

## Editorial

# *Rebuilding a Looted Economy*

When economist and Democratic leader Lyndon LaRouche takes the podium on Jan. 11 for his next webcast, he will take up the topic of “rebuilding a looted economy,” most specifically that of the United States. Between now and then, the *dynamic* which LaRouche and his Youth Movement have created toward excising Dick Cheney from the White House, must be accelerated toward its inevitable conclusion, in order to make this rebuilding feasible. The good news is that this accelerating dynamic is well under way.

Cheney is already having one bad day after another, as a result of the multi-faceted assault against both himself, and the political machine on which he has relied. It is well known that his personal legal troubles, dramatized by the indictment of his Chief of Staff Scooter Libby, are not over—either on the Plame case, or the underlying fraud carried out on the Niger yellowcake scandal. Political pressure is mounting as well, thanks to his shameless insistence on opposing restrictions on the “right to torture,” which virtually all Americans and American institutions oppose. At the same time, each day is bringing another blow against his political enforcement machine in the U.S. Congress, as the nest of political operatives and money-men known as “DeLay, Inc.,” is being systematically torn apart, with various of the guilty parties determined to turn state’s evidence against their former cohorts.

It would be a mistake to see these developments as separate scandals. What is actually going on is a paradigm-shift in the United States, which has created a growing resistance, a coherent, unified dynamic toward pushing Cheney out, catalyzed by LaRouche.

As long as Cheney is in place, there is no way to force the Senate, or the Administration, to enact the measures required to rebuild the collapsing U.S. economy. The first step toward economic sanity, is the removal of the Vice President. When one Congressional aide expressed puzzlement over how this could be the case, a LaRouche Youth Movement organizer pointed to the case of Cheney’s company Halliburton, which has now moved to reap new plunder from the Gulf Coast states, in the same way that it has done in Iraq. The Congressional aide got the point.

Between now and Jan. 11, the sense of necessity for moving on the economic breakdown crisis is going to intensify as well. Recent reports indicate that now Ford Motor Company is about to join General Motors in announcing in the range of 30,000 more layoffs, and the financial vultures’ activity toward outright dismantling of this core of the machine-tool capacity of the United States is aggressive, to say the least. Desperate unions are moving toward a possible strike at the bankrupt Delphi, which remains intransigent toward maintaining its contract obligations. Simultaneously, the hyperinflationary shockwave process, driven by hedge-fund speculation and the panic of hedge funds on the verge of bankruptcy, is back in force, as LaRouche identified back in September. The survival of the financial system itself, is a day-to-day question.

The mobilization for the webcast thus must also take on the characteristic of a dynamic expansion, setting into motion a “new leadership” centered around LaRouche, and his proposals for retooling the auto industry. This process is already under way, particularly among the auto workers in Ohio and Michigan, where the LaRouche Youth Movement is circulating LaRouche’s Open Letter to Bill Ford, and on Capitol Hill, where the youth are engaging aides and Congressmen alike in discussion of how to *solve* the economic disaster they are facing.

LaRouche has warned that this mobilization for saving auto’s capabilities, and putting them to work in rebuilding vital infrastructure, must also take on and deal with the bankruptcy and reorganization of the Federal Reserve banking system. That is the only way in which sound credit can be generated in order to fund the capital investment for the retooling effort. Once that is done, the approach required is that which we describe in our Economics lead on Harry Hopkins: a no-holds-barred mobilization to get people to work rebuilding the country, with no delay.

If we do our job right, between now and Jan. 11, we will be well on the way to such a result by the time George Bush gives his State of the Union message. We have a mission over this holiday season, one that indeed will allow us to carry out the injunction to save mankind.