

## EIR Feature

# Panama genocide begins the end of George Bush

The foremost American political dissident, Democratic congressional candidate Lyndon LaRouche, has warned that the Panama fiasco could bring down President George Bush, possibly as soon as April. The character of the war that began with the U.S. invasion on Dec. 20 shows an administration gone mad, and becoming more insane as the days go by.

“There’s a reek of a personal vendetta by the President of the U.S. against one man, Gen. Manuel Noriega, whose personal knowledge is a threat to the career of President George Bush,” LaRouche noted in a commentary issued Dec. 26. “This demonstration in Panama is obviously bloody of a series of demonstrations that George Bush is not the man to scrap his policy because it has proven bankrupt. He would rather destroy the world than give up a bankrupt policy or concede that the policy was bankrupt.

“So, what I does not change, and I give him a little time and chance to learn his lesson after he has been slapped in the press and elsewhere, then they will crush him.”

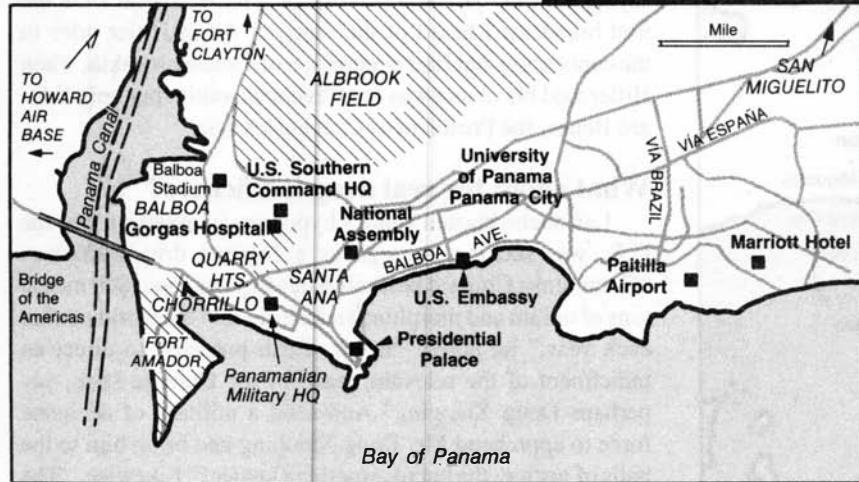
On Dec. 29, the deepening insanity of the Panama action was underscored as the U.S. Army continued to bombard the Papal Nunciature in Panama City with heavy-metal rock music at ear-splitting volumes, in an effort to pressure Nuncio José Laboa into handing over Panamanian Defense Forces chief Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, who had taken refuge there on Dec. 24. “All other considerations pushed to one side,” LaRouche stated, “it is a very simple, announced to the President of the United States by every news media and channel by which he might be informed, *in his name* the U.S. military occupation forces in Panama are sending Satanic rock messages to the ambassador of St. Peter—thus implicitly defining President George Bush as the anti-Christ or as a claimant to the status of anti-Christ.”

Hours after the invasion began on Dec. 20, LaRouche, himself a political

The map shows the Chorrillo quarter of Panama City, leveled "like Hiroshima" by the invaders—where most of the population is poor and black. The other devastated neighborhood, San Miguelito is located to the left of the area in this map, and has gone mostly unmentioned by U.S. press.



The Dec. 28 burial in Arlington National Cemetery of the first American GIs who died in Panama to satisfy the President's obsession.



prisoner of the U.S. regime, had identified it as "an action in the spirit of Tiananmen Square," pointing out that it reflected the recent mission of top Bush aides Brent Scowcroft and Lawrence Eagleburger to establish solidarity with the government of the Tiananmen Square butchers. "It is an act of incalculable folly, demonstrating a U.S. government which seems to have completely lost its nerve and its sense," LaRouche stated, and warned that the political backfire from the action "will lead in all probability to Mr. George Bush's resignation from office under threat of impeachment," before completing his present term.

### History cancels Bush agenda

LaRouche said, "It must be added that this event comes on the same day that British leading press speaking for the Anglo-Saxon world, confess that the Great Depression of 1989-92 has begun. The United States is going into a depression, at the same time that the government of the Soviet Union has officially scrapped—from top to bottom—the policy known as *perestroika*. That policy, *perestroika*, and Mr. Bush's promise, implicitly or otherwise, that there would be no depression under George Bush, means that the two planks of the Bush administration's policy and authority have been destroyed. At the same moment that the *entire* program—Mr. Bush's program, to which he has been committed since the time of his election—has been scrapped by history, the U.S. government launches an insane act of desperation, sending soldiers to turn themselves into body-bags in

Panama.

"Has this government learned *nothing* from the experience of the past 25 years?" LaRouche predicted that "all the hyenas and vultures of the Democratic Party will now mobilize themselves to tear, from limb to limb, the political flesh of the Bush administration. The chances of getting a Republican elected in 1990, are pretty slim in most parts of the country. . . .

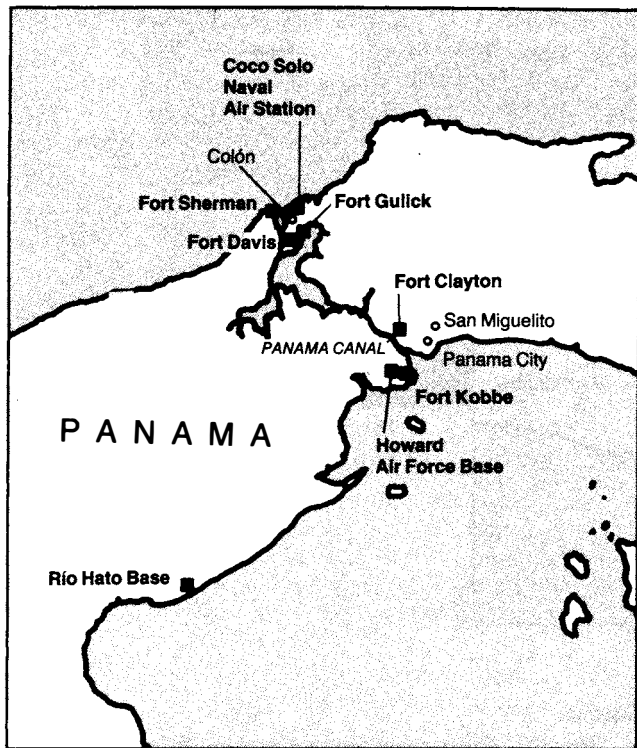
"That means that we in the Democratic Party, and those who are inclined to support the Democratic Party, must stop the silliness, and prepare to assume the responsibilities of elected political leadership, at a time when the problems are, first of all, a Great Depression, and murderous acts by desperate governments such as those in Tiananmen Square, in Ceausescu's Romania, and in what appears to be a Ceausescu-ruled United States," LaRouche, a co-founder of the National Democratic Policy Committee, advised.

"Let's go back to policies of scientific and technological progress, and a commitment to provide the kind of opportunities and security for every individual in this country, and to the degree possible, around the world, of which we can be proud before the imagined eyes of our grandchildren to come."

### Vietnam, only worse

After President Bush held a press conference Dec. 21 to call the loss of life in the war "worth it," LaRouche observed: "This has lost the United States Central and South America.

## Military bases in the immediate target zone of the invasion of Panama



*The U.S. military used highly sophisticated weaponry against the 4,500-man PDF, including deployment of Stealth bombers to attack the Río Hato base.*

It the Bush administration. Bush is a President who no longer has any credibility for handling foreign policy. The Soviets no longer consider him as having credibility, and justly so, from their standpoint. Western Europe no longer considers Bush as having credibility, and Central and South America don't."

LaRouche, whose analysis was echoed later in many European and U.S. press commentaries, pointed out on Dec. 21 that the Bush administration clearly intended to kill Noriega, rather than have him face phony drug charges in a U.S. court. "They do not want him in the United States taking the witness stand. It have Noriega on the witness stand."

Rather, "the point was to exterminate him such that they splattered the area around the command post with artillery fire, heavy weapons fire, effectively like what the SS units in Warsaw did in going after the Warsaw Ghetto. . . . When you invade a country, when you shoot down its people, and say we're just chasing a fugitive, when that man's the prime

minister of the country, who's leading forces in the Defense Forces and the Dignity Battalions in very carefully planned evasion coordination tactics, when the United States then begins to move into house-to-house combat in a city of 1 million people, Panama City, it makes you sick to your stomach," said LaRouche.

"This is war against the people of Panama. Nothing more, nothing less. When we hear our leaders such as Bush speak, saying the only problem is Noriega, I first broadcast I the concession and later occupation of Czechoslovakia, when Hitler said his object was not Czechoslovakia, but only Eduard Benes, the President of Czechoslovakia."

### What about the real drug traffickers?

LaRouche blasted Bush's hypocrisy in asserting that the U.S. was seeking Noriega as a fugitive drug trafficker. "Communist China at best estimates exports about 800 metric tons of opium and morphine and heroin into the world market each year," he noted. "I indictment of the relevant heads of the Chinese state, say perhaps Deng Xiaoping? And send a military of adequate force to apprehend Mr. Deng Xiaoping and bring him to the halls of justice, the bar of American justice?" Likewise, "The drug traffic of the Far East, as well as most the hostage taking and hostage trading, and international terrorist coordination such as the bombing of the Lockerbie Pan Am 103 passenger jet is done by a gentleman by the the President of Syria. Is an adequate force in, having gone through the formality of indicting Mr. Assad, into Syria, for the purpose of bringing Mr. Assad to the bar of American justice?" LaRouche concluded, "I

On Dec. 22, LaRouche predicted that images of My Lai would soon be evoked as the United States becomes bogged down in a war worse than Vietnam. "As for this farce called the Endara government, this will be less popular in Panama among the Panamanian people than Quisling was in Nazi-occupied Norway. This government cannot stand, it cannot be stabilized. It We are going into a massive irregular warfare resistance by the Panamanian people against the United States, which is viewed as a murderous, invading aggressor."

Moreover, "civilians were ostensibly targets from the outset of the operation, ostensibly targeted in a plan ostensibly or purportedly approved by [Chairman of Staff] Colin Powell. The victims were primarily black Panamanians. . . . The Endara government, which has some very unwholesome aspects, including connections to the notorious Dadeland National Bank in Florida, represents the section of the cotton-tail or whitetail population which is notorious for its action against the which is the overwhelming majority of the population of Panama and of Panama City itself."