proportions that no living person has ever seen the like. Just look at what Cheney’s crowd, and his puppet President, have in process.

First, there’s the escalating war in Southwest Asia, in which the Administration has apparently decided to throw all caution to the wind, and to detonate a new wider set of wars—against Iran, and more—over the immediate period ahead. The fact that this offensive is touching off a wider clash of civilizations, between the West and the Muslim world, doesn’t bother them at all, even though the immediate result has been an oil price headed toward \$50 a barrel, and thus a new blowout on the world markets.

Second, there are a series of other targets for the new “imperial” United States, which Cheney and his backers have in mind. There’s a build-up toward a confrontation between China and Taiwan, which knowledgeable intelligence officers have assured *EIR* is on the agenda if there’s another Cheney Administration. There’s the confrontation with Russia, whose beginnings can be seen in the provocative behavior of Georgia’s new President, Michael Saakashvili, who is wholly beholden to Western financial interests for his position. Not to mention the possibility of military action against other “small” countries, in Ibero-America

and elsewhere.

Third, there’s the prospect of a total overthrow of Constitutional law within the United States itself, as presaged in the all-out drive for the expansion of the Patriot Act, the brazen defense of torture and other outrages against those rounded up in the so-called war on terrorism, and the constant “terror alerts,” which have verged on creating states of siege in various cities of the United States.

Do you want to see the outbreak of thermonuclear war? Do you want to see the establishment of a dictatorship in the United States? Are you prepared to be a slave in the new global fascist imperium, which the bankers behind Cheney seek to put into place?

If so, you’ll sit back and let Cheney-Bush bludgeon their way into re-election.

Don’t think for a moment that we’re talking about a partisan issue here. For reasons related to the cowardly corruption in the Democratic National Committee, many Republicans are much more outspoken against Dick Cheney than the Democrats are. Especially Republicans who are connected with the military, but also just decent folks, are enraged at the way in which the arrogant Cheney has destroyed the strategic and moral stature of the United States, with his own drive for empire.

The good news is that, under the leadership of Lyndon LaRouche, working with members of the broad institution of the Presidency over the past nearly two years, Cheney has been exposed and politically battered to the point where he can well be knocked out, even before the Republican Convention at the end of this month. At any moment now, Cheney could even be indicted for his role in crimes such as the “outing” of CIA covert operative Valerie Plame, or corruption at Halliburton while he was its CEO.

But, should Cheney remain on the ticket, the task, as LaRouche has outlined it, is clear: The Cheney-Bush ticket must be defeated in the kind of landslide that will force the Democrats to once again take up the policies of Franklin Roosevelt. The alternative is unthinkable.