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LaRouche Warns: Risk of Early General War

WIESBADEN, W. Germany, April 27 (IPS) — U.S. presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche warned that the world desperately needs the beneficial shock-effect of the abrupt dumping of U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger as part of the measures needed immediately to stop an impending general Middle East war and a NATO coup d'etat in Italy.

"Today's Middle East developments plus high-level intelligence on NATO coup plans for Italy," he said, "provide overwhelming evidence that both projected bloodbaths are very much on board at this moment. If both atrocities were to erupt during the same period, a chain-reaction of events leading rapidly toward probable thermonuclear war would be unleashed, despite any contrary wishful thinking in Brussels, Manhattan, Washington, or Moscow. My intelligence, crosschecked from sources in various countries, indicates that both horrors are currently due to occur during May!"

He stated, "All the signals are out for a countdown toward an approximate mid-May NATO-cloaked, Agnelli coup d'etat in Italy. Meanwhile, certain misguided and manipulated Arab spokesmen have spoken out in concert in just the way needed to push the warhawk forces in Israel into power, a development which virtually guarantees general war quickly escalating to nuclear levels in that region.

"The implications of having both a NATO coup in Italy and a Middle East war during May ought to be so obvious to anyone in informed leading circles that such a combination of developments would not be permitted by Washington, except under conditions that both the dominant Atlanticist factions based in Lower Manhattan had gone functionally insane, lashing out wildly without a single sober reflection on the inevitable consequences.

The NATO Angle

"First, consider the consequences of a NATO-cloaked coup d'etat in Italy.

"The most direct consequence would be seen in France. France's already-indicated reactions to such a development would absolutely destroy NATO in a short period. An isolated combined British, U.S., and West German force, tucked into the narrow strip of the Rhine's West Bank and Rheinland-Pfalz, flanked by support from notoriously unacceptable military forces in Italy, is absolutely not a credible military deployment. A definitely neutral stance, the certain outcome of a NATO Italy adventure, washes up NATO permanently.

"Permanently, but not necessarily immediately — there's the danger. It takes a bit of time for objective reality to become appropriately reflected in the behavior of political institutions. Consequently, the Atlanticist forces would be faced with the predicament of either using NATO's

remaining potential rather immediately, or accepting its effective political disintegration over a fairly short-term subsequent period.

"Now, situate the Atlanticists in such a predicament at the same time that a Middle East war is escalating toward a nuclear level, with a warhawk-ruled Israel operating then in the Rand Corporation's breakaway-ally scenario mode, with that combination simultaneously ignited, you have already the most dangerous strategic situation the world has ever faced.

"It's insane. Only a tiny handful even in ruling factions would wish for such a horror, and yet the risk is extremely grave. It has become a grave possibility, if, fortunately, not yet quite a certainty, only because the Atlanticist forces based in Lower Manhattan and the Cayman Islands are quite insane."

Italy

"Let no one treat the warning of a NATO coup d'etat in Italy as irresponsible speculation. My intelligence on this is of the highest quality.

"The military capability for such a coup is the projected NATO maneuvers in the Brenner-Trieste area, scheduled for mid-May. That timing coincides with the schedule dictated by the present internal financial-political crisis in that nation.

"Politically, the present Moro government is washed up, and without the Communist Party of Italy (PCI) in the government — Agnelli lacks the political combination to impose his sort of government upon Italy by legal means. Therefore illegal, NATO-cloaked atrocities are now on the way.

"An excellent insight into this political side of the coup countdown is had by examining the reasons for George Ball's recent lying concerning his off-again, on-again, off-again position concerning admission of the PCI to an Angelli-La Malfa coalition austerity government for Italy. Ball may issue as many letters as he chooses to the New York Times and Washington Post; he was not misquoted on the issue of his former support for PCI entry into the Italian government — he said it.

"The fact is that various Atlanticists have been recently asking themselves and their agents in the PCI leadership whether CIA agents Berlinguer, Amendola and so forth could actually 'deliver' the rank and file of the PCI to support Agnelli's austerity program. Ray Cline and former CIA Director William Colby among others concluded that the PCI could not deliver its membership for such a policy. This was clear at the recent CSIS conference in Washington; it was even clearer at the recent Institute for International Affairs meeting in Rome, where leading CIA agents in the PCI con-

ceded, under direct questioning, that they could not deliver.

"Now George Ball has come around to Kissinger's view, that the PCI can not deliver, and therefore could not be trusted to control the Italian workers. Instead of saying that he has changed his mind in this way, Ball prefers to lie about what he formerly said. So, Ball is now backing Kissinger's policy for Italy, a NATO — cloaked illegal coup d'etat; with the "junior yankees" of NATO presently prepared to support Kissinger's and Agnelli's 1967 Greek junta-modeled bloodbath.

Middle East

"Ball is also up to his foolish ears in the preparations for a Middle East bloodbath, along with Henry Kissinger. According to a high-level source, it was Ball who attempted to terrify leading Britons and others with his horrible 'Doomsday' scenario for the Middle East. The gist of the report is that political forces based in Lower Manhattan and the Cayman Islands were prepared to destroy both Israel and the adjoining Arab nations in order to set a horrible example to terrify the rest of the developing sector into submission.

"Whether Ball is actually for such atrocities or merely warning that others are committed to them, we have not yet determined. If he has such information, and has not blasted this publicly into every part of the leading U.S. and Western European press, then the foolish Mr. Ball is in that way complicit with whatever fresh holocaust the Israeli Jews and others experience.

The Arab Angle

"The behavior of the Arab forces in this crisis is a mixture of ideological passions, rotten political intelligence evaluations and significant manipulation by Atlanticist and Peking agents. Arabs who are otherwise humane and mature persons have refused to relinquish the original war-cries of the Hashemites and Grand Mufti, 'Israel must be destroyed.' Those Arabs who privately despise such slogans are afraid to oppose them for fear of 'dividing our forces.'

"I am obliged to state publicly that even if one agreed with every policy posture Arab forces have toward Israel, the current Arab militant posture is incredibly, suicidally stupid — precisely as stupid as the Masada ideology of the most insane right-wing Israeli warhawks.

"These poor dupes are in fact proposing an extermination of the courageous forces in Lebanon, a bloodbath against the West Bank Palestinians, the nuclear obliteration of Baghdad, Kirkuk and so forth, as well as the inevitable ensuing holocaust against the Israeli population itself. What for? To prove their manhood, their willingness to die?

"I can have compassion and understanding for those Arabs in Iraq or Libya, for example, who decline to consider discussions with the Israelis at this time. I understand them, and will not push them to shift their position more rapidly than is absolutely indispensable for all of us. However, if the Palestinian Arabs, the Arabs in Lebanon were informed of the whole truth of the current situation, including the offers along Mapam-like lines from a large portion of the Israeli political forces, there is absolutely no doubt that they would demand at least preliminary exploratory discussions, on condition that the CIA's Falange was taken from the backs of the Lebanese.

"I must emphasize that I have some knowledge of the Arab outlook, and know more or less exactly how leading Arabs are being manipulated by Lower Manhattan and its Peking allies. Excepting the more urbane strata among Arabs, they

have the crudest misconception of European and North American political processes, and the most extravagant sort of parochialist 'macho'-type delusions, including some stupidity-founded credulities concerning what they imagine to be the realities and possible scenarios for the Middle East region itself. I know them to the point of stating emphatically that they are currently proceeding on the basis of blind ignorance respecting the nature, operations, and objectives of the Atlanticist forces currently effectively manipulating much of Arab behavior.

"I, for one, for over a year have repeatedly warned Arab representatives of what was intended for that region. I warned them, in particular, of the Lebanon aspect before the crisis began there, of the breakaway-ally scenario and its nuclear feature, and so forth. I warned them that the only effective means available to them was to create the preconditions for a political solution with pro-peace forces within Israel. Even when detail after detail of those warnings were corroborated by developments, many of these Arabs continued to cling fanatically to their wishful delusions.

"The way Baghdad was successfully duped by Kissinger et al., on the 'primary commodities indexing' swindle is one example of the general problem of parochialist ignorance and illusions among those who are otherwise courageous, noble and generous people. The following is exemplary.

The Paris Diplomatic Incident

"During November, the Paris Iraq embassy sponsored a dinner and reception for me for the purpose of launching a weekend of discussions among developing sector diplomats, Gaullists and others invited to discuss the International Development Bank proposal. I flew to Paris for this purpose and for follow-up discussions of IDB implementation with leading West German parliamentarians and others associated variously with the Christian Democracy, the Free Democrats and Social Democracy.

"Everything for the Paris affair was on schedule through the night preceding the scheduled dinner and reception. At about ten o'clock the following morning, all hell broke loose, as New York Atlanticist and Kissinger channels simultaneously deployed a concerted campaign through several channels to abruptly disrupt the scheduled affair and cause me to develop my first experience of 'diplomatic, sudden illness.'

"I was prevented from publicly exposing the details of this at that time because my initial information on the details of the Kissinger-coordinated operation was through diplomatic sources I was obliged to protect. Since then, I have been able to corroborate the essential details from other sources, and to directly correlate the Paris diplomatic scandal with the operation conducted in West German parliamentary circles.

"In Bonn, an incredible campaign of slanders, threats and other means were directed against some of the relatively highest levels of each major party to disrupt the scheduled discussions, also through the same New York-based Atlanticist channels which engineered the Paris diplomatic scandal.

"This was followed by concerted Atlanticist political intelligence operations focused heavily against our friends in the Arab sector as well as other parts of the developing sector CIA-controlled channels in the Arab movement, as well as the CIA's Liberation grouplet in Paris and CIA-controlled conduits within the Communist Party of France, were in-

cluded features of a concerted Atlanticist effort to poison my relations with various developing-sector governments and others. The object of this campaign of slanders and threats was to attempt to estrange those political forces from support of debt moratoria and the International Development Bank proposal.

"This was complicated by the official, foolish line of the Soviet Union, which has caused the Soviets to variously foot-drag and sabotage discussions of the debt question, sometimes to the point of almost acting as Kissinger's goons on this question.

"Under these combined pressures, including the post-Rambouillet shift of policy-directions in the BRD, Baghdad subsequently flipped over in its policy perspectives for the developing North-South negotiations, aligning with the reactionary forces within UNCTAD in support of Kissinger's Brookings Institution 'primary commodities indexing' hoax.

The Case of Baghdad

"I cite the case of Baghdad because of the Baath leadership's obvious virtues, as distinct from the reactionaries within the Arab sector. Out of a mixture of fear and cupidity, between the Manila and Geneva UNCTAD meetings, Baghdad allowed itself to be duped into a North-South policy which is in fact suicidal for the Middle East and a downright betrayal of the developing sector as a whole. Once one under-

stands how even Baghdad could be duped in that way, one understands the shortcomings of even some of the best Arab forces in refusing to recognize the plainest facts concerning the Middle East strategic situation at this time. Because of a stubbornness which is otherwise sometimes a virtue, some of the best Arab forces are clinging to a foolish, suicidal policy against all evidence plainly to the contrary.

"If relevant Arab leaders continue to be foolish on the Middle East danger, others of us must act independently to do the following emergency steps: (a) liquidate the Falange; (b) absolutely guarantee Israel's 1967 borders within the context of agreements to provide Palestinians within the occupied territories both political autonomy and the economic aid needed to give the Palestinians a viable economy. We must let the Arabs settle their policies for themselves, but draw the line on those points at which Arab and Israeli warhawk follies might send the rest of the world up into Armageddon's radioactive smoke.

"I emphasize again that the immediate dangers in the Middle East arise principally from three elements: the CIA's Falange, the Atlanticist warhawk puppets within Israel, and the Arab-flavored political intelligence and operations network centered around Aramco. All three elements must be quickly liquidated for the sake of us all. Booting out Kissinger will help that process."

ICLC Executive Statement on Pre-War Black Propaganda Operations in the U.S. Press

NEW YORK, May 1 (IPS) — The representation in the U.S. press, of new Soviet Defense Minister Dimitri Ustinov as an alleged "soft-liner" and the irresponsible speculations by the New York Times, in the notorious Mr. Zorza's Washington Post column and elsewhere about possible frictions between Mr. Ustinov and the career military in the Soviet Armed Forces constitutes a psychological warfare manipulation of the U.S. population and of individuals in position of responsibility, aimed at forcing the reintroduction of the Schlesinger Doctrine of regional nuclear war.

Every person in a position of responsibility ought to be extremely alarmed with reports of State Department spokesmen already giving assurances to the public that as a result of Mr. Ustinov's appointment the Soviet leadership will allegedly change its well known stance of rejecting the Schlesinger concept of regional nuclear warfare.

Such State Department pronouncements and black propaganda efforts by notorious intelligence community conduits in the press come after entirely unambiguous and unprecedented public warnings by the Soviet government and highest Soviet officials that any further heating up of the situation in the Middle East must lead to regional nuclear confrontation including the danger of rapid escalation to general thermonuclear war. In light of last week's total black-out in the same press conducting the present black propaganda manipulation of the strong and explicit warnings contained in a major speech by Soviet Politburo member and KGB chief Yuri Andropov against aggression against any areas of vital Soviet strategic interest, only one interpretation of the Times-Post-State Department propaganda operation is possible: leading U.S. policy circles in both the Kissinger-Rockefeller and the Harriman-Ball faction have made the decision to go for war in the Middle East, bring their NATO

coup d'etat preparations in Italy to an early conclusion, and risk "limited" Schlesinger-style nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union, creating the gravest danger of the outbreak of general thermonuclear war.

Contrary to Zorza's and others' lying assertions that with the Ustinov appointment "the military and the hawks (in the Soviet leadership) have suffered a major setback," it must be stated most emphatically that politburo member Ustinov is an uncompromising hard-liner thoroughly committed to longstanding Soviet military policy developed under Malinovsky and Grechko. Significantly this is precisely the way Ustinov is characterized in a front-page article of the International Herald Tribune, a joint Paris venture of the New York Times and the Washington Post. Presumably, the International Herald Tribune was not informed intimate of the U.S. black propaganda line.

Ustinov was elevated to the Soviet politburo at the recent 25th Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) Congress. He is an army industry expert most closely associated with the development and build-up of the Soviet nuclear arms and rocket forces.

In 1941, at the most critical point of the Soviet armaments against the fascist threat, Stalin appointed Ustinov "People's Commissar of Armaments." He has been in charge of the armaments and defense industry ministry ever since. His appointment as Grechko's successor at this point, when the Soviet Union is engaged in a renewed major armaments build-up effort to counter the threat of aggression from fascist austerity governments that Atlanticist forces are threatening to install in Western Europe, if anything, signals the exact opposite of what is contained in the U.S. press pre-war-type black propaganda assertions.