

World reactions to the Leesburg raid

Private statement of a high Peruvian government official, Oct. 7: "What happens with LaRouche, is what will happen with the government of Peru."

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, "Call for an International Commission to Stop Human Rights Violations in the United States," Oct. 10: ". . . The U.S. Bill of Rights, once renowned throughout the world, is being spat upon. . . . The charges of wrongdoing have the ring of the indictment against Socrates: refusing to placate public opinion, corrupting the youth with the unfettered search for truth. . . .

"No self-respecting patriot of any nation in the world can afford to sit silent at this atrocity, and let it run its course. No one anywhere in the world can be guaranteed liberty, if these violations of human rights are allowed to continue. We demand that the U.S. government immediately cease this political witchhunt, and restore the human rights to which the associates of LaRouche, and all other individuals, are entitled. We call on all patriots everywhere to take a stand, to set a limit on the tyrants' power.

"We stand at a turning point in history, where only courageous individual action can save humanity from unspeakable horrors. To guarantee human rights for LaRouche and his associates, is to act to guarantee that Western civilization survives."

UPI Spanish-language wire, appearing in the Mexican dailies *Ovaciones* and *El Heraldo*, and in the Dominican Republic's *Listín Diario*, *El Sol*, and *El Caribe*, Oct. 7: "Lyndon LaRouche, a non-conformist and eccentric U.S. politician who says the IMF is responsible for disseminating AIDS in the world and claims Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain heads the drug traffic, was accused of fraudulent credit card use by U.S. justice. . . .

"Among other things, LaRouche harshly criticized Washington's policy of giving aid to Great Britain during the 1982 Malvinas War, and recently said that the Third World debt is much less than what is officially reported, accusing the international banks of inflating their reports. . . . Despite the fact that his political reputation in the U.S. is of an eccentric, LaRouche has been received by various world leaders, among them ex-President of Mexico, José López Portillo and the late leader of India, Indira Gandhi."

Listín Diario's version included the comment, "La-

Rouche is considered the best economist in the world." *Ovaciones* published an excerpt of the wire under the headline, "Accused the IMF of Disseminating AIDS!"—with no mention of the raids.

Minute (Paris), Oct. 10: "Gorbachov Dictates His Law," is the headline of an article which states: "On Sept. 15, the flagship of Russia's international propaganda, *New Times*, ran a five-page article entitled, 'Nazis Without Swastikas,' devoted to the man Moscow hates most in the world, Lyndon LaRouche, inventor of the Strategic Defense Initiative (and boss of the POE [European Labor Party in France—ed.]). The article called him, 'Nazi, militant fascist, influential, and dangerous.'

"On Oct. 4, Gorbachov repeated, in a speech: 'In today's world, the worst danger is the "Nazis without swastikas,"' which he dubbed 'a virus which could turn into a new epidemic.'

"On Oct. 6 at 7 a.m., 400 FBI, Secret Service, federal and local police, smashed through the doors of LaRouche's headquarters near Washington, and seized tons of documents.

"After Daniloff, LaRouche?

"That's the dues for the Gorbachov-Reagan summit."

***L'Humanité* (Communist Party, France), Oct. 8:** *L'Humanité* was the first newspaper in France to report the Leesburg raid. It wrote that "members of the extreme-right grouplet animated in the U.S. by former trotskyst Lyndon LaRouche, tied to the POE [European Labor Party] charged with credit card fraud."

Radio station WBBM (Chicago), Oct. 10: "Perhaps judgments are warranted, but to have 350 or so federal agents, the postal service, the IRS, SWAT teams, the FBI, all descend upon that office building, probably the marshal was there too, is simply overkill! The publicity the LaRouche people are getting across the nation on this can only help the campaigns of their two people. . . . They can only benefit from what happened in Leesburg Monday. Jailing their people will draw a lot of sympathy from the American population. Everyone knows that when their candidates speak on domestic and national issues, they make some sense to the average population. I'm not going to believe the LaRouche people's charges that Gorbachov ordered the raid, and that this was a precondition to the Reagan-Gorbachov Iceland summit, but a lot of people will believe this. What could people have been thinking to do this raid in this way? It will be read by the population as *overkill!*"

A reporter for the *Dallas Morning News* conducted an informal poll among Leesburg area merchants and residents, to ascertain their reactions to the raid. Said one: "Mr. LaRouche must be more powerful than anyone here thought. After all, they didn't send 400 agents in to get Nixon's tapes."