Editorial

Overthrowing the Bonds of Empire

The threat to human life represented by the possibility of thermonuclear war and genocidal economic policies casts a pall over the globe today, making many desperate and others depressed. Even those committed to fight find themselves at a loss as to where to successfully attack and defeat the cause of an existential crisis for mankind.

The solution lies, first and foremost, in recognizing the true identity of the enemy. In a recent reply to a questioner, LaRouche started from that foundation.

What we require, he said, "is the indispensable knowledge of the actual British (now Saudi-British) world empire. That necessary knowledge has been usually absent among most of the present leaders of the nations of the world. Even our own United States, since the 1763 Peace of Paris which established the de facto British Empire as a de jure new world empire, and which consolidated that British imperial system through the 1815 Treaty of Vienna, which was crafted through the schemes of Britain's Castlereagh and Metternich, often fails to recognize it.

"It is important to emphasize that an empire is the superior power which exerts top-down authority over a collection of subject nominally nation-state entities. The British seizure of control over the financial economy of the United States, with the inauguration of the British puppet-regime nominally under the puppet-President Andrew Jackson, wrecked the institutions of the United States repeatedly thereafter, leading to a recurring seizure of control over the government of the United States, a control which was periodically aided by the British empire's numerous assassinations of Presidents, such as John F. Kennedy, and his brother, the prospective President, Robert Kennedy."

Many Americans of sufficient age *do* recognize the downturn the U.S. has suffered since the killing of the Kennedys, the collapse into deindustrialization, permanent wars, and cultural depravity. But increasingly, they have no recollection, or access, to the ideas that once inspired the only real alternative to empire, the American Republic.

The United States republic was never perfect, of course, but its conceptual roots in the Platonic tradition of centuries before, was and is based on the vital truths which mankind needs to survive. Contrary to the much-touted "democratic" tradition of Jackson, the United States was based on a commitment to progress, the improvement of opportunities for the coming generations, not the immediate "popular consensus." That commitment was not simply the responsibility of the government, but of *every individual citizen*, who must exert him or herself to acquire the knowledge required to make the right decisions.

The British Empire insists, to the contrary, that citizens should leave those big decisions to its "expert" lackeys—and just worry about how to enjoy themselves, or to merely survive, day to day. The American patriots who built, and preserved, this republic disagreed, and gave us the opportunity to continue the fight.

In the final analysis, the issue still comes down to the British System versus the American System. To quote Henry Carey: "One looks to pauperism, ignorance, depopulation, and barbarism: the other to increasing wealth, comfort, intelligence, combination of action, and civilization. One looks to universal war; the other toward universal peace. One is the English system; the other we may be proud to call the American system. . . ."

Reviving that American System to defeat Empire—that is our mission.