LaRouche warns Bush policy means war

In a campaign statement issues on Sept. 25, Lyndon LaRouche, candidate for U.S. Congress in Virginia's 10th District, warned that "If George Bush and Margaret Thatcher are not stopped, we are headed for World War III." The following is edited from oral remarks.

I support fully the perception put forth by Jordan's King Hussein that what is going on in the Middle East is not a threat of a splendid little war between the United States, Israel, and Britain against Iraq; but is rather a situation very much like the conflict around Serbia in the Balkans just before the outbreak of World War I.

As Pat Buchanan has said: We are playing the same kind of game, so-called British balance-of-power game, which caused World War I, and implicitly therefore led to World War II.

The world is a hotbox: There are places ready to explode all over it. If the United States succeeds together with Israel and Britain in destroying Iraq, this will inflame the entire region and will set fire to other places all ready to explode. The world today is like a forest in a drought: Start a fire in one place and the fire may spread to the forest as a whole, and thus, to World War III—perhaps not World War III tomorrow, or the day after, but down the line. That is, we're putting into place the factors which, once they gel and become institutionalized, would be the basis for a perceptible World War III.

The underlying cause for all of this mess is economic. Some people say that President George Bush and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher have created the war in the Middle East—which they certainly did create—in order to take Neil Bush's picture off the front pages of the U.S. newspapers and to hide the economic dirt under Margaret Thatcher's skirts. The British economy is collapsing, it's in a depression. The United States is *really* in a depression though some of the financial structures have not yet toppled, but are on the verge of doing so. But George Bush is not running to the Middle East *merely* to escape an embarrassing financial crash on Wall Street. Rather, the refusal of Bush, Thatcher, and others who think like them to change a 25-year-old policy of the post-industrial society, of the rock-drug-sex counterculture, of usury of the Paul Volcker type, of current monetary and financial policies such as the deregulation policies, or the Neil Bush policies at Silverado, the determination of George Bush and Margaret Thatcher to defend those policies against all change, against all reform, is the essential cause for the worldwide economic situation we face today. And it is the instability created by economic collapse and crisis in one form or another in every part of the world, especially the Americas, the developing nations, Britain, and Eastern Europe, that this is the route of war.

If we do not change these policies—as I have proposed again and again and again, and as I have been vindicated by my forecast again and again and again, when all the other fellows were wrong—we are indeed headed for World War III: not necessarily because of a war in the Middle East, which might be avoided this time, though it seems less likely all the time, but because the conditions which lead to world wars are building up around the economic debacle. And as long as George Bush and Britain can succeed in defending policies which should have been scrapped decades ago, this world is headed for war.

You want that? Well, you had better look at how you vote. You must have made a lot of mistakes when you went to the polls previously, because look what you have. You have this depression. You have this threat of World War III.

What did you do wrong? Did you listen to what the major liberal news media told you to listen to? Did you vote on impulse, the way you buy Wheaties in the grocery store? Did you fail to think?

Now is a pretty good time to start thinking.

solutions to some of these problems already exist in the files of those governments involved. The area is exhausted from the conflicts and tensions it has endured for decades. Most are appalled by the wasteful diversion of so much wealth and energy to the misfortunes of war. They are eager to join the rest of the world in its new march toward freedom, justice and prosperity. Despite the threat of war, the conditions for peace do exist. It is a moment of opportunity which we should all grasp.

Whatever political solution to the immediate crisis might be devised, I believe it imperative that it include a substantial Arab input. Irrespective of the justice of any solution, there must not be room to misrepresent it as a resolution imposed from outside the area. This would only discredit its legitimacy.

Finally, there is one thing of which I am certain. The Middle East cannot afford another war. The world should not impose one on it. I am certain that it is not beyond the ingenuity of the leaders of this world to devise a peaceful solution to this crisis. God help us if they cannot.