

Editorial

Time To Fight Fascism

Beginning at 6:24 a.m. Monday morning, Jan. 23, listeners to the most-listened-to station in Washington, D.C., will be jarred out of their drowsy state with the following message:

“Here’s Lyndon LaRouche, commenting on the Sam Alito nomination:

“ ‘Sam Alito: The man’s a liar. He’s a member of the Federalist Society, which now controls *four* of the nine Justices of the Supreme Court—and a *fifth* member is about to be confirmed.

“ ‘Carl Schmitt lived in this country, and influenced the formation of the Federalist Society. Carl Schmitt crafted the Adolf Hitler administration—and you would have *five* out of nine Supreme Court Justices *prepared to endorse a fascist government in the United States!* And you have Senators who should have more guts, who are waffling or being weak, in dealing with this fact.

“ *‘There is no honest debate, about bringing Adolf Hitler and his tradition into the government of the United States!’ ”*

This advertisement, sponsored by Lyndon LaRouche’s Political Action Committee, will be supplemented by an on-the-ground campaign, both within the nation’s capital, and around the United States, as members of the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) and other supporters of the Democratic Party’s most outspoken and courageous fighter against fascism, distribute hundreds of thousands of pamphlets against Vice President Dick Cheney’s “Schmittlerian” drive for dictatorship.

Nor will the mobilization be confined to the United States. Members of the LYM across Ibero-America and Europe have also launched an all-out mobilization to alert their populations to the danger of the Alito nomination, and to broadcast LaRouche’s message: “No debate about bringing Hitler and his tradition into the government of the United States!”

No sane individual anywhere on the planet can deny that the developments in Washington, D.C., around the Alito nomination, will be decisive for determining the shape of *world* politics for a long time to come. While the Cheney-Bush crew has used the 9/11 events to try to justify the imposition of fascist police-state measures over the United States, as well as the exercise of imperial wars overseas, they have not been fully successful.

Standing in their way has been the Constitution of the United States, which provides for checks and balances exercised through the Congress and the U.S. Supreme Court. At crucial points over the last four years, the Senate and the Supreme Court have both reminded the Administration of their constitutional prerogatives, standing up in opposition to the rampant abuse of power which has been exerted by the Executive. This happened during the confrontation over the so-called nuclear option last Spring, and over the issue of prisoner abuse as well.

But the Cheney-Bush Administration, acting on behalf of the Synarchist bankers who own it, has not conceded defeat. It is determined not just to push forward its will on particular issues, such as illegal wiretapping, and appointments to the Supreme Court. Cheney-Bush are driving for a *destruction of the U.S. Constitution*, and its replacement with the Nazi Carl Schmitt “principle” that “the leader makes the law.”

As LaRouche’s radio ad underlines the point, no one can claim ignorance of the stakes in this Alito fight. There are those within the Democratic Party who have felt compelled to mouth the line that Alito cannot be stopped, that the filibuster should not be used, that it would be “inappropriate” to go all-out to defeat the nomination of a Supreme Court nominee who, by record and his membership in the Schmittian Federalist Society, clearly subscribes to this fascist theory of law. Inappropriate to stand against fascism?

We saw such an attitude before, in 1933-34 Germany, where anti-Hitler Social Democrats and others decided to wait for the “right moment” to oppose Hitler’s drive for dictatorship. That “right moment” never came. The political parties and freedoms, and individuals, were liquidated by Hitler’s dictatorship, making the matter moot until the end of World War II.

We also saw this fatally flawed attitude back in January 2001, when Democrats refused to carry out a filibuster to stop John Ashcroft’s nomination as Attorney General, even though they had the votes to do it. Many later regretted not listening to LaRouche’s leadership then. Others said they would save the fight for a Supreme Court nominee.

Well, that fascist Supreme Court nominee has come. The time for fighting to win is *now*.